

### Trigonometric Form of a Complex Number

The **trigonometric form** of the complex number  $z = a + bi$  is

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

where  $a = r \cos \theta$ ,  $b = r \sin \theta$ ,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ , and  $\tan \theta = b/a$ . The number  $r$  is the **modulus** of  $z$ , and  $\theta$  is an **argument** of  $z$ .

Not "the" argument  
 $\theta + 2n\pi$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  would work.

$$z_1 = 2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) = 1 + \sqrt{3}i$$

$$z_2 = 4\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right) = -2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2}i$$

$$z_1 z_2 = (1 + \sqrt{3}i)(-2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2}i)$$

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

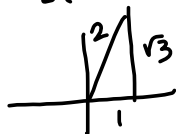
$$= -2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{6} + (2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{6})i$$

Im Rectangular Form

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

Trigonometric Form:

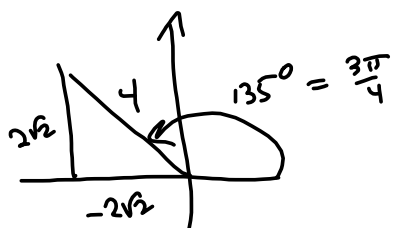
$$z_1 = 2(\cos 60^\circ + i \sin 60^\circ) = 2\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right)$$



$z_2$



$$\sqrt{(2\sqrt{2})^2 + (2\sqrt{2})^2} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{(2+2)} = \sqrt{4} = 4$$



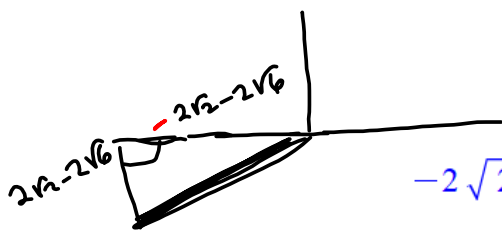
$$z_2 = 4 \left( \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \right)$$

Now, write  $z = z_1 z_2$  in trig form:

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

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

Something hinky:

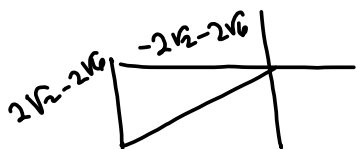


$$-2\sqrt{2} + 2i\sqrt{2} - 2i\sqrt{3}\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{2}$$

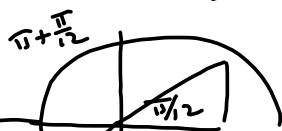
$$= -2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{6}$$

Length:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{(-2\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{6})^2 + (2\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{6})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 \cdot 2 + 2(2\sqrt{2})(2\sqrt{6}) + 4 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot 2 - 2(2\sqrt{2})(2\sqrt{6}) + 4 \cdot 6} \\ &= \sqrt{\underbrace{8 + 8\sqrt{12}} + \underbrace{24 + 8 - 8\sqrt{12} + 24}} = \sqrt{16 + 16} = \sqrt{32} = 8 = r! \end{aligned}$$

Now find  $\theta$ :

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{6}}{-2\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{6}} \rightarrow$$



$$\arctan(\tan \theta) = \arctan(\text{mess}) = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$\text{So our } \theta \text{ is } \pi + \frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{13\pi}{12}$$

$$z = z_1 z_2 = 8 \left( \cos\left(\frac{13\pi}{12}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{13\pi}{12}\right) \right)$$

$$r_1 = 2, r_2 = 4$$

$$r_1 r_2 = 8 = |z| = |z_1 z_2|$$

$$\frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{9\pi + 4\pi}{12} = \frac{13\pi}{12}$$

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 \left( \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \right)$$

This is the formula for multiplying two complex numbers in trigonometric form:

Multiply the moduli and add the angles (arguments)

**Product and Quotient of Two Complex Numbers**

Let  $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$  and  $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$  be complex numbers.

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \quad \text{Product}$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} [\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)], \quad z_2 \neq 0 \quad \text{Quotient}$$

**DeMoivre's Theorem for Powers:**

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

is an "obvious" consequence for how we multiply two complex numbers in trigonometric form.

Every number has 2 square roots:

$$x^2 = z \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{z}$$

Any polynomial of degree  $n$  has  $n$  complex roots

Any power function of degree  $n$  has  $n$  complex  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots

$$x^3 = 8$$

$$\sqrt[3]{x} = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2, \text{ so}$$

$$x^3 - 8 = (x - 2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -8 \\ & & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{array} \text{ sweet!}$$

$$(x-2)(x^2+2x+4)$$

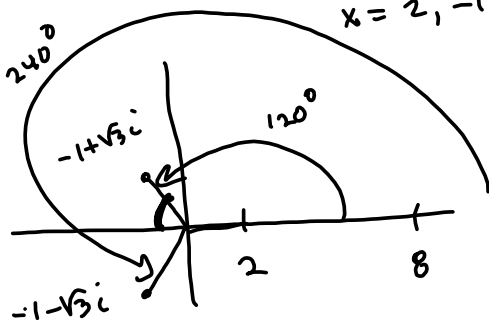
$$b^2 - 4ac = 2^2 - 4(1)(4) = -12$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}i}{2(1)} = -1 \pm \sqrt{3}i$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 8 = (x-2)(x - (-1 + \sqrt{3}i))(x - (-1 - \sqrt{3}i))$$

So  $x^3 = 8$ , when  
 $x = 2, -1 \pm \sqrt{3}i$



$$2(\cos(0) + i\sin(0))$$

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

$$2(\cos(\frac{4\pi}{3}) + i\sin(\frac{4\pi}{3}))$$

They're all  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  apart.

Their lengths are all  $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$



4<sup>th</sup> roots  
Separated by angle of  $\frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$x^4 = 16$$

$$2(\cos(0) + i \sin(0))$$

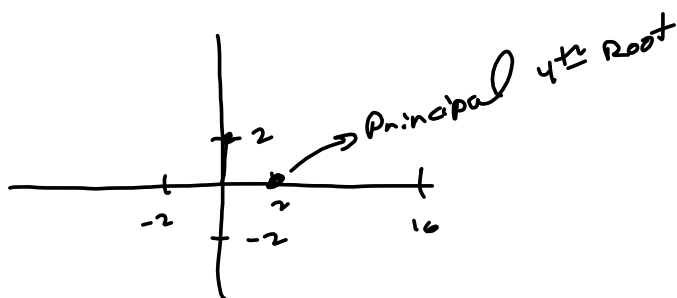
$$2(\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$2(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)$$

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

$$2(\cos(2\pi) + i \sin(2\pi))$$

Same



This works for ANY Complex #s  $n$ th roots.

Find all the 5<sup>th</sup> roots of  $z = 32(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4})$

$$\sqrt[5]{z} = 32^{\frac{1}{5}} (\cos \frac{\pi}{20} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{20}) \quad \text{Divide } \theta \text{ by } 5$$

$$= 2(\cos(\frac{\pi}{20}) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{20}))$$

To get the rest, just add the increment

$$\frac{2\pi}{5} = \frac{2\pi}{n}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{20} + \frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{\pi}{20} + \frac{8\pi}{20} + \frac{28\pi}{20} = \frac{4\pi}{5}$$

What?!

~~$$\frac{28\pi}{20} + \frac{8\pi}{20} = \frac{36\pi}{20} = \frac{9\pi}{5}$$

$$\frac{36\pi}{20} + \frac{8\pi}{20} = \frac{44\pi}{20} = \frac{11\pi}{5}$$

$$\frac{44\pi}{20} + \frac{8\pi}{20} = \frac{52\pi}{20} = \frac{13\pi}{5}$$

$$\frac{52\pi}{20} + \frac{8\pi}{20} = \frac{60\pi}{20} = 3\pi$$~~

$$2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{20}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{20}\right) \right) \quad k=0$$

$$\frac{\pi}{20} + \frac{2\pi}{5} \cdot \frac{4}{4} = \frac{9\pi}{20}$$

$$2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{20}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{9\pi}{20}\right) \right) \quad k=1$$

$$\frac{9\pi + 8\pi}{20} = \frac{17\pi}{20}$$

$$2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{17\pi}{20}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{17\pi}{20}\right) \right) \quad k=2$$

$$\frac{(17+8)\pi}{20} = \frac{25\pi}{20}, \dots$$

$$k=3 \quad 2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{25\pi}{20}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{25\pi}{20}\right) \right) = 2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) \right)$$

$$k=4 \quad 2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{33\pi}{20}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{33\pi}{20}\right) \right)$$

$$k=5 \quad 2 \left( \cos\left(\frac{41\pi}{20}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{41\pi}{20}\right) \right) \quad \text{You've gone too far!}$$

"mod out"  
the  $2\pi$  &  
you're back  
 $\sqrt[5]{x}$

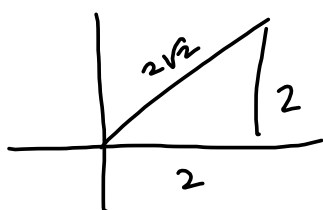
$$\frac{41\pi}{20} = \frac{40\pi}{20} + \frac{1\pi}{20} = 2\pi + \frac{\pi}{20}, \quad \cancel{\pi}$$

we've come full circle!

$x^5 = \text{Any thing}$  has 5 solutions &  
we can generate them!



$$(2+2i)^6 = z = 2\sqrt{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right)$$



$$z^6 = (2\sqrt{2})^6 \left( \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \right)$$

$$\frac{6\pi}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$= 2^6 \left( 2^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^6 \left( \cos \dots \right)$$

$$= 2^5 \left( \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \right)$$

$$= 32 \left( \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \right)$$

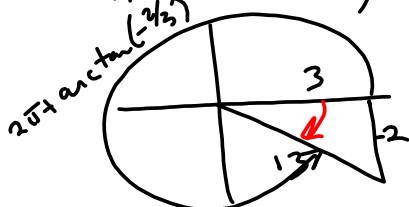
$$\sqrt{2^2+2^2} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 2^2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$(2\sqrt{2})^6 = (2 \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{2}})^6 = (2^{\frac{3}{2}})^6 = 2^9$$

$$(3-2i)^6 ?$$

Angle is ugly



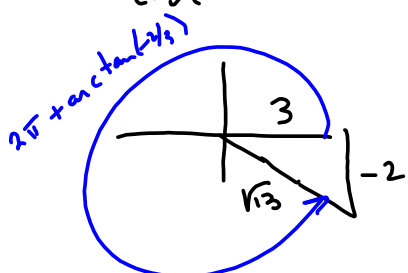
$$\sqrt{9+4} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$z = \sqrt{13} \left( \cos \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) + 2\pi \right) + i \sin \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) + 2\pi \right) \right)$$

$$z^6 = \left( \sqrt{13} \right)^6 \left( \cos \left( 6 \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) + 2\pi \right) \right) + i \sin \left( 6 \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) + 2\pi \right) \right) \right)$$

$13^3$

$$\cos \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) \right) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}$$



$$\sin \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) \right) = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}$$

$$\left( \sqrt{13} \right)^6 \left( \cos \left( 6 \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) \right) \right) + i \sin \left( 6 \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

$$13^3 = 2197$$

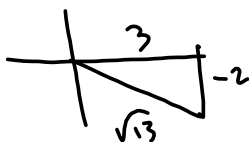
$$\cos \left( 6 \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) \right) \right)$$

$$= \cos(6) \cos \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) \right)$$

$$+ i \sin(6) \sin \left( \arctan \left( -\frac{2}{3} \right) \right)$$

$$= \cos(6) \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} + i \sin(6) \left( -\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2169 \\ 13 \\ \hline 507 \\ 1690 \\ \hline 2197 \end{array}$$



One last try:

$$z^6 = (3-2i)^6$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{13}$$

$$\arg(z) = \arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$z^6 = 13^3 \left( \cos\left(6 \arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) + i \sin\left(6 \arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \right)$$

$$= 13^3 \left( \cos(6) \cos\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) - \sin(6) \sin\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \right. \\ \left. + i \left( \sin(6) \cos\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) + \sin\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \cos(6) \right) \right)$$



$$= 13^3 \left( \cos(6) \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} - \sin(6) \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}\right) \right)$$

$$+ i \left( \sin(6) \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} + \cos(6) \cdot \left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}\right) \right)$$

Holy Moley!

There's a "Watch It" video accompanying this exercise.

He skips right over the hard part. What a jerk!

$$z^6 = 13^3 \left( \cos\left(6 \arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) + i \sin\left(6 \arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \right)$$

$$= 13^3 \left( \cos\left(6 \cdot \arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) + i \sin\left(6 \arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \right)$$

$$= 13^3 \left( \cos(uv) + i \sin(uv) \right)$$

$$= 13^3 \left( \cos u \cos v - \sin u \sin v + i \left( \sin u \cos v + \sin v \cos u \right) \right)$$

$$= 13^3 \left( \cos(6) \cos\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) - \sin(6) \sin\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \right. \\ \left. + i \left( \sin(6) \cos\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) + \sin\left(\arctan\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right) \cos(6) \right) \right)$$

$$= 13^3 \left( \cos(6) \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} - \sin(6) \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}} + i \left( \sin(6) \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} + \cos(6) \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}} \right) \right)$$

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13^3(cos(6*tan^-1(-2/3))+i*sin(6*tan^-1(-2/3)))
-2035+828i
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So I can get it, but it's all black box, using calculator to simplify that ungodly mess.