

# Multiplying and Dividing Complex Numbers

Find the modulus and argument of  $1 + i$  and  $1 + i\sqrt{3}$ .

When you multiply these complex numbers together, do you notice anything about the modulus and argument of the result?

	$1 + i$	$1 + i\sqrt{3}$	$(1 + i)(1 + i\sqrt{3})$
$r$			=
$\theta$			

**Observation:** The moduli have been multiplied, and the arguments have been added!

## Proof (not assessed):

Recall from Pure Year 2 that:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(a + b) &= \sin a \cos b + \cos a \sin b \\ &= \cos a \cos b - \sin a \sin b\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 z_2 &= r_1 r_2 [(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) + \\ &\quad i(\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_1)] \\ &= r_1 r_2 [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)]\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } |z_1 z_2| = r_1 r_2 = |z_1| |z_2|$$

$$\text{and } \arg(z_1 z_2) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2)$$

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Find the modulus and argument of  $z_1 z_2$  where  $z_1 = 2 + 3i$  and  $z_2 = 1 + \sqrt{2}i$

Find the product of  $z_1 = 5(\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $z_2 = 4(\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3})$

Express the following in the form  $x + iy$

$$z_1 = 4(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6})$$

$$z_2 = 7(\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3})$$

Remember:  $\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$  and  $\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$

[Textbook] Express  $\frac{\sqrt{2}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{12}+i \sin\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}{2\left(\cos\frac{5\pi}{6}+i \sin\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)}$  in the form  $x + iy$