

Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

↳ different coordinate systems for $\mathbb{R}^3$, suited to drawing different figures.

Preface: In $\mathbb{R}^2$, eqn for circle of radius r and center (a,b) :

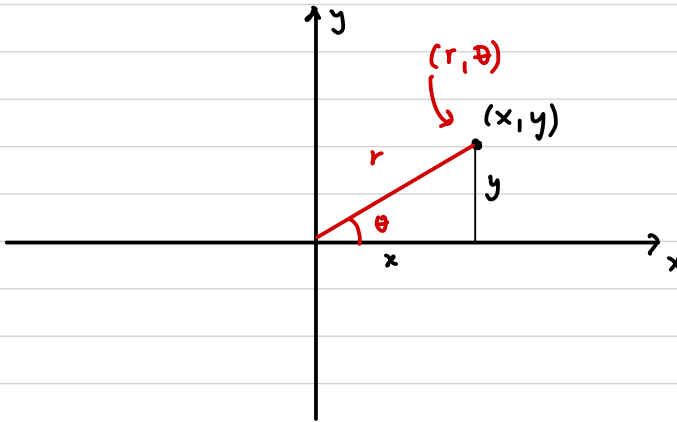
$$(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = r^2$$

In $\mathbb{R}^3$, eqn for ^{sphere} ~~circle~~ radius r and center (a,b,c) :

$$(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2 = r^2$$

Recall:

Polar Coordinates for $\mathbb{R}^2$



$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

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

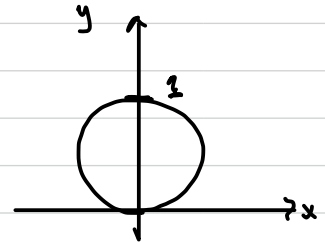
If we restrict $r \geq 0$ and $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$, then all points have a unique address except: origin.

$(0, \theta)$

Ex What shape is $r = \sin \theta$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$?

* $\times$ mult through by r

$$r^2 = r \sin \theta$$



$$x^2 + y^2 = y \rightsquigarrow x^2 + (y^2 - y + 1/4) = 1/4$$

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

circle, radius $1/2$, center $(0, 1/2)$