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1.1) Exponential form of complex numbers

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Worked example

Express in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where
 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$:

$$3 - 2i$$

$$1$$

$$-i$$

Your turn

Express in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where
 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$:

$$2 - 3i$$

$$\sqrt{13}e^{-0.983i}$$

$$-1$$

$$e^{i\pi}$$

$$i$$

$$e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}}$$

Worked example

Express in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where
 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$:

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

$$\sqrt{13}(\cos(0.983) + i \sin(0.983))$$

$$\cos \pi + i \sin \pi$$

Your turn

Express in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where
 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$:

$$\sqrt{3} \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{8} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{8} \right)$$

$$\sqrt{3}e^{\frac{\pi i}{8}}$$

$$\sqrt{13}(\cos(-0.983) + i \sin(-0.983))$$

$$\sqrt{13}e^{-0.983i}$$

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

$$e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}}$$

Worked example

Express in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where
 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$:

$$\sqrt{2} \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{5} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{5} \right)$$

$$\sqrt{3} \left(\cos \left(-\frac{\pi}{7} \right) - i \sin \left(-\frac{\pi}{7} \right) \right)$$

Your turn

Express in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where
 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$:

$$\sqrt{5} \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$\sqrt{5} e^{-\frac{\pi i}{3}}$$

Worked example

Express in the form $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}}$$

$$e^{-\frac{i\pi}{2}}$$

Your turn

Express in the form $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\sqrt{2}e^{-\frac{3\pi i}{4}}$$

$$z = -1 - i$$

$$e^{i(0)}$$

$$z = 1$$

Worked example

Express in the form
 $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, where
 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$:

$$2e^{\frac{23\pi i}{5}}$$

$$3e^{\frac{-25\pi i}{8}}$$

Your turn

Express in the form
 $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, where
 $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$:

$$4e^{\frac{33\pi i}{7}}$$

$$4\left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{7} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{7}\right)$$

Worked example

Use $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ to show that $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})$

Your turn

Use $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ to show that $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-i\theta} &= \cos(-\theta) + i \sin(-\theta) \\ &= \cos \theta - i \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta} = 2i \sin \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$$

1.2) Multiplying and dividing complex numbers

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Worked example

$$2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \times 5 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

Your turn

$$3 \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{12} \right) \times 4 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$$

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Worked example

$$2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \times 5 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

Your turn

$$3 \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{12} \right) \times 4 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{12} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$$

$$6 + 6i\sqrt{3}$$

Worked example

$$\frac{2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)}{5 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)}$$

Your turn

$$\frac{3 \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{12} \right)}{4 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{12} \right)}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}i$$

Worked example

Express in the form $x + iy$

$$3e^{\frac{\pi i}{12}} \times \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}}$$

$$5e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}} \times \sqrt{7}e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}}$$

Your turn

Express in the form $x + iy$

$$2e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}} \times \sqrt{3}e^{\frac{\pi i}{3}}$$

$$2i\sqrt{3}$$

Worked example

Express in the form $x + iy$

$$\frac{3e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}}}{6e^{\frac{\pi i}{12}}}$$

$$\frac{5e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}}}{\sqrt{7}e^{-\frac{\pi i}{2}}}$$

Your turn

Express in the form $x + iy$

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}e^{-\frac{\pi i}{4}}}{7e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}}}$$

$$-\frac{\sqrt{10}}{14} - \frac{\sqrt{10}}{14}i$$

Worked example

$$z = 1 - i$$

Find

(a) $|z|$

(b) $\arg(z)$ in terms of π

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

Find

(c) $\left| \frac{w}{z} \right|$

(d) $\arg \left| \frac{w}{z} \right|$

Your turn

$$z = 5\sqrt{3} - 5i$$

Find

(a) $|z|$

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(b) $\arg(z)$ in terms of π

 $-\frac{\pi}{6}$

$$w = 2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

Find

(c) $\left| \frac{w}{z} \right|$

 $\frac{1}{5}$

(d) $\arg \left| \frac{w}{z} \right|$

 $\frac{5\pi}{12}$

Worked example

$$z = 3 + 3i$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(zw) = 0$$

$$|zw| = 2|z|$$

Use geometrical reasoning to find the two possibilities for w , giving your answers in exponential form

Your turn

$$z = 2 + 2i$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(zw) = 0$$

$$|zw| = 3|z|$$

Use geometrical reasoning to find the two possibilities for w , giving your answers in exponential form

$$w_1 = 3e^{-\frac{\pi i}{4}}, w_2 = 3e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}}$$

1.3) de Moivre's theorem

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Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to express in the form $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^5$$

$$(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)^3$$

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to express in the form $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^7$$

$$\cos 7\theta + i \sin 7\theta$$

$$(\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)^5$$

$$\cos 15\theta + i \sin 15\theta$$

Worked example

Express in the form $e^{ni\theta}$

$$\frac{(\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta)^3}{(\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)^7}$$

$$\frac{(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)^5}{(\cos 7\theta - i \sin 7\theta)^3}$$

Your turn

Express in the form $e^{ni\theta}$

$$\frac{(\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)^7}{(\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta)^4}$$

$$e^{i\theta}$$

Worked example

Your turn

Simplify

$$\frac{\left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{11} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{11}\right)^2}{\left(\cos \frac{2\pi}{11} - i \sin \frac{2\pi}{11}\right)^{19}}$$

Simplify

$$\frac{\left(\cos \frac{9\pi}{17} + i \sin \frac{9\pi}{17}\right)^5}{\left(\cos \frac{2\pi}{17} - i \sin \frac{2\pi}{17}\right)^3}$$

-1

Worked example

Express in the form $x + iy$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^6$$

Your turn

Express in the form $x + iy$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(1 + \sqrt{3}i)^7$$

$$64 + 64\sqrt{3}i$$

Worked example

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

Giving your answer in the form $a + ib$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, find the exact value of:

$$w^6$$

Your turn

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

Giving your answer in the form $a + ib$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, find the exact value of:

$$z^4$$
$$-\frac{25}{2} + \frac{25\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

Worked example

$$w = -2 - 2\sqrt{3}i$$

Using de Moivre's Theorem, find

$$w^5$$

$$w^4$$

Your turn

$$z = -8 + 8\sqrt{3}i$$

Using de Moivre's Theorem, find

$$z^3$$

$$4096$$

Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that $(a + bi)^n - (a - bi)^n$ is imaginary for all integers n

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that $(a + bi)^n + (a - bi)^n$ is real for all integers n

$$\begin{aligned} & (a + bi)^n + (a - bi)^n \\ &= (re^{i\theta})^n - (re^{-i\theta})^n \\ &= re^{in\theta} - re^{-in\theta} \\ &= r^n(e^{in\theta} - e^{-in\theta}) \\ &= r^n(\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta - (\cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta)) \\ &= r^n(2i \sin n\theta) \\ &= 2r^n \sin n\theta (i) \end{aligned}$$

Worked example

Using Euler's relation, prove that if n is a positive integer,
 $(r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta))^n = r^n(\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$

Your turn

Using Euler's relation, prove that if n is a positive integer,
 $(r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta))^{-n} = r^{-n}(\cos(-n\theta) + i \sin(-n\theta))$

$$\begin{aligned} & (r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta))^{-n} \\ &= (re^{i\theta})^{-n} \\ &= r^{-n}e^{-in\theta} \\ &= r^{-n}(\cos(-n\theta) + i \sin(-n\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

Worked example

Without using Euler's relation, prove that if n is a positive integer,

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

Your turn

Without using Euler's relation, prove that if n is a positive integer,

$$(r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta))^{-n} = r^{-n}(\cos(-n\theta) + i \sin(-n\theta))$$

$$(r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta))^{-n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta))^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^n(\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^n(\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)} \times \frac{\cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta}{\cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta}{r^n(\cos^2 n\theta - i^2 \sin^2 n\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{\cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta}{r^n(\cos^2 n\theta + \sin^2 n\theta)}$$

$$= r^{-n}(\cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta)$$

$$= r^{-n}(\cos(-n\theta) + i \sin(-n\theta))$$

1.4) Trigonometric identities

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Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos 6\theta = 32 \cos^6 \theta - 48 \cos^4 \theta + 18 \cos^2 \theta - 1$$

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos 5\theta = 16 \cos^5 \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta$$

Shown

Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sin 5\theta = 16 \sin^5 \theta - 20 \sin^3 \theta + 5 \sin \theta$$

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sin 4\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta$$

Shown

Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos^6 \theta = \frac{1}{32} \cos 6\theta + \frac{3}{16} \cos 4\theta + \frac{15}{32} \cos 2\theta + \frac{5}{16}$$

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos^5 \theta = \frac{1}{16} \cos 5\theta + \frac{5}{16} \cos 3\theta + \frac{5}{8} \cos \theta$$

Shown

Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sin^5 \theta = \frac{1}{16} \sin 5\theta - \frac{5}{16} \sin 3\theta + \frac{5}{8} \sin \theta$$

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sin^4 \theta = \frac{1}{8} \cos 4\theta - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{3}{8}$$

Shown

Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sin^5 \theta = \frac{1}{16} \sin 5\theta - \frac{5}{16} \sin 3\theta + \frac{5}{8} \sin \theta$$

Hence find the exact value of

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^5 \theta$$

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sin^4 \theta = \frac{1}{8} \cos 4\theta - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\theta + \frac{3}{8}$$

Hence find the exact value of

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^4 \theta$$

$$\frac{3\pi}{16}$$

Worked example

Show that

$$32 \cos^2 \theta \sin^4 \theta = \cos 6\theta - 2 \cos 4\theta - \cos 2\theta + 2$$

Your turn

Show that

$$32 \sin^2 \theta \cos^4 \theta = -\cos 6\theta - 2 \cos 4\theta + \cos 2\theta + 2$$

Shown

Worked example

Show that

$$32 \cos^2 \theta \sin^4 \theta = \cos 6\theta - 2 \cos 4\theta - \cos 2\theta + 2$$

Hence, find the exact value of

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \cos^2 \theta \sin^4 \theta$$

Your turn

Show that

$$32 \sin^2 \theta \cos^4 \theta = -\cos 6\theta - 2 \cos 4\theta + \cos 2\theta + 2$$

Hence, find the exact value of

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin^2 \theta \cos^4 \theta$$

$$\frac{\pi}{64} + \frac{1}{48}$$

Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos 5\theta = 16 \cos^5 \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta$$

Hence find the distinct solutions of the equation

$16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x - \frac{1}{2} = 0$, giving your answers to 3 decimal places where necessary.

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos 6\theta = 32 \cos^6 \theta - 48 \cos^4 \theta + 18 \cos^2 \theta - 1$$

Hence find the six distinct solutions of the

equation $32x^6 - 48x^4 + 18x^2 - \frac{3}{2} = 0$, giving your answers to 3 decimal places where necessary.

$$x = \pm 0.342, \pm 0.643, \pm 0.985$$

Worked example

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos 5\theta = \cos \theta (16 \cos^4 \theta - 20 \cos^2 \theta + 5)$$

Hence solve for $0 \leq \theta < \pi$

$$\cos 5\theta - \cos \theta \cos 2\theta = 0$$

Your turn

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sin 5\theta = \sin \theta (16 \cos^4 \theta - 12 \cos^2 \theta + 1)$$

Hence solve for $0 \leq \theta < \pi$

$$\sin 5\theta + \cos \theta \sin 2\theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, 1.209 \text{ (3 dp)} \text{ and } 1.932 \text{ (3 dp)}$$

1.5) Sums of series

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Worked example

$$\frac{5}{e^{2i\theta} - 1}$$

$$\frac{2e^{i\theta}}{e^{6i\theta} - 1}$$

$$\frac{7}{\frac{i\theta}{e^{\frac{i\theta}{5}} - 1}}$$

Your turn

$$\frac{3e^{i\theta}}{e^{4i\theta} - 1}$$

$$\frac{3e^{-i\theta}}{2i \sin 2\theta}$$

$$\frac{11}{\frac{i\theta}{e^{\frac{i\theta}{3}} - 1}}$$

$$\frac{11e^{-\frac{i\theta}{6}}}{2i \sin \frac{\theta}{6}}$$

Worked example

$S = e^{i\theta} + e^{2i\theta} + e^{3i\theta} + \dots + e^{6i\theta}$, for $\theta \neq 2n\pi$,
where n is an integer.

a) Show that $S = \frac{e^{\frac{7i\theta}{2}} \sin 3\theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$

Your turn

$S = e^{i\theta} + e^{2i\theta} + e^{3i\theta} + \dots + e^{8i\theta}$, for $\theta \neq 2n\pi$,
where n is an integer.

a) Show that $S = \frac{e^{\frac{9i\theta}{2}} \sin 4\theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$

Shown

Worked example

$S = e^{i\theta} + e^{2i\theta} + e^{3i\theta} + \dots + e^{6i\theta}$, for $\theta \neq 2n\pi$,
where n is an integer.

a) Show that $S = \frac{e^{\frac{7i\theta}{2}} \sin 3\theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$

Let $P = \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta + \dots + \cos 6\theta$ and
 $Q = \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \dots + \sin 6\theta$

(b) Use your answer to part a to show that
 $P = \cos \frac{7\theta}{2} \sin 3\theta \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\theta}{2}$ and find similar
expressions for Q and $\frac{Q}{P}$

Your turn

$S = e^{i\theta} + e^{2i\theta} + e^{3i\theta} + \dots + e^{8i\theta}$, for $\theta \neq 2n\pi$,
where n is an integer.

a) Show that $S = \frac{e^{\frac{9i\theta}{2}} \sin 4\theta}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}$

Let $P = \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta + \dots + \cos 8\theta$ and
 $Q = \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \dots + \sin 8\theta$

(b) Use your answer to part a to show that
 $P = \cos \frac{9\theta}{2} \sin 4\theta \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\theta}{2}$ and find similar
expressions for Q and $\frac{Q}{P}$

Shown

$$Q = \sin \frac{9\theta}{2} \sin 4\theta \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\theta}{2}$$
$$\frac{Q}{P} = \tan \frac{9\theta}{2}$$

Worked example

The convergent infinite series C and S are defined as

$$C = 1 + \frac{1}{5} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{25} \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{125} \cos 3\theta + \dots$$

$$S = \frac{1}{5} \sin \theta + \frac{1}{25} \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{125} \sin 3\theta + \dots$$

- Find an expression for $C + iS$
- Hence find an expression for C and S

Your turn

The convergent infinite series C and S are defined as

$$C = 1 + \frac{1}{3} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{9} \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{27} \cos 3\theta + \dots$$

$$S = \frac{1}{3} \sin \theta + \frac{1}{9} \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{27} \sin 3\theta + \dots$$

- Find an expression for $C + iS$
- Hence find an expression for C and S

$$\text{a) } C + iS = \frac{3}{3 - e^{i\theta}}$$

$$\text{b) } C = \frac{9 - 3 \cos \theta}{10 - 6 \cos \theta}$$

$$S = \frac{3 \sin \theta}{10 - 6 \cos \theta}$$

Worked example

The convergent infinite series C and S are defined as

$$C = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{9} \cos 2\theta - \frac{1}{27} \cos 3\theta + \dots$$

$$S = \frac{1}{3} \sin \theta - \frac{1}{9} \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{27} \sin 3\theta + \dots$$

By considering $C - iS$, show that $C = \frac{9+3 \cos \theta}{10+6 \cos \theta}$ and write down the corresponding expression for S

Your turn

The convergent infinite series C and S are defined as

$$C = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2\theta - \frac{1}{8} \cos 3\theta + \dots$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta - \frac{1}{4} \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{8} \sin 3\theta + \dots$$

By considering $C - iS$, show that $C = \frac{4+2 \cos \theta}{5+4 \cos \theta}$ and write down the corresponding expression for S

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$$S = \frac{2 \sin \theta}{5 + 4 \cos \theta}$$

1.6) nth roots of a complex number

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Worked example

Solve

$$z^8 = 1$$

Express the roots in the form $x + iy$,
where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

Your turn

Solve

$$z^4 = 1$$

Express the roots in the form $x + iy$,
where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$z_1 = 1$$

$$z_2 = i$$

$$z_3 = -1$$

$$z_4 = -i$$

Worked example

Solve

$$z^7 - 1 = 0$$

Express the roots in the form $x + iy$,
where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

Your turn

Solve

$$z^5 - 1 = 0$$

Express the roots in the form $x + iy$,
where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$z_1 = 1$$

$$z_2 = 0.309 + 0.951i$$

$$z_3 = -0.809 + 0.588i$$

$$z_4 = -0.809 - 0.588i$$

$$z_5 = 0.309 - 0.951i$$

Worked example

$$\text{Solve } z^3 = -1$$

Express the roots in the form
 $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

Your turn

$$\text{Solve } z^3 = 1$$

Express the roots in the form
 $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$z_1 = 1$$

$$z_2 = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$z_3 = -\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Worked example

Find the cubic roots of unity, and the value of their sum.

Your turn

Find the quintic roots of unity, and the value of their sum.

$$1, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}}, e^{\frac{4\pi i}{5}}, e^{\frac{-4\pi i}{5}}, e^{\frac{-2\pi i}{5}}$$

$$z^5 - 1 = 0$$

$$(z - 1)(z^4 + z^3 + z^2 + z + 1) = 0$$

$$z = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}}, \text{ so } z - 1 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore z^4 + z^3 + z^2 + z + 1 = 0$$

Worked example

Solve $z^3 = -1$

Express the roots in the form

$x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

Represent your solutions on an Argand diagram

Your turn

Solve $z^3 = 1$

Express the roots in the form

$x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

Represent your solutions on an Argand diagram

Worked example

$$\text{Solve } z^4 = -2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$$

Express the roots in the form

$r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, where $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$

Your turn

$$\text{Solve } z^4 = 2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$$

Express the roots in the form

$r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, where $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$

$$z_1 = \sqrt{2} \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$$

$$z_2 = \sqrt{2} \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{12} \right)$$

$$z_3 = \sqrt{2} \left(\cos \left(-\frac{5\pi}{12} \right) + i \sin \left(-\frac{5\pi}{12} \right) \right)$$

$$z_4 = \sqrt{2} \left(\cos \left(-\frac{11\pi}{12} \right) + i \sin \left(-\frac{11\pi}{12} \right) \right)$$

Worked example

$$\text{Solve } z^3 + 32\sqrt{2} + 32i\sqrt{2} = 0$$

Express the roots in the form

$re^{i\theta}$, where $r > 0$ and $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$

Your turn

$$\text{Solve } z^3 + 4\sqrt{2} + 4i\sqrt{2} = 0$$

Express the roots in the form

$re^{i\theta}$, where $r > 0$ and $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$

$$z_1 = 2e^{-\frac{\pi i}{4}}$$

$$z_2 = 2e^{\frac{5\pi i}{12}}$$

$$z_3 = 2e^{-\frac{11\pi i}{12}}$$

Worked example

Find the three roots of the equation

$$(z - 1)^3 = -1$$

Plot the points representing these three roots on an Argand diagram.

Given that these three points lie on a circle, find its centre and radius

Your turn

Find the three roots of the equation

$$(z + 1)^3 = -1$$

Plot the points representing these three roots on an Argand diagram.

Given that these three points lie on a circle, find its centre and radius

Centre (1,0) ; Radius 1

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Worked example

The point $P(\sqrt{3}, -1)$ lies at one vertex of an equilateral triangle. The centre of the triangle is at the origin.

- (a) Find the coordinates of the other vertices of the triangle.
- (b) Find the area of the triangle.

Your turn

The point $P(\sqrt{3}, 1)$ lies at one vertex of an equilateral triangle. The centre of the triangle is at the origin.

- (a) Find the coordinates of the other vertices of the triangle.
- (b) Find the area of the triangle.

a) $(-\sqrt{3}, 1)$ and $(0, -2)$

b) $3\sqrt{3}$

Worked example

The point $P(1, -\sqrt{3})$ lies at one vertex of a regular pentagon. The centre of the polygon is at the origin.

Find the coordinates of the other vertices.

Your turn

The point $P(-1, \sqrt{3})$ lies at one vertex of a regular pentagon. The centre of the polygon is at the origin.

Find the coordinates of the other vertices.

Round your answers to 2 decimal places.

$(-1.96, 0.42)$

$(-0.21, -1.99)$

$(1.83, -0.81)$

$(1.34, 1.49)$