

Shapes and Designs

Extensions 3

1. Write a clear explanation of the measurement of angles in radians and why this is a more natural notion than measurement in degrees.
2. Propose a definition of the measure of a solid angle where three, four, or more planes meet at common vertex of a polyhedron, and explain why your definition is reasonable. In particular, your definition should be compatible with a three-dimensional analog of the Angle Addition Postulate (*CliffsQuickReview Geometry*, p. 12).
3. Describe all possible cases when two sets (r, θ) , (r', θ') of polar coordinates actually correspond to the same point.
4. Review the definitions of trigonometric functions from the unit circle.
 - (a) Drawing on this, sketch the graphs of the functions $f(\theta) = \sin \theta$ and $f(\theta) = \cos \theta$, and explain how you can deduce these naturally from the unit circle definition,
 - (b) Continuing to think about the unit circle definition, complete the following formulas and give brief explanations for each.
 - i. $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin(\theta)$.
 - ii. $\cos(-\theta) =$
 - iii. $\sin(\pi + \theta) =$
 - iv. $\cos(\pi + \theta) =$
 - v. $\sin(\pi - \theta) =$
 - vi. $\cos(\pi - \theta) =$
 - vii. $\sin(\pi/2 + \theta) =$
 - viii. $\cos(\pi/2 + \theta) =$
 - ix. $\sin(\pi/2 - \theta) =$
 - x. $\cos(\pi/2 - \theta) =$
 - xi. $\sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta) =$
5. Describe a procedure to determine the rectangular coordinates (x, y) of a point from its polar coordinates (r, θ) and justify why it works.
6. Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

- (a) Justify the following conversion from cylindrical coordinates (r, θ, z) to rectangular coordinates (x, y, z) .

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \theta \\y &= r \sin \theta \\z &= z\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Justify the following conversion from spherical coordinates (r, θ, ϕ) to rectangular coordinates (x, y, z) .

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \theta \sin \phi \\y &= r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\z &= r \cos \phi\end{aligned}$$

7. Read Chapter 2 of *CliffsQuickReview Geometry* on Parallel Lines. Prove Theorems 17–24.
8. It turns out that without assuming Postulates 11 and 12 of *CliffsQuickReview* one can prove that the sum of the measures of the angles of any triangle cannot exceed 180 degrees.
- (a) Learn the proof of this angle sum theorem. See, for example, the proof of the Saccheri-Legendre Theorem in Kay, *College Geometry: A Discovery Approach*.
- (b) Use this result to prove Postulate 12, thereby showing that it was not necessary to assume this as a postulate after all.