

## 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  $(r, \theta)$ ,  $(r', \theta')$  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  $(r, \theta)$  and justify why it works.
6. Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

- (a) Justify the following conversion from cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$  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  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  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.