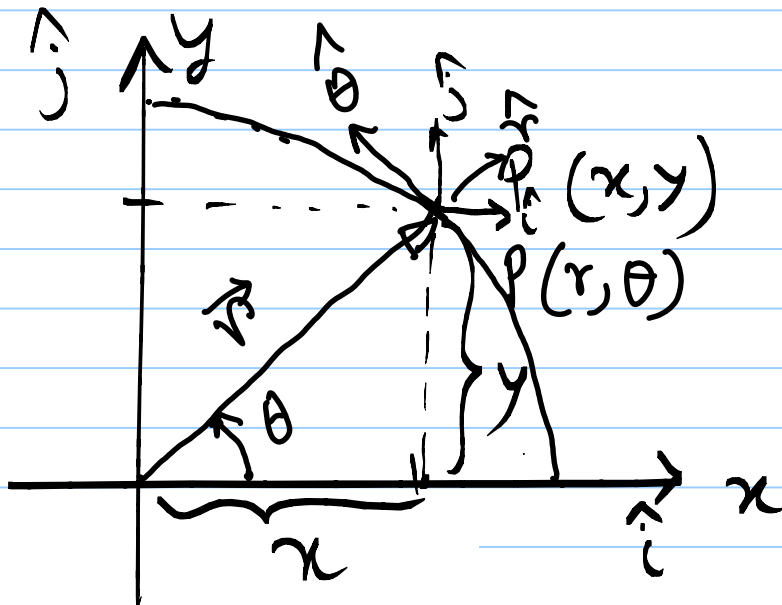


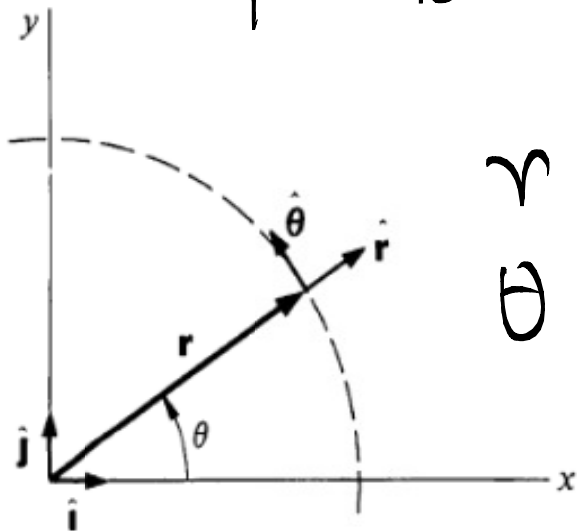
# Plane Polar Coordinate system:



$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

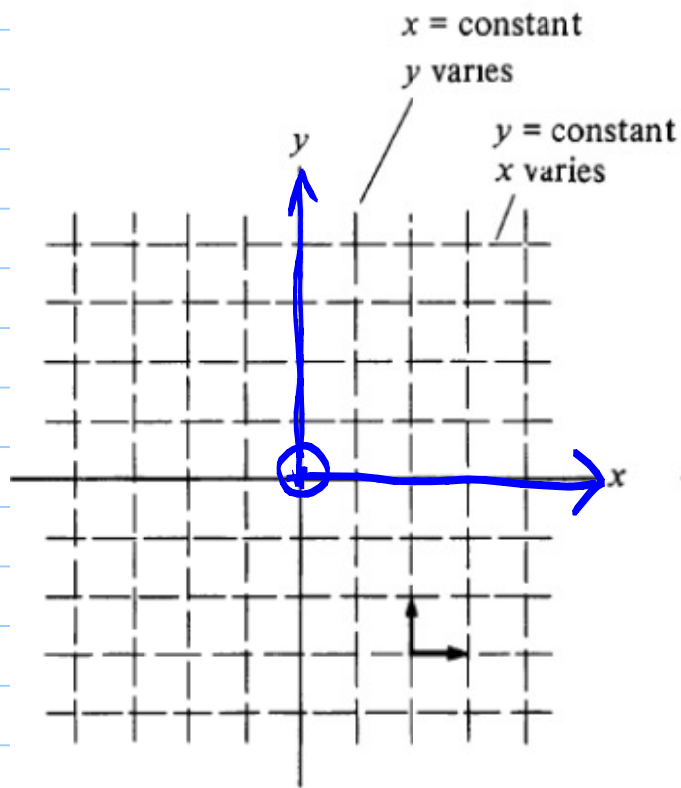
$(x, y)$  — Cartesian  
 $(r, \theta)$  — Polar



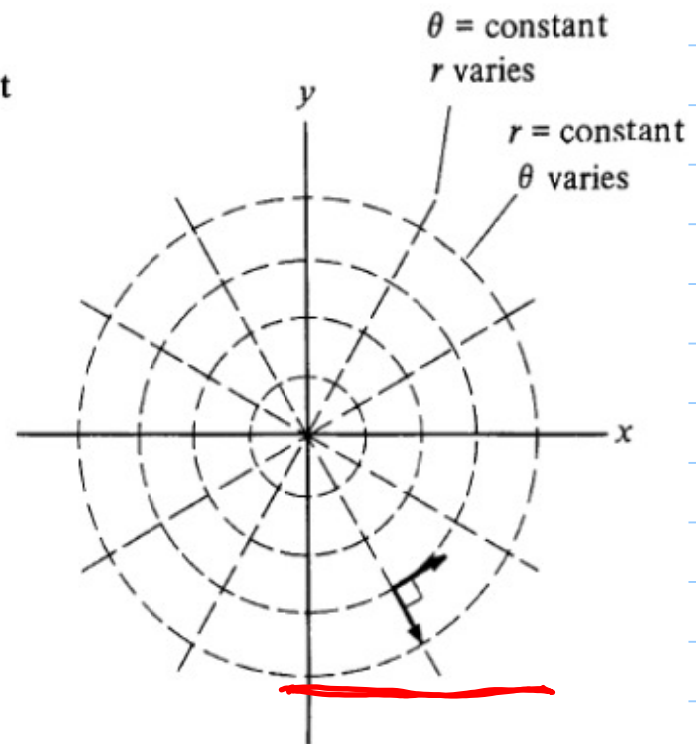
$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \arctan(y/x)$$

unit vector  
 $\hat{i}$  &  $\hat{j}$   
 $\hat{r}$  &  $\hat{\theta}$

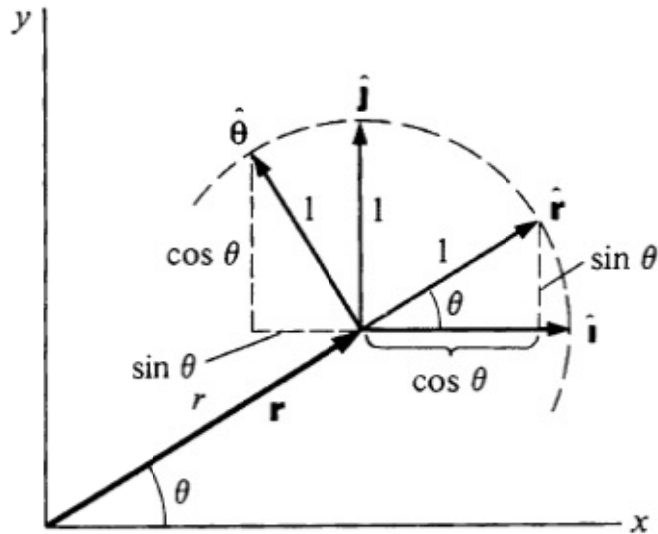


Cartesian



Plane polar

## Relation bet<sup>h</sup> $\hat{i}, \hat{j}$ and $\hat{r}, \hat{\theta}$



$$\hat{r} = \hat{i} \cos \theta + \hat{j} \sin \theta$$

$$\hat{\theta} = -\hat{i} \sin \theta + \hat{j} \cos \theta.$$

In Cartesian coordinates

$$\vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j}$$

In polar coordinates

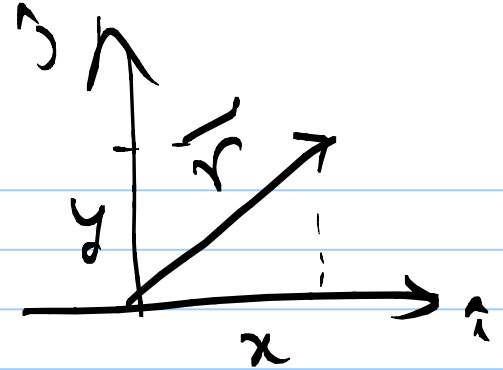
$$\vec{r} = r \hat{r}$$

$$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{\theta} = 0 \quad (\text{Orthogonal})$$

$$\hat{r} \times \hat{\theta} = ? \quad [\text{Home work}]$$

## Velocity in Polar coordinates

$$\vec{r} = x \hat{i} + y \hat{j}$$



$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (x \hat{i} + y \hat{j})$$

$$= \dot{x} \hat{i} + \dot{y} \hat{j}$$

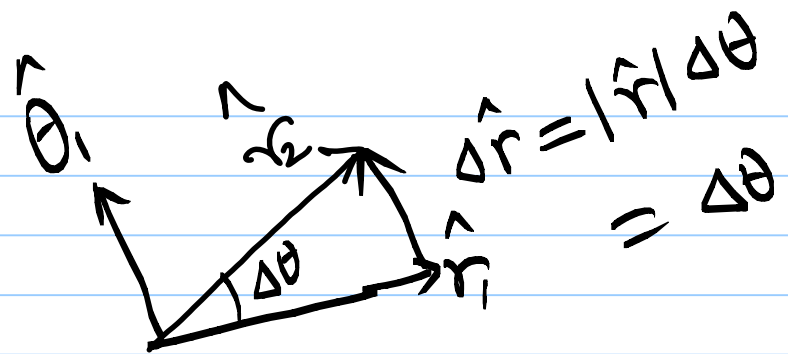
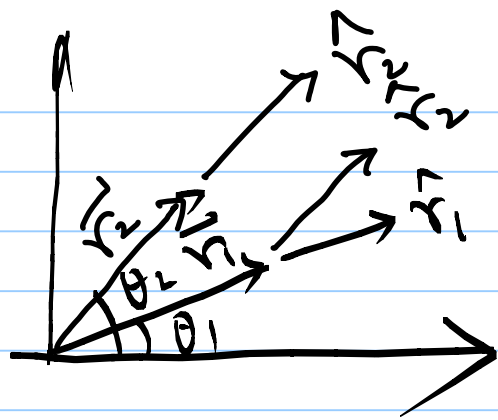
$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d}{dt} (r \hat{r})$$

$$= \underbrace{\dot{r} \hat{r}} + r \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt}$$

Component of velocity  
directed radially outward

$$\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = ?$$



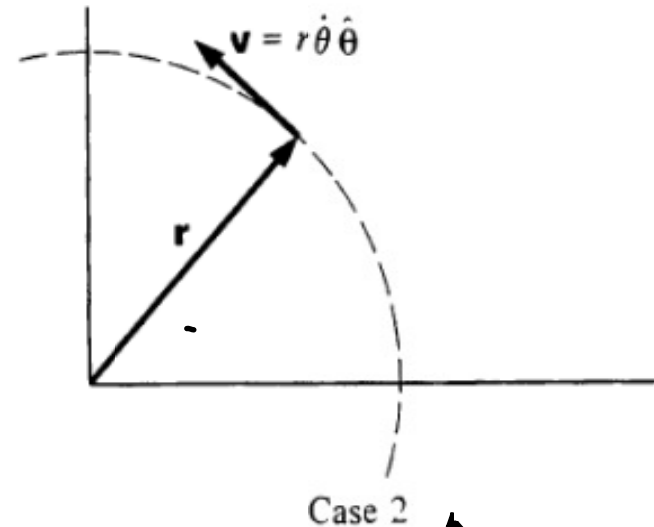
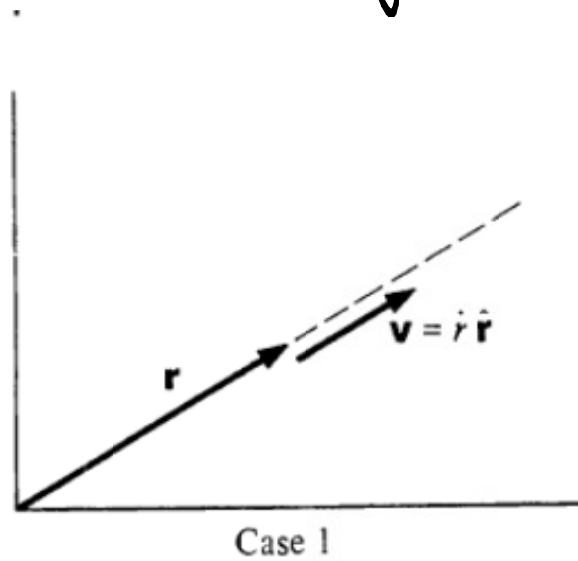
$$\frac{|\Delta \hat{r}|}{\Delta \theta} \approx \frac{d\theta}{dt} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} \right| = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$r$  swings in the  $\hat{\theta}$  direction

$$\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta} \quad \left| \quad \frac{d\hat{\theta}}{dt} = ? \quad [\text{Home Work}] \right.$$

$$\hat{v} = \underbrace{\dot{r} \hat{r}}_{\text{radial part}} + \underbrace{r \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}}_{\text{angular part}}$$

$$\vec{v} = \dot{r} \hat{r} + r \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$$



Case I

If  $\theta = \text{constant} \rightarrow \vec{v} = \dot{r} \hat{r}$   
 one dimensional motion in a fixed  
 radial direction.

Case II

if  $r = \text{constant} \rightarrow v = r \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$

Motion in general, both  $r$  &  $\theta$  changes with  
 time!

# Acceleration in Polar coordinate System:

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + r \dot{\theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + r \dot{\theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$$

$$= \ddot{r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \dot{r} \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \dot{r} \dot{\theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r \ddot{\theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r \dot{\theta} \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &= \ddot{r} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \dot{r} \dot{\theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \dot{r} \dot{\theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + r \ddot{\theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} - r \dot{\theta}^2 \hat{\mathbf{r}} \\ &= (\ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2) \hat{\mathbf{r}} + (r \ddot{\theta} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta}) \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}. \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} = \dot{\theta} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$
$\frac{d\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{dt} = -\dot{\theta} \hat{\mathbf{r}}.$

$\ddot{r} \rightarrow$  radial accel<sup>n</sup>.  
 $r \ddot{\theta} \rightarrow$  tangential accel<sup>n</sup>. } we discussed!

$-r \dot{\theta}^2 \rightarrow$  centripetal accel<sup>n</sup>.  
 $2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta} \rightarrow$  Coriolis accel<sup>n</sup>. } we will discuss!