

Polar ↔ Rectangular Equations

20 Practice Problems · Self-Study Worksheet

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Essential Conversion Formulas

Polar → Rectangular: $x = r \cdot \cos(\theta)$ $y = r \cdot \sin(\theta)$ $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ $\tan(\theta) = y/x$

Rectangular → Polar: $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $x = r \cdot \cos\theta$ $y = r \cdot \sin\theta$ Double angle: $\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$, $\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$

Key Shapes: $r = a$ (circle at origin) | $r = a \cos\theta$ (circle, center $(a/2, 0)$) | $r = a \sin\theta$ (circle, center $(0, a/2)$) | $r = a/(1 \pm e \cos\theta)$ (conic, $e = \text{eccentricity}$)

Part 1: Polar → Rectangular (Basics)

Q1

Basic Conversion Formulas

■ Concept: Bridge formula: $x = r \cdot \cos\theta$, $y = r \cdot \sin\theta$, $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$, $\tan(\theta) = y/x$

Question: Which are the correct conversion formulas? Convert $r = 5$ to rectangular form.

Step 1: Step 1: x in terms of r and θ

What is x equal to in polar-to-rectangular conversion?

A) $x = r \cdot \sin(\theta)$

B) $x = r \cdot \cos(\theta)$

C) $x = r/\cos(\theta)$

D) $x = \cos(\theta)/r$

Answer: (B) B) $x = r \cdot \cos(\theta)$

Why: $x = r \cdot \cos\theta$ — x-component of the radius vector.

Step 2: Step 2: Relationship between r, x, y

Which equation correctly relates r, x, and y?

A) $r = x + y$

B) $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

C) $r = x^2 + y^2$

D) $r^2 = x + y$

Answer: (B) B) $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$

Why: $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ — Pythagorean theorem applied to the right triangle.

Step 3: Step 3: Convert $r = 5$ to rectangular

The rectangular form of $r = 5$ is:

A) $x + y = 5$

B) $x^2 + y^2 = 5$

C) $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

D) $x^2 - y^2 = 25$

Answer: (C) C) $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

Why: $r = 5 \rightarrow r^2 = 25 \rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 25$ (circle, radius 5, centered at origin).

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q2

Converting $\theta = \text{constant}$ (Lines)

■ Concept: $\theta = c$ is a line through the origin. Use $\tan(\theta) = y/x \rightarrow y = x \cdot \tan(\theta)$

Question: Convert $\theta = \pi/4$ to rectangular form.

Step 1: Step 1: Which trig function relates θ , x , y ?

What identity connects θ , x , and y ?

- A) $\sin(\theta) = x/r$ B) $\cos(\theta) = y/x$
C) $\tan(\theta) = y/x$ D) $\cot(\theta) = y/x$

Answer: (C) C) $\tan(\theta) = y/x$

Why: $\tan(\theta) = y/x$ from the definitions $x = r\cos\theta$, $y = r\sin\theta$.

Step 2: Step 2: Find $\tan(\pi/4)$

What is the value of $\tan(\pi/4)$?

- A) 0 B) $\sqrt{3}$
C) 1 D) $1/\sqrt{2}$

Answer: (C) C) 1

Why: $\tan(\pi/4) = \sin(\pi/4)/\cos(\pi/4) = (\sqrt{2}/2)/(\sqrt{2}/2) = 1$.

Step 3: Step 3: Write the rectangular equation

The rectangular form of $\theta = \pi/4$ is:

- A) $x = 1$ B) $y = 1$
C) $y = x$ D) $x + y = 0$

Answer: (C) C) $y = x$

Why: $1 = y/x \rightarrow y = x$ (line through origin, slope 1).

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q3

$r = 2\cos(\theta)$ — Circle

■ Concept: Multiply by r : $r^2 = 2r \cdot \cos\theta \rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 2x$. Complete the square!

Question: Convert $r = 2\cos(\theta)$ to rectangular and identify the shape.

Step 1: Step 1: Multiply both sides by r

After multiplying $r = 2\cos\theta$ by r , you get:

A) $r = 2r \cdot \cos\theta$

B) $r^2 = 2\cos\theta$

C) $r^2 = 2r \cdot \cos\theta$

D) $r \cdot \cos\theta = 2$

Answer: (C) C) $r^2 = 2r \cdot \cos\theta$ Why: $r \cdot r = r^2$ and $r \cdot 2\cos\theta = 2r \cdot \cos\theta$.**Step 2: Step 2: Substitute $r^2=x^2+y^2$, $r\cos\theta=x$**

Rectangular form after substitution:

A) $x^2+y^2=2x$

B) $x^2+y^2=2y$

C) $x^2+y^2=4$

D) $x^2-y^2=2x$

Answer: (A) A) $x^2+y^2=2x$ Why: $r^2 = x^2+y^2$ and $r \cdot \cos\theta = x \rightarrow x^2+y^2 = 2x$.**Step 3: Step 3: Complete the square**

Standard form after completing the square:

A) $(x-1)^2+y^2=1$

B) $(x+1)^2+y^2=1$

C) $(x-1)^2+y^2=4$

D) $x^2+(y-1)^2=1$

Answer: (A) A) $(x-1)^2+y^2=1$ Why: $x^2-2x+y^2=0 \rightarrow (x-1)^2-1+y^2=0 \rightarrow (x-1)^2+y^2=1$. Circle: center (1,0), radius 1.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q4 $y = x^2 \rightarrow \text{Polar}$ ■ Concept: Substitute $x=r\cos\theta$, $y=r\sin\theta$. Factor and solve for r .**Question: Convert $y = x^2$ to polar form.****Step 1: Step 1: Substitute x and y** After substituting into $y = x^2$:

A) $r \cdot \sin\theta = r \cdot \cos^2\theta$

B) $r \cdot \sin\theta = r^2 \cdot \cos^2\theta$

C) $\sin\theta = r \cdot \cos^2\theta$

D) $r = \sin\theta / \cos^2\theta$

Answer: (B) B) $r \cdot \sin\theta = r^2 \cdot \cos^2\theta$ Why: $y=r\sin\theta$, $x^2=r^2\cos^2\theta \rightarrow r\sin\theta = r^2\cos^2\theta$.**Step 2: Step 2: Divide by r ($r \neq 0$)**After dividing both sides by r :

A) $\sin\theta = r^2 \cdot \cos^2\theta$

B) $\sin\theta = r \cdot \cos^2\theta$

C) $r = \sin\theta \cdot \cos^2\theta$

D) $r \cdot \sin\theta = \cos^2\theta$

Answer: (B) B) $\sin\theta = r \cdot \cos^2\theta$ Why: Divide by r : $\sin\theta = r \cdot \cos^2\theta$.**Step 3: Step 3: Solve for r**

$r = ?$ (final polar form):

A) $r = \sin\theta \cdot \cos^2\theta$

B) $r = \sin\theta / \cos^2\theta$

C) $r = \tan\theta \cdot \sec\theta$

D) Both B and C

Answer: (D) D) Both B and C

Why: $r = \sin\theta / \cos^2\theta = (\sin\theta / \cos\theta) \cdot (1 / \cos\theta) = \tan\theta \cdot \sec\theta$. B and C are equivalent!

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q5 $r = 6\sin(\theta)$ — Circle

■ Concept: $r=2a\cdot\sin\theta$ gives circle at $(0,a)$ with radius a . Multiply by r first!

Question: Convert $r = 6\sin(\theta)$ to rectangular. Find center and radius.

Step 1: Step 1: Multiply by r and substitute

Rectangular equation after substitution:

A) $x^2+y^2=6y$

B) $x^2+y^2=6x$

C) $x^2+y^2=36$

D) $y=6x$

Answer: (A) A) $x^2+y^2=6y$

Why: $r\cdot\sin\theta = y \rightarrow r^2=6r\cdot\sin\theta \rightarrow x^2+y^2=6y$.

Step 2: Step 2: Complete the square on y

After completing the square on y :

A) $x^2+(y+6)^2=36$

B) $x^2+(y-6)^2=36$

C) $x^2+(y-3)^2=9$

D) $x^2+(y+3)^2=9$

Answer: (C) C) $x^2+(y-3)^2=9$

Why: $(y^2-6y)+x^2=0 \rightarrow (y-3)^2-9+x^2=0 \rightarrow x^2+(y-3)^2=9$.

Step 3: Step 3: Identify center and radius

Center and radius of the circle:

A) Center(3,0), $r=9$

B) Center(0,3), $r=3$

C) Center(0,3), $r=9$

D) Center(0,-3), $r=3$

Answer: (B) B) Center(0,3), $r=3$

Why: Center $(0,3)$, radius 3.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Part 2: Rectangular \rightarrow Polar**Q6** $x^2+y^2=4y \rightarrow$ Polar

■ Concept: Replace x^2+y^2 with r^2 , y with $r\cdot\sin\theta$, then divide by r .

Question: Convert $x^2 + y^2 = 4y$ to polar form.

Step 1: Step 1: Substitute

After substituting polar forms:

A) $r^2=4r\cdot\cos\theta$

B) $r^2=4r\cdot\sin\theta$

C) $r=4\sin\theta$

D) $r^2=4\sin\theta$

Answer: (B) B) $r^2=4r\cdot\sin\theta$

Why: $x^2+y^2=r^2$, $4y=4r\cdot\sin\theta \rightarrow r^2=4r\cdot\sin\theta$.

Answer: (B) B) $2x-y=4$

Why: $2x - y = 4$ (a straight line).

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q8

$x^2-y^2=1 \rightarrow$ Polar (Double Angle)

■ Concept: Use identity: $\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = \cos(2\theta)$. Key exam identity!

Question: Convert $x^2 - y^2 = 1$ to polar using the double-angle identity.

Step 1: Step 1: Substitute

x^2-y^2 in polar is:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A) $r^2(\cos\theta-\sin\theta)$ | B) $r(\cos^2\theta-\sin^2\theta)$ |
| C) $r^2(\cos^2\theta-\sin^2\theta)$ | D) $r^2\cos^2\theta+r^2\sin^2\theta$ |

Answer: (C) C) $r^2(\cos^2\theta-\sin^2\theta)$

Why: $x^2=r^2\cos^2\theta$, $y^2=r^2\sin^2\theta \rightarrow x^2-y^2=r^2(\cos^2\theta-\sin^2\theta)$.

Step 2: Step 2: Apply $\cos(2\theta)$ identity

Using $\cos(2\theta)=\cos^2\theta-\sin^2\theta$:

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| A) $r^2\cdot\sin(2\theta)$ | B) $r^2\cdot\cos(2\theta)$ |
| C) $2r^2\cdot\cos\theta\sin\theta$ | D) $r\cdot\cos(2\theta)$ |

Answer: (B) B) $r^2\cdot\cos(2\theta)$

Why: $r^2\cdot\cos(2\theta)$ by the double-angle identity.

Step 3: Step 3: Final polar form

Polar form of $x^2-y^2=1$:

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| A) $r^2=\sin(2\theta)$ | B) $r=\cos(2\theta)$ |
| C) $r^2=\cos(2\theta)$ | D) $r^2=1$ |

Answer: (C) C) $r^2=\cos(2\theta)$

Why: $r^2\cdot\cos(2\theta)=1 \rightarrow r^2=\sec(2\theta)$ or written as $r^2=\cos(2\theta)$ when RHS=1.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q9 $r = 3$ — Circle at Origin

■ Concept: $r=c \rightarrow r^2=c^2 \rightarrow x^2+y^2=c^2$. Circle centered at origin, radius c .

Question: Convert $r = 3$ to rectangular. Find its shape and area.

Step 1: Step 1: Convert

Rectangular form of $r=3$:

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| A) $x+y=3$ | B) $x^2+y^2=3$ |
| C) $x^2+y^2=9$ | D) $\sqrt{(x^2+y^2)}=9$ |

Answer: (C) C) $x^2+y^2=9$

Why: $r^2=9 \rightarrow x^2+y^2=9$.

Step 2: Step 2: Identify shape

$x^2+y^2=9$ represents:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| A) A line | B) A parabola |
| C) Circle at origin $r=3$ | D) Circle at (3,3) |

Answer: (C) C) Circle at origin $r=3$

Why: $x^2+y^2=r^2$ is a circle centered at origin with radius 3.

Step 3: Step 3: Calculate area

Area of the circle:

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|-----------|------------|
| A) 3π | B) 6π |
| C) 9π | D) 12π |

Answer: (C) C) 9π

Why: Area = $\pi r^2 = \pi \cdot 9 = 9\pi$.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q10 $2x+3y=6 \rightarrow$ Polar (Line)

■ Concept: $ax+by=c$: substitute $x=r\cos\theta$, $y=r\sin\theta$, factor r , then solve for r .

Question: Convert the line $2x + 3y = 6$ to polar form.

Step 1: Step 1: Substitute

After substituting:

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|--|---------------------------|
| A) $2r \cdot \cos\theta + 3r \cdot \sin\theta = 6$ | B) $r(2+3)\cos\theta = 6$ |
| C) $2\cos\theta + 3\sin\theta = 6r$ | D) $r + 3r = 6$ |

Answer: (A) A) $2r \cdot \cos\theta + 3r \cdot \sin\theta = 6$

Why: $2r \cdot \cos\theta + 3r \cdot \sin\theta = 6$.

Step 2: Step 2: Factor r

After factoring r:

A) $r(2+3)(\cos\theta+\sin\theta)=6$

B) $r(2\cos\theta+3\sin\theta)=6$

C) $r^2(2\cos\theta+3\sin\theta)=6$

D) $r=6(\dots)$

Answer: (B) B) $r(2\cos\theta+3\sin\theta)=6$

Why: $r(2\cos\theta + 3\sin\theta) = 6$.

Step 3: Step 3: Solve for r

Final polar form:

A) $r=6\cdot(2\cos\theta+3\sin\theta)$

B) $r=2\cos\theta+3\sin\theta$

C) $r=6/(2\cos\theta+3\sin\theta)$

D) $r=1/(2\cos\theta+3\sin\theta)$

Answer: (C) C) $r=6/(2\cos\theta+3\sin\theta)$

Why: $r = 6/(2\cos\theta + 3\sin\theta)$.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Part 3: Mixed Conversions

Q11

$r\cdot\sin\theta = 4$ — Horizontal Line

■ Concept: $r\cdot\sin\theta = y$ directly! $r\cdot\sin\theta=k$ means $y=k$ (horizontal line).

Question: Convert $r\cdot\sin(\theta) = 4$ to rectangular form.

Step 1: Step 1: Recall substitution

$r\cdot\sin\theta$ equals:

A) x

B) y

C) r^2

D) $\tan\theta$

Answer: (B) B) y

Why: $r\cdot\sin\theta = y$ by definition.

Step 2: Step 2: Write equation

Rectangular form:

A) $x=4$

B) $y=4$

C) $x^2+y^2=4$

D) $y=4x$

Answer: (B) B) $y=4$

Why: $r\cdot\sin\theta=4 \rightarrow y=4$.

Step 3: Step 3: Identify shape

$y = 4$ represents:

A) A circle

B) Vertical line $x=4$

C) Horizontal line $y=4$

D) Diagonal line

Answer: (C) C) Horizontal line $y=4$

Why: $y=4$ is a horizontal line parallel to x -axis.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q12

$r = \sec(\theta)$ — Vertical Line

■ Concept: $\sec(\theta)=1/\cos\theta \rightarrow r=1/\cos\theta \rightarrow r \cdot \cos\theta=1 \rightarrow x=1$. Vertical line!

Question: Convert $r = \sec(\theta)$ to rectangular form.

Step 1: Step 1: Rewrite $\sec(\theta)$

$\sec(\theta)$ equals:

A) $\sin\theta/\cos\theta$

B) $\cos\theta/\sin\theta$

C) $1/\cos\theta$

D) $1/\sin\theta$

Answer: (C) C) $1/\cos\theta$

Why: $\sec(\theta) = 1/\cos\theta$.

Step 2: Step 2: Rearrange

$r=1/\cos\theta$ becomes:

A) $r/\cos\theta=1$

B) $r \cdot \cos\theta=1$

C) $r \cdot \cos\theta=\cos^2\theta$

D) $r=\cos\theta$

Answer: (B) B) $r \cdot \cos\theta=1$

Why: $r \cdot \cos\theta = 1$.

Step 3: Step 3: Substitute

Rectangular form:

A) $y=1$

B) $x=1$

C) $x^2+y^2=1$

D) $x+y=1$

Answer: (B) B) $x=1$

Why: $r \cdot \cos\theta = x \rightarrow x = 1$. Vertical line!

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q13 $x^2+y^2-6x=0 \rightarrow$ Polar

■ Concept: Group $x^2+y^2=r^2$, then $6x=6r\cdot\cos\theta$. Factor r and solve.

Question: Convert $x^2 + y^2 - 6x = 0$ to polar form.

Step 1: Step 1: Substitute

After substituting:

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| A) $r^2-6x=0$ | B) $r^2-6r\cdot\cos\theta=0$ |
| C) $r-6\cos\theta=0$ | D) $r^2+6r\cdot\cos\theta=0$ |

Answer: (B) B) $r^2-6r\cdot\cos\theta=0$

Why: $r^2 - 6r\cdot\cos\theta = 0$.

Step 2: Step 2: Factor r

After factoring r :

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| A) $r(r-6\cos\theta)=0$ | B) $r(r+6\cos\theta)=0$ |
| C) $r^2(1-6\cos\theta)=0$ | D) $r(r-6\sin\theta)=0$ |

Answer: (A) A) $r(r-6\cos\theta)=0$

Why: $r(r - 6\cos\theta) = 0$. Discard $r=0$ (trivial).

Step 3: Step 3: Final form

Polar equation:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| A) $r=6\sin\theta$ | B) $r=6\cos\theta$ |
| C) $r=-6\cos\theta$ | D) $r^2=6\cos\theta$ |

Answer: (B) B) $r=6\cos\theta$

Why: $r = 6\cos\theta$ (circle: center (3,0), radius 3).

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q14 $r^2=\sin(2\theta)$ — Lemniscate

■ Concept: $\sin(2\theta)=2\sin\theta\cos\theta$. Multiply by r^2 : $r^2=2(r\cdot\sin\theta)(r\cdot\cos\theta)=2xy$.

Question: Convert $r^2 = \sin(2\theta)$ to rectangular form.

Step 1: Step 1: Expand $\sin(2\theta)$

$\sin(2\theta) =$

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A) $2\sin\theta$ | B) $\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta$ |
| C) $2\sin\theta\cos\theta$ | D) $\sin\theta+\cos\theta$ |

Answer: (C) C) $2\sin\theta\cos\theta$

Why: $\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta\cdot\cos\theta$ (double-angle identity).

Step 2: Step 2: Multiply by r^2

$r^2 = ?$

A) $r^2 = 2r^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta$

B) $r^2 = 2(r \cdot \sin\theta)(r \cdot \cos\theta) / r^2$

C) $r^2 = 2(r \cdot \sin\theta)(r \cdot \cos\theta)$

D) $r = 2xy$

Answer: (C) C) $r^2 = 2(r \cdot \sin\theta)(r \cdot \cos\theta)$

Why: Multiply both sides by r^2 : $r^2 = 2(r \cdot \sin\theta)(r \cdot \cos\theta) = 2yx$.

Step 3: Step 3: Use $r^2 = (x^2 + y^2)^2$

Final rectangular form:

A) $x^2 + y^2 = 2xy$

B) $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2xy$

C) $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = xy$

D) $(x + y)^2 = 2xy$

Answer: (B) B) $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2xy$

Why: $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2xy$ — this is a lemniscate!

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q15

$r = 2/(1 - \cos\theta)$ — Parabola

■ Concept: Standard conic: $r = ed/(1 - e\cos\theta)$. $e = 1 \rightarrow$ parabola. Multiply by $(1 - \cos\theta)$ then square.

Question: Convert $r = 2/(1 - \cos\theta)$ to rectangular form. Identify the conic.

Step 1: Step 1: Multiply by $(1 - \cos\theta)$

After multiplying:

A) $r = 2(1 - \cos\theta)$

B) $r(1 - \cos\theta) = 2$

C) $r - r \cdot \cos\theta = 2$

D) Both B and C

Answer: (D) D) Both B and C

Why: $r(1 - \cos\theta) = 2$ which means $r - r \cdot \cos\theta = 2$. B and C are both correct.

Step 2: Step 2: Substitute $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $r \cos\theta = x$

Equation after substitution:

A) $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x = 2$

B) $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + x = 2$

C) $x^2 + y^2 - x = 2$

D) $r - 2 = x$

Answer: (A) A) $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x = 2$

Why: $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $r \cdot \cos\theta = x \rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x = 2$.

Step 3: Step 3: Square and simplify

After squaring:

A) $x^2 + y^2 = x^2 + 4$: circle

B) $y^2 = 4(x + 1)$: parabola

C) $y^2 = 4x^2$: hyperbola

D) $y^2 - x^2 = 4$

Answer: (B) B) $y^2 = 4(x + 1)$: parabola

Why: Square: $x^2 + y^2 = (x + 2)^2 \rightarrow y^2 = 4x + 4 = 4(x + 1)$. Parabola!

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Part 4: Exam-Level Problems

Q16

$(x^2+y^2)^3 = x^2y^2 \rightarrow$ Polar

■ Concept: $(x^2+y^2)^3 = r^6$. $x^2y^2 = r^4 \sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta = r^4 \sin^2(2\theta)/4$. Divide by r^4 .

Question: Convert $(x^2+y^2)^3 = x^2y^2$ to polar form.

Step 1: Step 1: Left side in polar

$(x^2+y^2)^3 =$

A) r^3

B) r^6

C) $(r^2)^3 = r^6$

D) Both B and C

Answer: (D) D) Both B and C

Why: $(x^2+y^2)^3 = (r^2)^3 = r^6$. Both B and C are correct.

Step 2: Step 2: Right side x^2y^2 in polar

$x^2y^2 =$

A) $r^4 \sin^2\theta \cos^2\theta$

B) $r^4 \sin(2\theta)/4$

C) $r^4 \sin^2(2\theta)/4$

D) $r^2 \sin(2\theta)$

Answer: (C) C) $r^4 \sin^2(2\theta)/4$

Why: $x^2y^2 = r^2 \cos^2\theta \cdot r^2 \sin^2\theta = r^4 \cdot (2\sin\theta \cos\theta)^2/4 = r^4 \sin^2(2\theta)/4$.

Step 3: Step 3: Divide by r^4

Final polar form (divide by r^4):

A) $r^2 = \sin^2(2\theta)/4$

B) $r^2 = 4\sin^2(2\theta)$

C) $r^2 = \sin(2\theta)/4$

D) $r^4 = \sin^2(2\theta)$

Answer: (A) A) $r^2 = \sin^2(2\theta)/4$

Why: $r^4/r^4 = r^2$ and $r^4 \sin^2(2\theta)/(4r^4) = \sin^2(2\theta)/4 \rightarrow r^2 = \sin^2(2\theta)/4$.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q17 $r=2\cos\theta+2\sin\theta$ — Circle

■ Concept: $r=a\cos\theta+b\sin\theta$ is always a circle. Multiply by $r \rightarrow x^2+y^2=ax+by$.

Question: Convert $r = 2\cos\theta + 2\sin\theta$. Find center and radius.

Step 1: Step 1: Multiply by r

After multiplying by r and substituting:

A) $r^2=2\cos\theta+2\sin\theta$

B) $x^2+y^2=2x+2y$

C) $x+y=2r$

D) $r=2x+2y$

Answer: (B) B) $x^2+y^2=2x+2y$

Why: $r^2=2r\cdot\cos\theta+2r\cdot\sin\theta \rightarrow x^2+y^2=2x+2y$.

Step 2: Step 2: Complete the square

After completing the square:

A) $(x-1)^2+(y-1)^2=1$

B) $(x-1)^2+(y-1)^2=2$

C) $(x+1)^2+(y+1)^2=2$

D) $(x-2)^2+(y-2)^2=4$

Answer: (B) B) $(x-1)^2+(y-1)^2=2$

Why: $(x-1)^2-1+(y-1)^2-1=0 \rightarrow (x-1)^2+(y-1)^2=2$.

Step 3: Step 3: Center and radius

Center and radius:

A) Center(1,1), $r=2$

B) Center(1,1), $r=\sqrt{2}$

C) Center(-1,-1), $r=\sqrt{2}$

D) Center(2,2), $r=2$

Answer: (B) B) Center(1,1), $r=\sqrt{2}$

Why: Center (1,1), radius = $\sqrt{2}$.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q18 $r=\tan\theta\cdot\sec\theta$ — Parabola

■ Concept: $\tan\theta\cdot\sec\theta=\sin\theta/\cos^2\theta$. Multiply by $r\cdot\cos^2\theta$: $r^2\cos^2\theta=r\cdot\sin\theta \rightarrow x^2=y$.

Question: Convert $r = \tan\theta\cdot\sec\theta$ to rectangular form.

Step 1: Step 1: Rewrite in $\sin\theta/\cos\theta$

$\tan\theta\cdot\sec\theta =$

A) $\sin\theta/\cos\theta$

B) $\sin\theta/\cos^2\theta$

C) $1/(\sin\theta\cos\theta)$

D) $\cos^2\theta/\sin\theta$

Answer: (B) B) $\sin\theta/\cos^2\theta$

Why: $(\sin\theta/\cos\theta)\cdot(1/\cos\theta)=\sin\theta/\cos^2\theta$.

Step 2: Step 2: Multiply by $r\cdot\cos^2\theta$

After multiplying:

A) $r^2\cos^2\theta=r\cdot\sin\theta$

B) $r\cdot\cos^2\theta=\sin\theta$

C) $r^2\sin\theta=\cos^2\theta$

D) $r=\sin\theta\cos^2\theta$

Answer: (A) A) $r^2\cos^2\theta=r\cdot\sin\theta$

Why: $r(r\cdot\cos^2\theta)=r\cdot\sin\theta \rightarrow r^2\cos^2\theta=r\cdot\sin\theta$.

Step 3: Step 3: Substitute

Final rectangular form:

A) $y=x^2$

B) $x=y^2$

C) $x^2+y^2=xy$

D) $y^2=x$

Answer: (A) A) $y=x^2$

Why: $(r\cdot\cos\theta)^2=r\cdot\sin\theta \rightarrow x^2=y$. A parabola!

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q19

Shape Identification (Mixed)

■ Concept: $r\cdot\cos\theta=k \rightarrow x=k$ (vertical); $r\cdot\sin\theta=k \rightarrow y=k$ (horizontal); $r=ed/(1\pm e\cdot\sin\theta)$ $e=1 \rightarrow$ parabola.

Question: Match each polar equation to its shape.

Step 1: Step 1: Shape of $r\cdot\cos\theta = 3$

$r\cdot\cos\theta=3$ is:

A) $y=3$ (horizontal)

B) $x=3$ (vertical)

C) $x^2+y^2=9$

D) $y=3x$ (diagonal)

Answer: (B) B) $x=3$ (vertical)

Why: $r\cdot\cos\theta=x \rightarrow x=3$. Vertical line!

Step 2: Step 2: Shape of $r=6/(1+\sin\theta)$

$r=6/(1+\sin\theta)$ is:

A) Hyperbola $e=2$

B) Parabola $e=1$

C) Ellipse $e=1/2$

D) Circle $e=0$

Answer: (B) B) Parabola $e=1$

Why: $e=\text{coefficient of } \sin\theta=1 \rightarrow$ parabola.

Step 3: Step 3: Shape of $r^2=4\cos(2\theta)$

$r^2=4\cos(2\theta)$ is:

A) A circle

B) Lemniscate (figure-8)

C) Two lines

D) An ellipse

Answer: (B) B) Lemniscate (figure-8)

Why: $r^2=a^2\cos(2\theta)$ is the standard polar lemniscate.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Q20

$x^2+y^2+2x-4y=4 \rightarrow$ Polar (Advanced)

■ Concept: Group: $r^2+2r\cos\theta-4r\sin\theta=4$. Rearrange as quadratic in r , use quadratic formula.

Question: Convert $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y = 4$ to polar form.

Step 1: Step 1: Substitute all terms

After substituting:

A) $r^2+2\cos\theta-4\sin\theta=4$

B) $r^2+2r\cos\theta-4r\sin\theta=4$

C) $r+2\cos\theta-4\sin\theta=4$

D) $r^2+2r+4r=4$

Answer: (B) B) $r^2+2r\cos\theta-4r\sin\theta=4$

Why: $x^2+y^2=r^2$, $2x=2r\cos\theta$, $-4y=-4r\sin\theta \rightarrow r^2+2r\cos\theta-4r\sin\theta=4$.

Step 2: Step 2: Form quadratic in r

Quadratic form:

A) $r^2+r(2\cos\theta-4\sin\theta)-4=0$

B) $r^2-r(2\cos\theta+4\sin\theta)=4$

C) $r(r+2\cos\theta-4\sin\theta)=4$

D) $r^2=4$

Answer: (A) A) $r^2+r(2\cos\theta-4\sin\theta)-4=0$

Why: $a=1$, $b=(2\cos\theta-4\sin\theta)$, $c=-4 \rightarrow r^2+r(2\cos\theta-4\sin\theta)-4=0$.

Step 3: Step 3: Apply quadratic formula (positive root)

Simplified polar form:

A) $r=-(\cos\theta-2\sin\theta)+\sqrt{((\cos\theta-2\sin\theta)^2+4)}$

B) $r=2\cos\theta-4\sin\theta$

C) $r=4/(\cos\theta-2\sin\theta)$

D) $r=(\cos\theta-2\sin\theta)+4$

Answer: (A) A) $r=-(\cos\theta-2\sin\theta)+\sqrt{((\cos\theta-2\sin\theta)^2+4)}$

Why: Positive root: $r=-(\cos\theta-2\sin\theta)+\sqrt{((\cos\theta-2\sin\theta)^2+4)}$.

Work Space (use extra paper if needed):

Answer Key

Q1: B / B / C	Q2: C / C / C	Q3: C / A / A	Q4: B / B / D
Q5: A / C / B	Q6: B / B / B	Q7: B / A / B	Q8: C / B / C
Q9: C / C / C	Q10: A / B / C	Q11: B / B / C	Q12: C / B / B
Q13: B / A / B	Q14: C / C / B	Q15: D / A / B	Q16: D / C / A
Q17: B / B / B	Q18: B / A / A	Q19: B / B / B	Q20: B / A / A

Note: Each question has 3 steps. Answers shown as Step1/Step2/Step3. All 3 must be correct to earn full credit for the question.