

1.3) de Moivre's theorem

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

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

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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,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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