

## Lesson 73 – Polar Form of Complex Numbers

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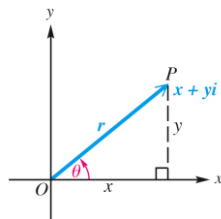
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### Relationships Among $x$ , $y$ , $r$ , and $\theta$

- $x = r \cos \theta$
- $y = r \sin \theta$
- $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$ , if  $x \neq 0$



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### Polar Form of a Complex Number

- The expression  $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  is called the **polar form** (or **trigonometric form**) of the complex number  $x + yi$ . The expression  $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  is sometimes abbreviated **cis  $\theta$** .

Using this notation  $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  is written  $r \text{ cis } \theta$ .

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### Example

- Express  $2(\cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ)$  in rectangular form.

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### Example

- Express  $2(\cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ)$  in rectangular form.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 120^\circ &= -\frac{1}{2} & 2(\cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ) &= 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}, i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\ \sin 120^\circ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & &= -1 + i\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

- Notice that the real part is negative and the imaginary part is positive, this is consistent with 120 degrees being a quadrant II angle.

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### Converting from Rectangular to Polar Form

- Step 1 Sketch a graph of the number  $x + yi$  in the complex plane.
- Step 2 Find  $r$  by using the equation  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .
- Step 3 Find  $\theta$  by using the equation  $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}, x \neq 0$  choosing the quadrant indicated in Step 1.

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### Example

- Example: Find trigonometric notation for  $-1 - i$ .

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### Example

- Example: Find trigonometric notation for  $-1 - i$ .
- First, find  $r$ .

$$r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}$$
$$r = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2} \quad \theta = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$
$$r = \sqrt{2}$$

- Thus,  $-1 - i = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \right)$  or  $\sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis} \frac{5\pi}{4}$

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### Product of Complex Numbers

- Find the product of  $4(\cos 50^\circ + i \sin 50^\circ)$  and  $2(\cos 10^\circ + i \sin 10^\circ)$ .

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## Product Theorem

- If  $r_1 = (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$  and  $r_2 = (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$ , are any two complex numbers, then

$$\begin{aligned} & [r_1 (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)] \cdot [r_2 (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)] \\ &= r_1 r_2 [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)]. \end{aligned}$$

- In compact form, this is written

$$(r_1 \operatorname{cis} \theta_1)(r_2 \operatorname{cis} \theta_2) = r_1 r_2 \operatorname{cis}(\theta_1 + \theta_2).$$

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## Example: Product

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## Example: Product

- Find the product of  $4(\cos 50^\circ + i \sin 50^\circ)$  and  $2(\cos 10^\circ + i \sin 10^\circ)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & [4(\cos 50^\circ + i \sin 50^\circ)] \cdot [2(\cos 10^\circ + i \sin 10^\circ)] \\ &= 4 \cdot 2 [\cos(50^\circ + 10^\circ) + i \sin(50^\circ + 10^\circ)] \\ &= 8(\cos 60^\circ + i \sin 60^\circ) \\ &= 8 \left( \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \\ &= 4 + 4i\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

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## Quotient of Complex Numbers

- Find the quotient.

$$16(\cos 70^\circ + i \sin 70^\circ) \text{ and } 4(\cos 40^\circ + i \sin 40^\circ)$$

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## Quotient Theorem

- If  $r_1 = (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$  and  $r_2 = (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$  are any two complex numbers, where

$$r_2 (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2), r_2 \neq 0,$$

then

$$\frac{r_1 (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)}{r_2 (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} [\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)].$$

In compact form, this is written

$$\frac{r_1 \operatorname{cis} \theta_1}{r_2 \operatorname{cis} \theta_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \operatorname{cis}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

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## Example: Quotient

- Find the quotient.

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### Example: Quotient

- Find the quotient.

$$16(\cos 70^\circ + i \sin 70^\circ) \text{ and } 4(\cos 40^\circ + i \sin 40^\circ)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{16(\cos 70^\circ + i \sin 70^\circ)}{4(\cos 40^\circ + i \sin 40^\circ)} &= \frac{16}{4} (\cos(70^\circ - 40^\circ) + i \sin(70^\circ - 40^\circ)) \\ &= 4 \cos 30^\circ + i \sin 30^\circ \\ &= 4 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i \right) \\ &= 2\sqrt{3} + 2i \end{aligned}$$

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If  $z = 4(\cos 40^\circ + i \sin 40^\circ)$  and  $w = 6(\cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ)$ ,  
**find:** (a)  $zw$                       (b)  $z/w$

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If  $z = 4(\cos 40^\circ + i \sin 40^\circ)$  and  $w = 6(\cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ)$

find: (a)  $zw$

(b)  $z/w$

$$zw = [4(\cos 40^\circ + i \sin 40^\circ)] [6(\cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ)]$$

$$= [(4 \cdot 6)(\cos(40^\circ + 120^\circ) + i \sin(40^\circ + 120^\circ))]$$

multiply the moduli

add the arguments (the  $i$  sine term will have same argument)

$$= 24(\cos 160^\circ + i \sin 160^\circ)$$

$$= 24(-0.93969 + 0.34202i)$$

$$= -22.55 + 8.21i$$

If you want the answer in rectangular coordinates simply compute the trig functions and multiply the 24 through.

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$$\frac{z}{w} = \frac{4(\cos 40^\circ + i \sin 40^\circ)}{6(\cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{6} [\cos(40^\circ - 120^\circ) + i \sin(40^\circ - 120^\circ)]$$

divide the moduli

subtract the arguments

$$= \frac{2}{3} [\cos(-80^\circ) + i \sin(-80^\circ)]$$

In polar form we want an angle between 0 and 360° so add 360° to the -80°

$$= \frac{2}{3} [\cos(280^\circ) + i \sin(280^\circ)]$$

In rectangular coordinates:  $= \frac{2}{3} (0.1736 - 0.9848i) = 0.12 - 0.66i$

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### Example

Rectangular form

divide  $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$

Where  $z_1 = 3\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}i = 6(\cos 45 + i \sin 45)$

$z_2 = 2\sqrt{3} + 2i = 4(\cos 30 + i \sin 30)$

Trig form

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### Example

Rectangular form

$$\frac{3\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}i}{2\sqrt{3} + 2i} = \frac{(3\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}i)(2\sqrt{3} - 2i)}{(2\sqrt{3} + 2i)(2\sqrt{3} - 2i)}$$

$$= \frac{6\sqrt{6} - 6\sqrt{2}i + 6\sqrt{6}i - 6\sqrt{2}i^2}{12 - 4i^2}$$

$$= \frac{6\sqrt{6} - 6\sqrt{2}i + 6\sqrt{6}i + 6\sqrt{2}}{12 + 4}$$

$$= \frac{(6\sqrt{6} + 6\sqrt{2})}{16} + \frac{(6\sqrt{6} - 6\sqrt{2})i}{16}$$

divide  $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$

Where  $z_1 = 3\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{2}i = 6(\cos 45 + i \sin 45)$

$z_2 = 2\sqrt{3} + 2i = 4(\cos 30 + i \sin 30)$

Trig form

$$\frac{6(\cos 45 + i \sin 45)}{4(\cos 30 + i \sin 30)} = \frac{6}{4} (\cos(45 - 30) + i \sin(45 - 30))$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} (\cos 15 + i \sin 15)$$

$$r = \sqrt{\left(\frac{6\sqrt{6} + 6\sqrt{2}}{16}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6\sqrt{6} - 6\sqrt{2}}{16}\right)^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{6\sqrt{6} - 6\sqrt{2}}{6\sqrt{6} + 6\sqrt{2}}\right) = 15$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{216 + 72\sqrt{12} + 72 + 216 - 72\sqrt{12} + 72}{256}} = \sqrt{\frac{576}{256}} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

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## DeMoivre's Theorem

Taking Complex Numbers to Higher Powers

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$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$z^2 = ??$$

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$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$z^2 = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$= r^2(\cos^2 \theta + 2i \cos \theta \sin \theta + i^2 \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$= r^2(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta + i2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)$$

$$= r^2(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)$$

$$\boxed{z^2 = r^2(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)}$$

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What about  $z^3$ ?

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$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta), \quad z^2 = r^2(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)$$
$$z^3 = z \cdot z^2 =$$

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$$r^3 (\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) =$$
$$r^3 (\cos 2\theta \cos \theta + i \cos 2\theta \sin \theta + i \sin 2\theta \cos \theta + i^2 \sin 2\theta \sin \theta) =$$
$$r^3 (\cos 2\theta \cos \theta - \sin 2\theta \sin \theta + i \cos 2\theta \sin \theta + i \sin 2\theta \cos \theta) =$$
$$r^3 [\cos 2\theta \cos \theta - \sin 2\theta \sin \theta + i(\sin 2\theta \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta \sin \theta)] =$$
$$r^3 [\cos(2\theta + \theta) + i(\sin(2\theta + \theta))] = r^3 (\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)$$
$$z^3 = r^3 (\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)$$

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We saw...

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We saw...

$$z^2 = r^2 (\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta) \text{ and}$$

$$z^3 = r^3 (\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)$$

Similarly...

$$z^4 = r^4 (\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta)$$

$$z^5 = r^5 (\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta)$$

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$$z^n = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$$

Hooray DeMoivre and his incredible theorem

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## Powers of Complex Numbers

<p>This is horrible in rectangular form.</p> $(a + bi)^n$ $(a + bi)(a + bi)(a + bi)\dots(a + bi)$ <p>The best way to expand one of these is using Pascal's triangle and binomial expansion.</p> <p>You'd need to use an i-chart to simplify.</p>	<p>It's much nicer in trig form. You just raise the r to the power and multiply theta by the exponent.</p> $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ $z^n = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$ <p><i>Example</i></p> $z = 5(\cos 20 + i \sin 20)$ $z^3 = 5^3 (\cos 3 \cdot 20 + i \sin 3 \cdot 20)$ $z^3 = 125(\cos 60 + i \sin 60)$
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## De Moivre's Theorem

- If  $r_1 = (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$  is a complex number, and if  $n$  is any real number, then

$$[r(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)]^n = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta).$$

- In compact form, this is written

$$[r \operatorname{cis} \theta]^n = r^n (\operatorname{cis} n\theta).$$

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Example: Find  $(-1 - i)^5$  and express the result in rectangular form.

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Example: Find  $(-1 - i)^5$  and express the result in rectangular form.

- First, find trigonometric notation for  $-1 - i$   
 $-1 - i = \sqrt{2}(\cos 225^\circ + i \sin 225^\circ)$

- Theorem  $(-1 - i)^5 = [\sqrt{2}(\cos 225^\circ + i \sin 225^\circ)]^5$   
 $= (\sqrt{2})^5 [\cos(5 \cdot 225^\circ) + i \sin(5 \cdot 225^\circ)]$   
 $= 4\sqrt{2}(\cos 1125^\circ + i \sin 1125^\circ)$   
 $= 4\sqrt{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$   
 $= 4 + 4i$

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## Example

- Let  $z = 1 - j$  Find  $z^{10}$

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## Example

**Example 8.3.2'** Let  $z = 1 - i$ . Find  $z^{10}$ .

**Solution:** First write  $z$  in polar form.

$$|z| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\arg(z) = -\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ (or } \frac{7\pi}{4}\text{)}$$

$$\text{Polar Form : } z = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right).$$

Applying de Moivre's Theorem gives :

$$\begin{aligned} z^{10} &= (\sqrt{2})^{10} \left( \cos\left(10 \times \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) + i \sin\left(10 \times \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) \right) \\ &= 2^5 \left( \cos\left(-\frac{10\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{10\pi}{4}\right) \right) \\ &= 32 \left( \cos\left(-\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) \right) \\ &= 32 \left( \cos\left(-\frac{5\pi}{2} + 2\pi\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{5\pi}{2} + 2\pi\right) \right) \\ &= 32 \left( \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) \\ &= 32(0 + i(-1)) \\ &= -32i \end{aligned}$$

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## Further Examples

In Exercises 35–44, use DeMoivre's Theorem to find the indicated powers of the given complex number. Express the result in standard form.

35.  $(1 + i)^4$

36.  $(2 + 2i)^6$

37.  $(-1 + i)^{10}$

38.  $(\sqrt{3} + i)^7$

39.  $(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^3$

40.  $\left[ 5 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{9} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{9} \right) \right]^3$

41.  $\left[ 3 \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6} \right) \right]^4$

42.  $\left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \right)^{10}$

43.  $\left[ 2 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]^8$

44.  $\left[ 5 \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) \right]^4$

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## $n$ th Roots

- For a positive integer  $n$ , the complex number  $a + bi$  is an  $n$ th root of the complex number  $x + yi$  if  $(a + bi)^n = x + yi$ .

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## $n$ th Root Theorem

- If  $n$  is any positive integer,  $r$  is a positive real number, and  $\theta$  is in degrees, then the nonzero complex number  $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  has exactly  $n$  distinct  $n$ th roots, given by
- where  $\sqrt[n]{r}(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)$  or  $\sqrt[n]{r} \operatorname{cis} \alpha$ ,

$$\alpha = \frac{\theta + 360^\circ \cdot k}{n} \text{ or } \alpha = -\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{360^\circ \cdot k}{n}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

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## Example: Square Roots

- Find the square roots of  $1 + (\sqrt{3})$

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### Example: Square Roots

- Find the square roots of  $1 + (\sqrt{3})i$

- Polar notation:  $1 + (\sqrt{3})i = 2(\cos 60 + i \sin 60)$

$$\begin{aligned} [2(\cos 60 + i \sin 60)]^{\frac{1}{2}} &= 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{60}{2} + k \cdot \frac{360}{2} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{60}{2} + k \cdot \frac{360}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \sqrt{2} [\cos(30 + k \cdot 180) + i \sin(30 + k \cdot 180)] \end{aligned}$$

- For  $k = 0$ , root is  $\sqrt{2}(\cos 30 + i \sin 30)$
- For  $k = 1$ , root is  $\sqrt{2}(\cos 210 + i \sin 210)$

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### Example: Fourth Root

- Find all fourth roots of  $-8 + 8i\sqrt{3}$ .

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### Example: Fourth Root

- Find all fourth roots of  $-8 + 8i\sqrt{3}$ . Write the roots in rectangular form.

- Write in polar form.  $-8 + 8i\sqrt{3} = 16 \text{ cis } 120^\circ$

- Here  $r = 16$  and  $\theta = 120^\circ$ . The fourth roots of this number have absolute value

$$\sqrt[4]{16} = 2.$$

$$\alpha = \frac{120^\circ}{4} + \frac{360^\circ \cdot k}{4} = 30^\circ + 90^\circ \cdot k$$

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### Example: Fourth Root continued

- There are four fourth roots, let  $k = 0, 1, 2$  and  $3$ .

$$k = 0 \quad \alpha = 30^\circ + 90^\circ \cdot 0 = 30^\circ$$

$$k = 1 \quad \alpha = 30^\circ + 90^\circ \cdot 1 = 120^\circ$$

$$k = 2 \quad \alpha = 30^\circ + 90^\circ \cdot 2 = 210^\circ$$

$$k = 3 \quad \alpha = 30^\circ + 90^\circ \cdot 3 = 300^\circ$$

- Using these angles, the fourth roots are

$$2 \operatorname{cis} 30^\circ, \quad 2 \operatorname{cis} 120^\circ, \quad 2 \operatorname{cis} 210^\circ, \quad 2 \operatorname{cis} 300^\circ$$

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### Example: Fourth Root continued

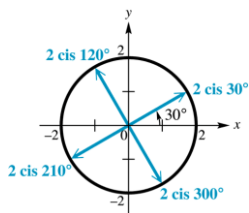
- Written in rectangular form

$$\sqrt{3} + i$$

$$-1 + i\sqrt{3}$$

$$-\sqrt{3} - i$$

$$1 - i\sqrt{3}$$



- The graphs of the roots are all on a circle that has center at the origin and radius 2.

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Find the complex fifth roots of  $-2\sqrt{3} + 2i$

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Find the complex fifth roots of  $-2\sqrt{3} + 2i$

$$-2\sqrt{3} + 2i = 4\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i\right) = 4(\cos 150^\circ + i \sin 150^\circ)$$

The five complex roots are:

$$z_k = \sqrt[5]{4} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{150^\circ}{5} + \frac{360^\circ k}{5}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{150^\circ}{5} + \frac{360^\circ k}{5}\right) \right]$$

$$z_k = \sqrt[5]{4} \left[ \cos(30^\circ + 72^\circ k) + i \sin(30^\circ + 72^\circ k) \right]$$

for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

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$$z_k = \sqrt[5]{4} \left[ \cos(30^\circ + 72^\circ k) + i \sin(30^\circ + 72^\circ k) \right]$$

$$k = 0, \quad z_0 = \sqrt[5]{4} \left[ \cos(30^\circ) + i \sin(30^\circ) \right]$$

$$k = 1, \quad z_1 = \sqrt[5]{4} \left[ \cos(102^\circ) + i \sin(102^\circ) \right]$$

$$k = 2, \quad z_2 = \sqrt[5]{4} \left[ \cos(174^\circ) + i \sin(174^\circ) \right]$$

$$k = 3, \quad z_3 = \sqrt[5]{4} \left[ \cos(246^\circ) + i \sin(246^\circ) \right]$$

$$k = 4, \quad z_4 = \sqrt[5]{4} \left[ \cos(318^\circ) + i \sin(318^\circ) \right]$$

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### Example

- Find all the complex fifth roots of 32

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$$32 + 0i$$

$$r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{32^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{32^2} = 32$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{0}{32} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} 0 = 0^\circ$$

$$32 [\cos(0^\circ) + i \sin(0^\circ)]$$

$$\sqrt[3]{32} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{0}{5} + \frac{360k}{5}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{0}{5} + \frac{360k}{5}\right) \right]$$
$$2 [\cos(72k) + i \sin(72k)]$$

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$$2 [\cos(72k) + i \sin(72k)]$$

$$k = 0 \quad 2 [\cos(0^\circ) + i \sin(0^\circ)] = 2(1 + 0i) = 2$$

$$k = 1 \quad 2 [\cos(72) + i \sin(72)] = .62 + 1.90i$$

$$k = 2 \quad 2 [\cos(144) + i \sin(144)] = -1.62 + 1.18i$$

$$k = 3 \quad 2 [\cos(216) + i \sin(216)] = -1.62 - 1.18i$$

$$k = 4 \quad 2 [\cos(288) + i \sin(288)] = .62 - 1.90i$$

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Example Find  $\sqrt[3]{i}$

You may assume it is the principle root you are seeking unless specifically stated otherwise.

First express  $i$  as a complex number in standard form.  $0 + i$

Then change to polar form  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad r = 1$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{a} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{1}{0} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{0} \quad \theta = 90^\circ$$

$$1 [\cos(90^\circ) + i \sin(90^\circ)]$$

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$$1[\cos(90^\circ) + i \sin(90^\circ)]$$

Since we are looking for the cube root, use DeMoivre's Theorem  $\frac{1}{3}$  and raise it to the power

$$1^{\frac{1}{3}} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{1}{3}90^\circ\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{1}{3}90^\circ\right) \right]$$

$$1 [\cos(30^\circ) + i \sin(30^\circ)]$$

$$1 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$$

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Example:

Find the 4<sup>th</sup> root of  $-2+i$

$$(-2+i)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Change to polar form  $\sqrt{5}[\cos(153.4) + i \sin(153.4)]$

Apply DeMoivre's Theorem

$$\sqrt{5}^{\frac{1}{4}} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)(153.4) + i \sin\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)(153.4) \right]$$

$$1.22[\cos(38.4) + i \sin(38.4)]$$

$$.96 + .76i$$

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