

AP Precalculus
Polar and Rectangular Coordinate Conversion

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96 problems · Four activity formats

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Topic focus

Across 96 tasks this topic asks for polar pair plus check, polar coordinates, polar pair with quadrant check, rounded polar coordinates, rounded coordinates and positive-radius polar pair.

8 PDFs and a README; 154 buyer pages.

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Answer each question and record the matching bank letter. Give exact values. Give the whole requested response, including any reasoning the question asks for.

A point has rectangular form $(3, y)$, polar radius 5, and lies above the x -axis. Complete the missing coordinate.

Solve the problem, then match the entire requested response to one unused entry in the Answer Bank.

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Condition	$y > 0$
Given polar radius	5
Incomplete rectangular record	$(3, y)$

Bank label: _____

For $(-5, 2)$, find positive-radius polar coordinates to the nearest tenth of a degree. Explain the quadrant correction and check the signs of the two projections.

Solve the problem, then match the entire requested response to one unused entry in the Answer Bank.

x	y
-5	2

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Required angle interval	$0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$
Precision	nearest tenth of a degree

Bank label: _____

Convert the measured point $(0.4, -6)$ to positive-radius polar form using the stated rounding. Preserve the quadrant near the negative y -axis.

Solve the problem, then match the entire requested response to one unused entry in the Answer Bank.

x	y
0.4	-6

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Required angle interval	$0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$
Angle precision	nearest tenth
Radius precision	nearest hundredth

Bank label: _____

A calculator returns a reference angle near 20.6° for $(-8, -3)$. Produce the correct polar angle, radius, and a sign check by reprojection.

Solve the problem, then match the entire requested response to one unused entry in the Answer Bank.

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Required angle interval	$0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$
Given rectangular point	
	−8
	−3
Precision	Given angle θ nearest tenth degree Radius nearest hundredth
Given calculator ratio angle	about 20.6°

Bank label: _____

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Answer each question and show your reasoning in the workspace. Give exact values rather than decimals unless the question supplies a decimal. Give the whole requested response, including any reasoning the question asks for.

A positive-radius point has $\theta = 3\frac{\pi}{2}$ and $y = -4$. Determine r and the missing x -coordinate.

Show a complete response in the numbered workspace, preserving requested exactness, units, interval endpoints, and justification.

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Given angle θ	$3\frac{\pi}{2}$
Radius convention	positive
Given x -coordinate	missing
Given y -coordinate	-4

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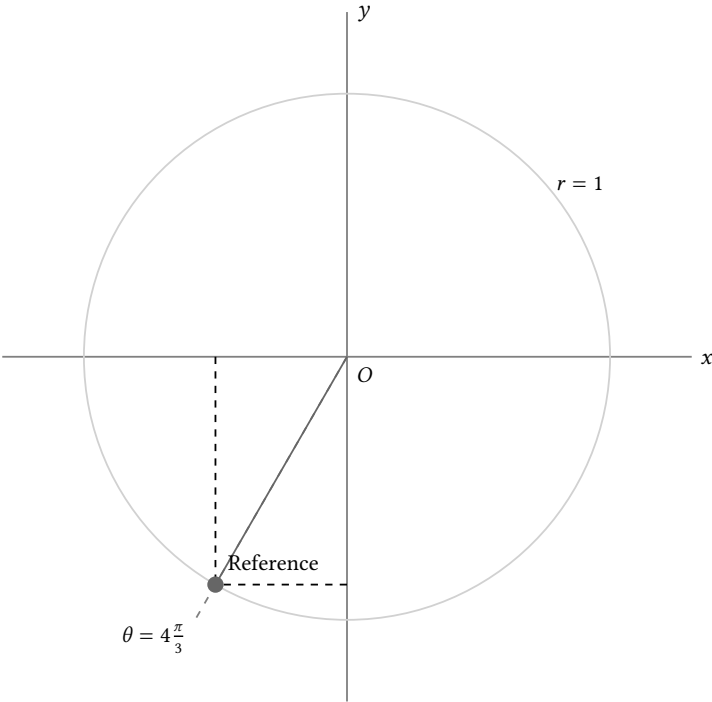
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Begin at START. Answer the card, then find the matching final answer at the top of another card. Use the recording sheet for your reasoning. Visit each card once and continue to FINISH.

Incoming: $(11, 3\frac{\pi}{2})$

Convert $(-9, 4\frac{\pi}{3})$ and explain why both coordinates become positive.



$\cos \theta$	$\sin \theta$
$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Given quadrant to verify	I
Given polar record	$(-9, 4\frac{\pi}{3})$

Your response: _____

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Evaluate the supplied statement or method. Say whether it is correct, repair it if it is not, and verify the result exactly. Not every prompt contains an error.

A student converts $(4, \frac{\pi}{6})$ to $(2, 2\sqrt{3})$. Identify the swapped roles and repair the ordered pair.

Identify the error or first invalid step, give the corrected result, and state a brief mathematical reason.

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Given polar record	$(4, \frac{\pi}{6})$
Student rectangular result to examine	$(2, 2\sqrt{3})$

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Full Worked Solutions - excerpt

Worked example

Problem. A point has rectangular form $(3, y)$, polar radius 5, and lies above the x -axis. Complete the missing coordinate. Solve the problem, then match the entire requested response to one unused entry in the Answer Bank.

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Condition	$y > 0$
Given polar radius	5
Incomplete rectangular record	$(3, y)$

Answer. $y = 4$

Explanation and check.

From $3^2 + y^2 = 5^2$, $y^2 = 16$. The upper-half-plane condition selects $y = 4$ rather than -4 .

Worked example

Problem. A point has radius 10, $y = -6$, and lies left of the y -axis. Reconstruct x .

Solve the problem, then match the entire requested response to one unused entry in the Answer Bank.

Condition or evidence	Supplied value
Condition	$x < 0$
Given polar radius	10
Incomplete rectangular record	$(x, -6)$

Answer. $x = -8$

Explanation and check.

The norm equation gives $x^2 + 36 = 100$, so $x = \pm 8$. The left-half-plane condition selects $x = -8$.