# 9.1 Polar Coordinates

### **Objectives:**

- Graph points in polar coordinates.
- Graph simple polar equations.
- Determine the distance between two points with polar coordinates.

## **POLAR FORM:**

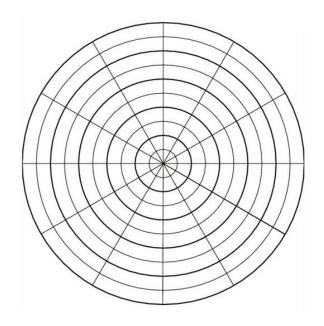
**Theorem**: For any particular values of r and  $\theta$ , the following polar coordinate representations name the same point.

**a.**  $[r, \theta]$  **b.**  $[r, \theta + 2\pi n]$ , for all integers *n* **c.**  $[-r, \theta + (2n+1)\pi]$  for all integers *n* 

#### Example 1:

Graph each of the following polar coordinates on the grid below. Label each point! a.  $A = [3, 60^{\circ}]$  c.  $C = [-2, -135^{\circ}]$ 

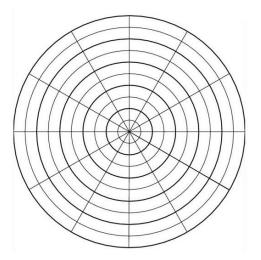
b. 
$$B = \left[-1.5, \frac{7\pi}{6}\right]$$
 d.  $D = [5, -90^{\circ}]$ 



## Example 2:

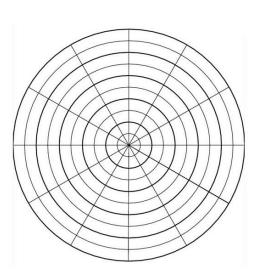
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Name 3 other polar coordinates that will represent the point [3, 150°] with the restriction that  $-360^{\circ} \le \theta \le 360^{\circ}$ 



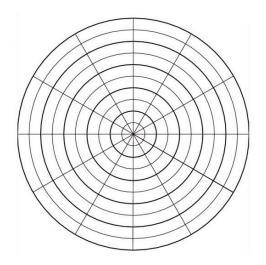
Example 3: Graph each polar equation:

a. r = 3b.  $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$ 



## Example 4:

While mapping out a level site, a surveyor identifies a landmark 450 feet away and 30° to the left and another landmark 600 feet away and 50° to the right. What is the distance between the two landmarks?



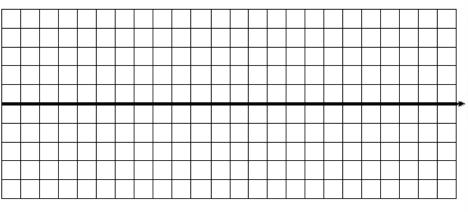
# 9.2 Graphs of Polar Equation

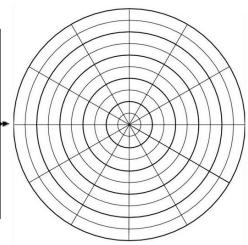
# **Objectives:**

- Graph Polar Equations
- Identify the different types of Polar Graphs from their equations

Curve	Rose	Limacon with a loop	Limacon with a dimple	Cardioid
Polar Equation	$r = a\cos(n\theta)$ $r = a\sin(n\theta)$	$r = a + b\cos\theta$ $r = a + b\sin\theta$	$r = a + b\cos\theta$ $r = a + b\sin\theta$	$r = a + a\cos\theta$ $r = a + a\sin\theta$
	*n is a pos. Int.	a < b	a > b	*Special case of Limacon
General Graph	×			
Tips and Tricks ;)	<i>a</i> = length of petal	<i>a</i> < <i>b</i> means there is a loop.	a > b means there is a dimple.	Centered at $(0, 0)$ when $a = b$ .
	If <i>n</i> is even, there are 2 <i>n</i> petals. If <i>n</i> is odd, there are <i>n</i> petals.	sin is symmet y-axis. cos is symme <i>x</i> -axis.		

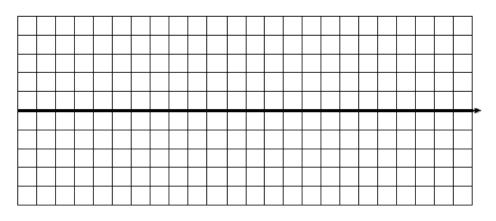
<u>Example 1</u>:  $r = 4 \sin \theta$ 

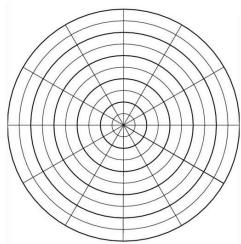




Shape of the Polar Curve:\_\_\_\_\_

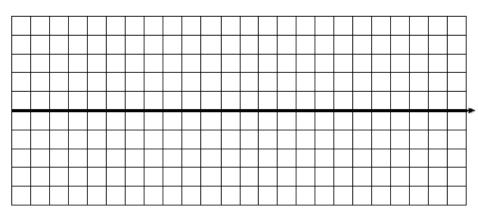
Example 2:  $r = 2 + 1.5\cos\theta$ 

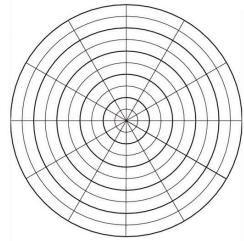




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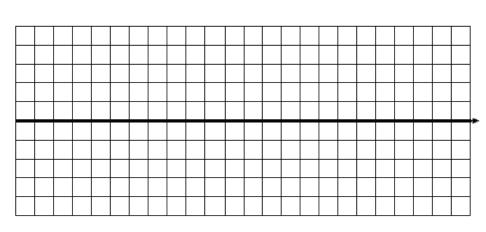
Example 3:  $r = 2 + 3\cos \theta$ 

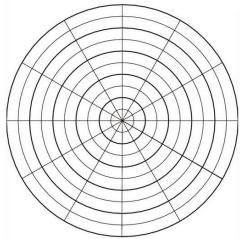




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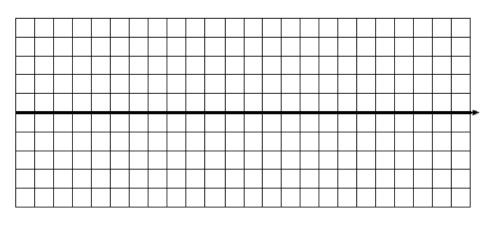
# Example 4: $r = 4 \sin 2\theta$

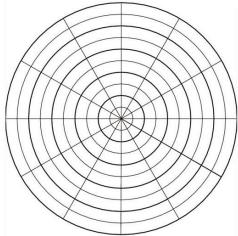




Shape of the Polar Curve:\_\_\_\_\_

Example 5:  $r = 2 \cos 3\theta$ 





Shape of the Polar Curve:\_\_\_\_\_

Example 6:  $r = 3 + 3\sin\theta$ 

Shape of the Polar Curve:\_\_\_\_\_

# 9.3 Switching Between Polar and Rectangular Forms

## **Objectives:**

• Convert between Polar and Rectangular Form

**Rectangular Form:** 

**Polar Form:** 

**Conversions:** 

From Rectangular to Polar

From Polar to Rectangular

<u>Examples:</u> Express each of the following in the opposite form

a. [-13, -70°]

b. (-8, -12)