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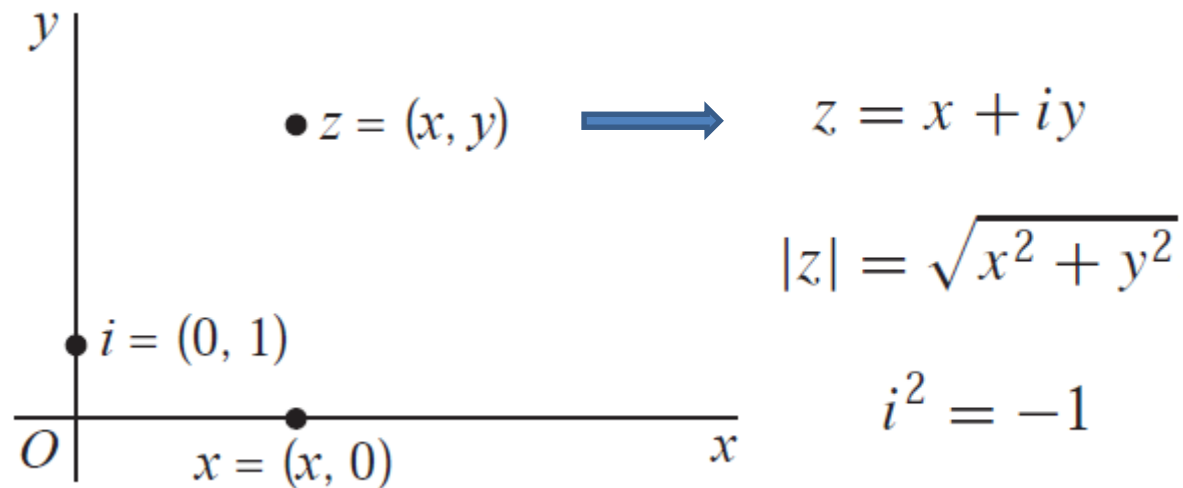


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It is customary to denote a complex number (x, y) by z

$$z = (x, y)$$

$$x = \operatorname{Re} z, y = \operatorname{Im} z$$

The *sum* $z_1 + z_2$ and *product* $z_1 z_2$ of two complex numbers

$$z_1 = (x_1, y_1) \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = (x_2, y_2)$$

$$(x_1 + iy_1) + (x_2 + iy_2) = (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2),$$

$$(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + i(y_1 x_2 + x_1 y_2)$$

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2),$$

$$(x_1, y_1)(x_2, y_2) = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2, y_1 x_2 + x_1 y_2).$$

$$(x_1, 0) + (x_2, 0) = (x_1 + x_2, 0),$$

$$(x_1, 0)(x_2, 0) = (x_1 x_2, 0).$$

$$z_1 + z_2 = z_2 + z_1, \quad z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1 \quad \text{commutative laws}$$

$$(z_1 + z_2) + z_3 = z_1 + (z_2 + z_3), \quad (z_1 z_2) z_3 = z_1 (z_2 z_3)$$

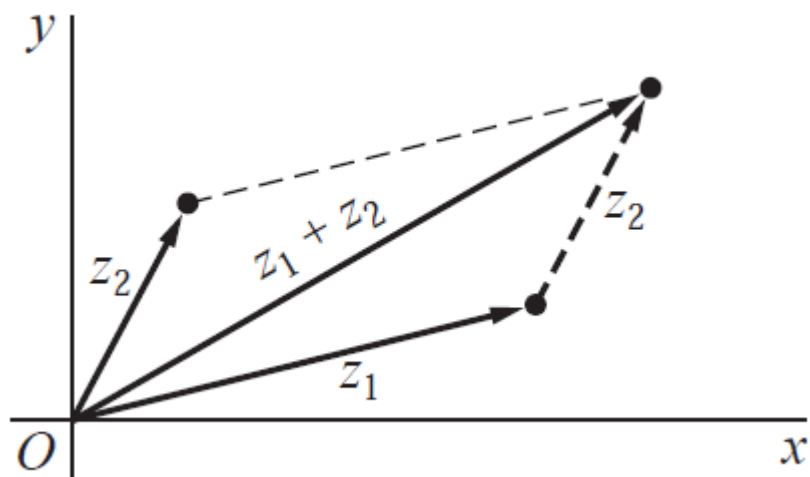
associative laws



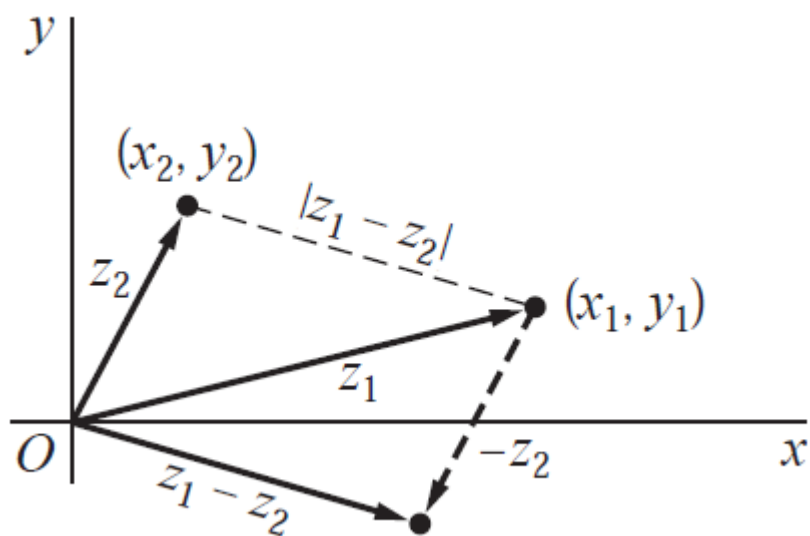
$$z^{-1} = \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) \quad (z \neq 0)$$

The inverse z^{-1} is not defined when $z = 0$.

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 - iy_2)}{(x_2 + iy_2)(x_2 - iy_2)}$$



$$z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$$



$$z_1 - z_2 = (x_1 - x_2) + i(y_1 - y_2)$$

$$z = x + iy$$

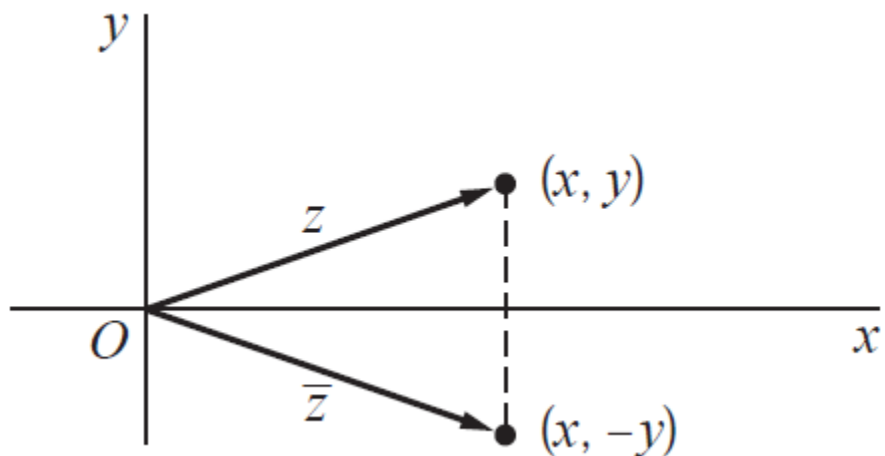
$$\operatorname{Re} z = x, \quad \operatorname{Im} z = y$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$|z|^2 = (\operatorname{Re} z)^2 + (\operatorname{Im} z)^2$$

$$\operatorname{Re} z \leq |\operatorname{Re} z| \leq |z| \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Im} z \leq |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq |z|.$$

$$|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2| \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{triangle inequality}$$



$$z = x + iy$$

$$\bar{z} = x - iy \quad \text{complex conjugate.}$$

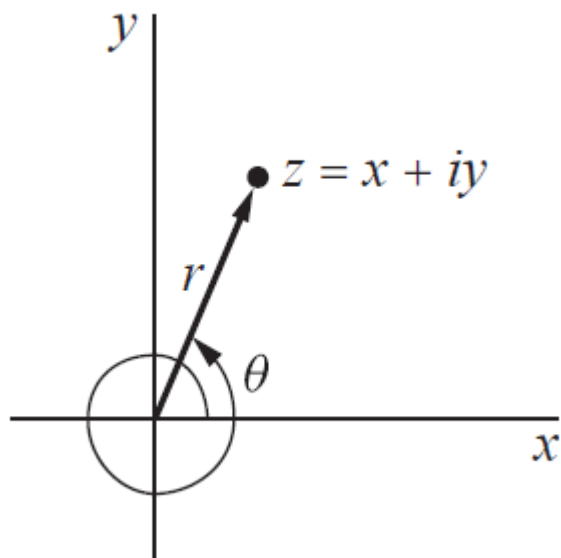
$$\overline{\bar{z}} = z \quad \text{and} \quad |\bar{z}| = |z|$$

$$\overline{z_1 + z_2} = (x_1 + x_2) - i(y_1 + y_2) = (x_1 - iy_1) + (x_2 - iy_2).$$

$$\overline{z_1 + z_2} = \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2, \quad \overline{z_1 - z_2} = \bar{z}_1 - \bar{z}_2$$

$$\overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} = \frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_2} \quad (z_2 \neq 0)$$

$$\overline{z_1 z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2$$



$$z = x + iy$$

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

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

$$r = |z|$$

As in calculus, θ has an infinite number of possible values, including negative ones, that differ by integral multiples of 2π .

Each value of θ is called an *argument* of z , and the set of all such values is denoted by $\arg z$.

The *principal value* of $\arg z$, denoted by $\text{Arg } z$,

is that unique value Θ such that $-\pi < \Theta \leq \pi$.

$$\arg z = \text{Arg } z + 2n\pi \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots).$$

Also, when z is a negative real number, $\text{Arg } z$ has value π , not $-\pi$.

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta_1} e^{i\theta_2} &= (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2) \\ &= (\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) + i(\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) \\ &= \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}. \end{aligned}$$

- $\text{Arg } i = \frac{\pi}{2},$
- $\text{Arg } 1 = 0,$
- $\text{Arg}(-1) = \pi,$
- $\text{Arg}(1 - i) = -\frac{\pi}{4},$
- $\text{Arg}(-i) = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \dots$

- Convenient notation: $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$.
- Note: $e^{i(\theta+2\pi)} = e^{i\theta} = e^{i(\theta+4\pi)} = \dots = e^{i(\theta+2k\pi)}$
 - $e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} = i$,
 - $e^{i\pi} = -1$,
 - $e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$,
 - $e^{2\pi i} = 1, \dots$

$$z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1} \quad z_2 = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$$

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1} r_2 e^{i\theta_2} = r_1 r_2 e^{i\theta_1} e^{i\theta_2} = (r_1 r_2) e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1 e^{i\theta_1}}{r_2 e^{i\theta_2}} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \cdot \frac{e^{i\theta_1} e^{-i\theta_2}}{e^{i\theta_2} e^{-i\theta_2}} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \cdot \frac{e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}}{e^{i0}} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

$$z^n = r^n e^{in\theta} \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots).$$

$$(e^{i\theta})^n = e^{in\theta} \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

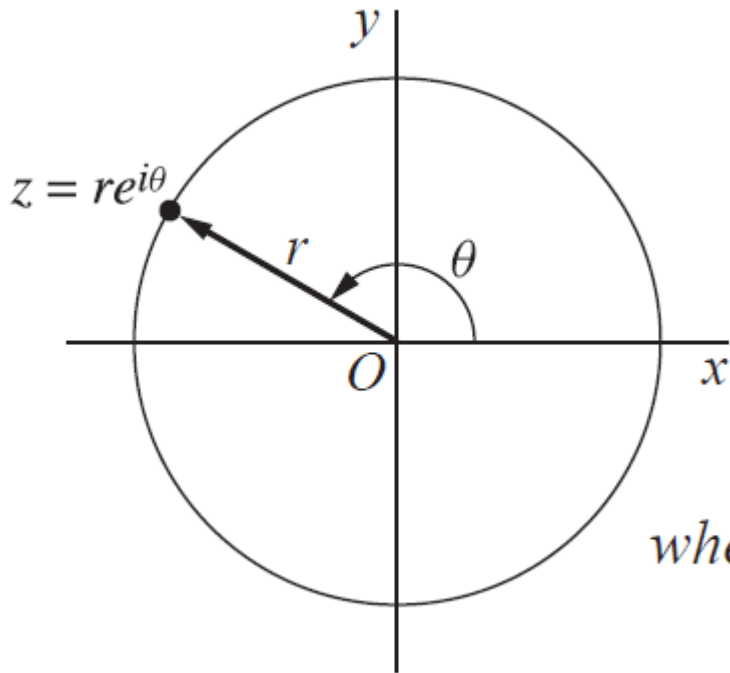
de Moivre's formula

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

Use de Moivre's formula to derive the following trigonometric identities:

$$(a) \cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta; \quad (b) \sin 3\theta = 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta.$$

Roots of Complex number



two nonzero complex numbers

$$z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1} \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$$

are equal if and only if

$$r_1 = r_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_1 = \theta_2 + 2k\pi$$

where k is some integer (k = 0, ±1, ±2, ...)

The method starts with the fact that an n th root of z_0 is a nonzero number $z = re^{i\theta}$ such that $z^n = z_0$,

$$r^n e^{in\theta} = r_0 e^{i\theta_0}$$

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$$r^n = r_0 \quad \text{and} \quad n\theta = \theta_0 + 2k\pi$$

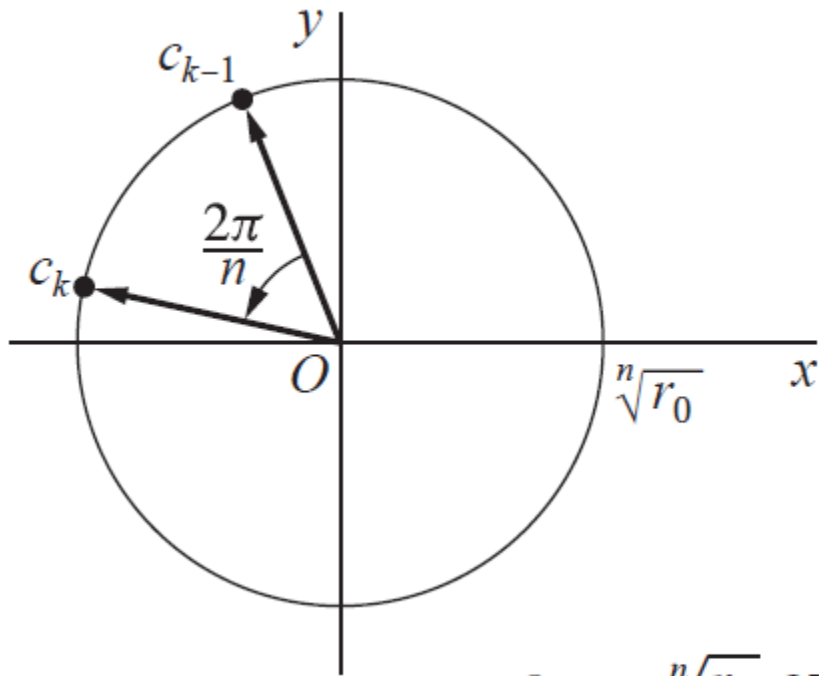
$$(k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

$$r = \sqrt[n]{r_0}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\theta_0 + 2k\pi}{n} = \frac{\theta_0}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n}$$

$$z = \sqrt[n]{r_0} \exp\left[i\left(\frac{\theta_0}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n}\right)\right] \quad (k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

nth roots of z_0



$$c_k = \sqrt[n]{r_0} \exp \left[i \left(\frac{\theta_0}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right) \right]$$

$$(k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1)$$

$$c_k = \sqrt[n]{r_0} \exp \left(i \frac{\theta_0}{n} \right) \exp \left(i \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right)$$

c_0 is referred to as the *principal root*.

$$\omega_n = \exp \left(i \frac{2\pi}{n} \right) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \omega_n^k = \exp \left(i \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right)$$

$$c_k = c_0 \omega_n^k \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1)$$

ω_n represents a counterclockwise rotation through $2\pi/n$ radians.

Square roots of $4i$

$$4i = 4e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}}, \quad \text{so } \rho = 4, \varphi = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } n = 2.$$

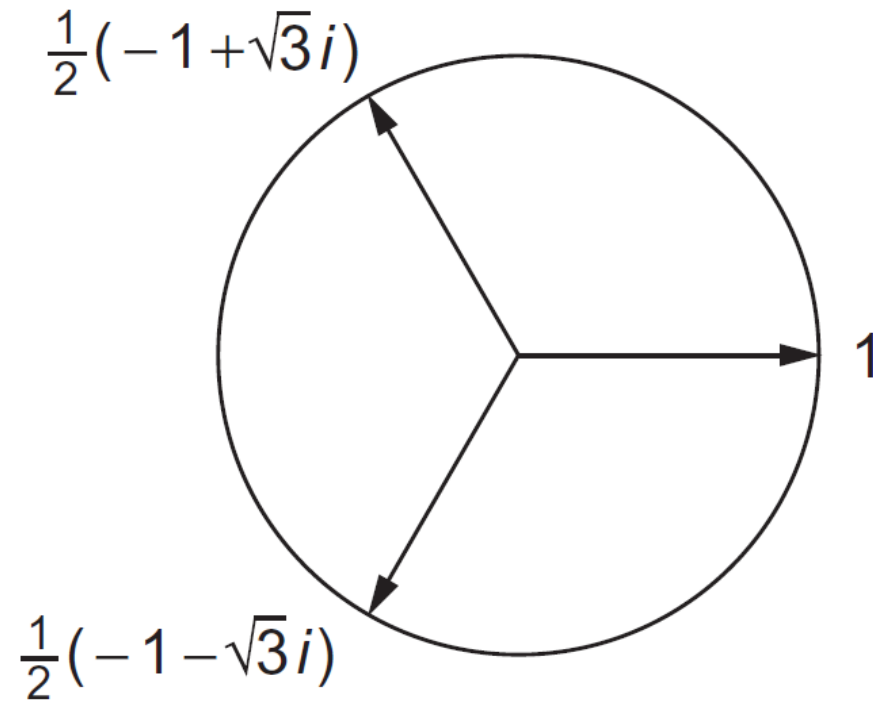
$$\begin{aligned}(4i)^{\frac{1}{2}} &= \sqrt{4} \cdot e^{j(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{2})}, \quad k = 0, 1 \\ &= \begin{cases} 2 \cdot e^{j\frac{\pi}{4}} & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 2 \cdot e^{j(\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi)} & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases} \\ &= \pm(\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}).\end{aligned}$$

Cubed roots of -8

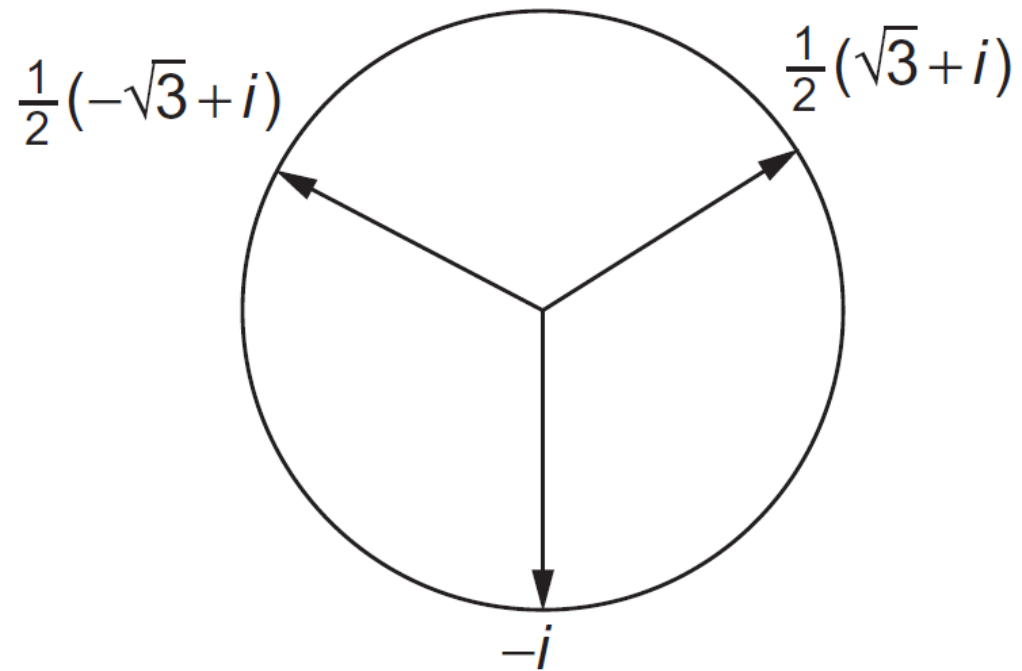
$$-8 = 8e^{j\pi}, \quad \text{so } \rho = 8, \varphi = \pi \text{ and } n = 3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-8)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot e^{j(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2k\pi}{3})}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2 \\ &= \begin{cases} 2 \cdot e^{j\frac{\pi}{3}} & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 2 \cdot e^{j\pi} = -2 & \text{if } k = 1 \\ 2 \cdot e^{j\frac{5\pi}{3}} & \text{if } k = 2. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

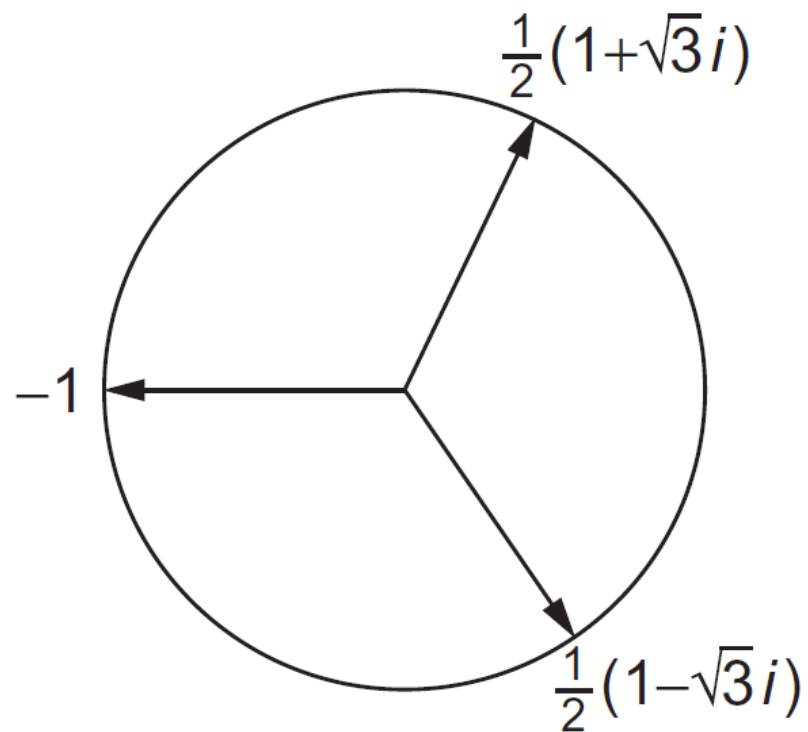
Cube roots: $1^{1/3}$



Cube roots: $i^{1/3}$



Cube roots: $(-1)^{1/3}$



Show that

$$(a) \quad \cos n\theta = \cos^n \theta - \binom{n}{2} \cos^{n-2} \theta \sin^2 \theta + \binom{n}{4} \cos^{n-4} \theta \sin^4 \theta - \dots,$$

$$(b) \quad \sin n\theta = \binom{n}{1} \cos^{n-1} \theta \sin \theta - \binom{n}{3} \cos^{n-3} \theta \sin^3 \theta + \dots.$$

$$e^{in\theta} = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta = (e^{i\theta})^n = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \sum_{\nu=0}^n \binom{n}{\nu} \cos^{n-\nu} \theta (i \sin \theta)^\nu.$$

Separating real and imaginary parts we have

$$\cos n\theta = \sum_{\nu=0}^{[n/2]} (-1)^\nu \binom{n}{2\nu} \cos^{n-2\nu} \theta \sin^{2\nu} \theta,$$

$$\sin n\theta = \sum_{\nu=0}^{[n/2]} (-1)^\nu \binom{n}{2\nu+1} \cos^{n-2\nu-1} \theta \sin^{2\nu+1} \theta.$$

Prove that

$$(a) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos nx = \frac{\sin(Nx/2)}{\sin x/2} \cos(N-1)\frac{x}{2},$$

$$(b) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \sin nx = \frac{\sin(Nx/2)}{\sin x/2} \sin(N-1)\frac{x}{2}.$$

These series occur in the analysis of the multiple-slit diffraction pattern.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (e^{ix})^n &= \frac{1 - e^{iNx}}{1 - e^{ix}} = \frac{e^{iNx/2} e^{iNx/2} - e^{-iNx/2}}{e^{ix/2} e^{ix/2} - e^{-ix/2}} \\ &= e^{i(N-1)x/2} \sin(Nx/2) / \sin(x/2).\end{aligned}$$

Now take real and imaginary parts to get the result.

Functions of Complex Variable

If we denote the real and imaginary parts of $f(z)$ by u and v ,

$$f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$$

A function $f(z)$ that is single-valued in some domain R is *differentiable* at the point z in R if the *derivative*

$$f'(z) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(z + \Delta z) - f(z)}{\Delta z} \right] \quad (24.1)$$

exists and is unique, in that its value does not depend upon the direction in the Argand diagram from which Δz tends to zero.

The Cauchy-Riemann Relations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}.$$

These are the famous **Cauchy-Riemann** conditions. They were discovered by Cauchy and used extensively by Riemann in his development of complex variable theory. These Cauchy-Riemann conditions are necessary for the existence of a derivative of $f(z)$. That is, in order for df/dz to exist, the Cauchy-Riemann conditions must hold.

Derivatives of Analytic Function

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{if } f(z) \text{ is analytic}$$

$$\delta f = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \delta x + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \delta y$$

$$\delta f = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \delta x + \left(-\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \delta y$$

Cauchy-Riemann equations.

$$= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) (\delta x + i \delta y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \delta z$$

$$\left. \frac{\delta f}{\delta z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right\} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

Find the analytic function

$$w(z) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$$

(a) if $u(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy^2$,

(b) if $v(x, y) = e^{-y} \sin x$

Two-dimensional irrotational fluid flow is conveniently described by a complex potential $f(z) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$. We label the real part, $u(x, y)$, the velocity potential, and the imaginary part, $v(x, y)$, the stream function. The fluid velocity \mathbf{V} is given by $\mathbf{V} = \nabla u$. If $f(z)$ is analytic:

- (a) Show that $df/dz = V_x - i V_y$.
- (b) Show that $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$ (no sources or sinks).
- (c) Show that $\nabla \times \mathbf{V} = 0$ (irrotational, nonturbulent flow).