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Answers

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Let $P(r, \theta) = P(2, 150^\circ)$. We add/subtract multiples of 180° to make the angle between -360° and 360° .

$$150^\circ - (2)180^\circ = 150^\circ - 360^\circ = -210^\circ$$

Now, -210° is between -360° and 360° , also since $k = 2$ is even, so $r = 2$ is kept as such.

$$\rightarrow P(2, 150^\circ) = P(2, -210^\circ)$$

$$150^\circ + (1)180^\circ = 150^\circ + 180^\circ = 330^\circ$$

Now, 330° is between -360° and 360° , also since $k = 1$ is odd, so $r = 2$ becomes $r = -2$.

$$\rightarrow P(2, 150^\circ) = P(-2, 330^\circ)$$

2. $(-3, \frac{2\pi}{3})$

Let $P(r, \theta) = P(-3, \frac{2\pi}{3})$. We add/subtract multiples of π to make the angle between -2π and 2π .

$$\frac{2\pi}{3} - (1)\pi = \frac{2\pi - 3\pi}{3} = -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

Now, $-\frac{\pi}{3}$ is between -2π and 2π , also since $k = 1$ is odd, so $r = -3$ becomes $r = 3$.

$$\rightarrow P(-3, \frac{2\pi}{3}) = P(3, -\frac{\pi}{3})$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{3} + (1)\pi = \frac{2\pi + 3\pi}{3} = \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

Now, $\frac{5\pi}{3}$ is between -2π and 2π , also since $k = 1$ is odd, so $r = -3$ becomes $r = 3$.

$$\rightarrow P(-3, \frac{2\pi}{3}) = P(3, \frac{5\pi}{3})$$