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2. $(4, -315^\circ)$ and $(1, 60^\circ)$

3. $(-5, 135^\circ)$ and $(-1, 240^\circ)$

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Answers

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1. $\left(-2, \frac{5\pi}{2}\right)$

Let $P(r, \theta) = P\left(-2, \frac{5\pi}{2}\right)$. We subtract multiples

of π to make the angle between 0 and π .

$$\frac{5\pi}{2} - (2)\pi = \frac{5\pi - 4\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Now, $\frac{\pi}{2}$ is between 0 and π , also since $k = 2$ is

even, so $r = 5$ is kept as such.

$$\rightarrow P\left(-2, \frac{5\pi}{2}\right) = P\left(-2, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

3. $(-5, -1460^\circ)$

Let $P(r, \theta) = P(-5, -1460^\circ)$. We add multiples

of 180° to make the angle between 0 and 180° .

$$-1460^\circ + (9)180^\circ = -1460^\circ + 1620^\circ = 160^\circ$$

Now, 160° is between 0 and 180° ,

also since $k = 9$ is odd, so $r = -5$ becomes $r = 5$

$$\rightarrow P(-5, -1460^\circ) = P(5, 160^\circ)$$

2. $(1.5, -920^\circ)$

Let $P(r, \theta) = P(1.5, -920^\circ)$. We add multiples of

180° to make the angle between 0

and 180° .

$$-920^\circ + (6)180^\circ = -920^\circ + 1080^\circ = 160^\circ$$

Now, 160° is between 0 and 180° ,

also since $k = 6$ is even, so $r = 1.5$ is kept as such.

$$\rightarrow P(1.5, -920^\circ) = P(1.5, 160^\circ)$$

4. $\left(-3, -\frac{21\pi}{8}\right)$

Let $P(r, \theta) = P\left(-3, -\frac{21\pi}{8}\right)$. We subtract multiples

of π to make the angle between 0 and π .

$$-\frac{21\pi}{8} + (3)\pi = \frac{-21\pi + 24\pi}{8} = \frac{3\pi}{8}$$

Now, $\frac{3\pi}{8}$ is between 0 and π , also since $k = 3$ is

odd, so $r = -3$ becomes $r = 3$.

$$\rightarrow P\left(-3, -\frac{21\pi}{8}\right) = P\left(3, \frac{3\pi}{8}\right)$$

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1. $\left(3, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and $\left(8, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$

Let $P_1(r_1, \theta_1) = P_1\left(3, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and $P_2\left(8, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$, then:

$$P_1P_2 = \sqrt{3^2 + 8^2 - 2(3)(8)\cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}$$

$$P_1P_2 = \sqrt{9 + 64 - 48\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)}$$

$$\rightarrow P_1P_2 = 10.70$$

2. $(4, -315^\circ)$ and $(1, 60^\circ)$

Let $P_1(r_1, \theta_1) = P_1(4, -315^\circ)$ and $P_2(1, 60^\circ)$, then:

$$P_1P_2 = \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2 - 2(4)(1)\cos(60^\circ - (-315^\circ))}$$

$$P_1P_2 = \sqrt{16 + 1 - 8\cos(375^\circ)}$$

$$\rightarrow P_1P_2 = 3.1$$

3. $(-5, 135^\circ)$ and $(-1, 240^\circ)$

Let $P_1(r_1, \theta_1) = P_1(-5, 135^\circ)$ and $P_2(-1, 240^\circ)$, then:

$$P_1P_2 = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (-1)^2 - 2(-5)(-1)\cos(240^\circ - 135^\circ)}$$

$$P_1P_2 = \sqrt{25 + 1 - 10\cos(105^\circ)}$$

$$\rightarrow P_1P_2 = 5.35$$