

Complex Numbers in Polar Form; DeMoivre's Theorem (6.5)

Polar Form of a Complex Number

The complex number $z = a + bi$ is written in polar form as

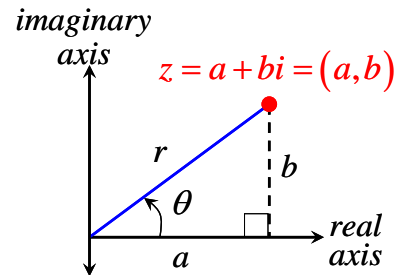
$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$a = r \cos \theta$$

$$b = r \sin \theta$$

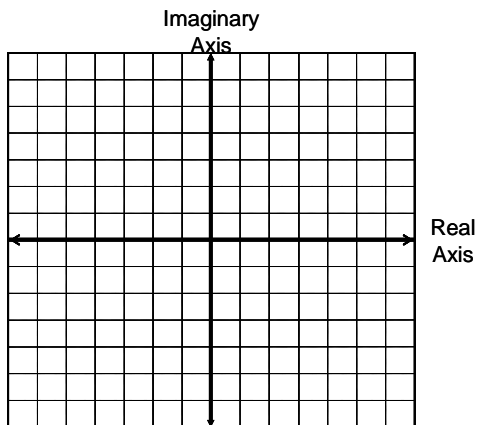
$$r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{a}$$



r is called the modulus and θ is called the argument

Writing a Complex Number in Polar Form: Plot each complex number. Then write the complex number in polar form. You may express the argument in degrees or radians.



1. $z = 2 - 2i$

2. $z = -2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$

Writing a Complex Number in Rectangular Form: Write each complex number in rectangular form. If necessary, round to the nearest tenth.

3. $z = 10(\cos 210^\circ + i \sin 210^\circ)$

4. $z = 4\left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$

Product of Two Complex Numbers in Polar Form

Given $z_1 = r_1 \cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1$ and $z_2 = r_2 \cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2$

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)]$$

Quotient of Two Complex Numbers in Polar Form

Given $z_1 = r_1 \cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1$ and $z_2 = r_2 \cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} [\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)]$$

Finding Products and Quotients of Complex Numbers in Polar Form: Find the product and quotient of the complex numbers. Leave answers in polar form.

5. $z_1 = 4(\cos 15^\circ + i \sin 15^\circ)$
 $z_2 = 7(\cos 25^\circ + i \sin 25^\circ)$

6. $z_1 = 5\left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{18} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{18}\right)$
 $z_2 = 10\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{16} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{16}\right)$

DeMoivre's Theorem

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

DeMoivre's Theorem for Finding Complex Roots

$$z_k = \sqrt[n]{r} \left[\cos \left(\frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n} \right) \right] \text{ or}$$
$$z_k = \sqrt[n]{r} \left[\cos \left(\frac{\theta + 360^\circ k}{n} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{\theta + 360^\circ k}{n} \right) \right]$$

where $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

Finding the Power of a Complex Number:

Find the indicated power of the complex number. Write the answer in rectangular form.

7. $[2(\cos 40^\circ + i \sin 40^\circ)]^3$

Finding the Roots of a Complex Number:

Find all the complex roots. Write the roots in rectangular form.

8. The complex third roots of $8(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)$