

Algebraic operations:

Let $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$.

- $z_1 + z_2 = z_2 + z_1$
- $z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1$
- $z_1(z_2 + z_3) = z_1 z_2 + z_1 z_3$.

Let us prove the third property.

Let $z_1 = a_1 + ib_1$, $z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$, $z_3 = a_3 + ib_3$,

$a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (a_1 + ib_1) \{ (a_2 + ib_2) + (a_3 + ib_3) \} \\
 = & (a_1 + ib_1) \{ (a_2 + a_3) + i(b_2 + b_3) \} \\
 = & a_1(a_2 + a_3) - b_1(b_2 + b_3) + i \{ a_1(b_2 + b_3) + b_1(a_2 + a_3) \} \\
 = & a_1 a_2 + a_1 a_3 - b_1 b_2 - b_1 b_3 \\
 & \quad + i \{ a_1 b_2 + a_1 b_3 + b_1 a_2 + b_1 a_3 \} \\
 = & a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2 + i \{ a_1 b_2 + b_1 a_2 \} \\
 & \quad + a_1 a_3 - b_1 b_3 + i \{ a_1 b_3 + b_1 a_3 \} \\
 = & z_1 z_2 + z_1 z_3.
 \end{aligned}$$

So $z_1(z_2 + z_3) = z_1 z_2 + z_1 z_3$.

Complex conjugates (again):

Recall that if $z = a + ib \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re}(z) = a$, $\operatorname{Im}(z) = b$,
then its complex conjugate is

$$\bar{z} = a - ib.$$

Last time, we saw that

$$z\bar{z} = (a+ib)(a-ib) = a^2+b^2 = |z|^2.$$

So

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$$z\bar{z} = |z|^2$$

If $z \neq 0$, then

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$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}$$

Proof \rightarrow

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{z}} = \frac{\bar{z}}{z\bar{z}} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}.$$

③

$$|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| \cdot |z_2|$$

Proof of ③:

Enough to show

$$|z_1 z_2|^2 = |z_1|^2 \cdot |z_2|^2$$

The left side =

$$(z_1 z_2) \overline{(z_1 z_2)}$$

$$= z_1 z_2 (\bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2)$$

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

$$= |z_1|^2 |z_2|^2$$

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

Examples

1. Calculate $|(1+2i)^{10}|$.

Soln: From the above formulas

$$|(1+2i)^{10}| = |1+2i|^{10}$$

$$= (\sqrt{1^2+2^2})^{10}$$

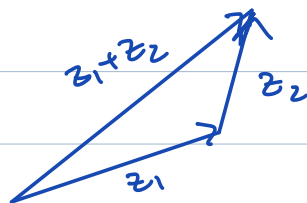
$$= (\sqrt{5})^{10}$$

$$= 5^5 \quad \leftarrow \text{Ans.}$$

Triangle inequality:

Using the vector interpretation of complex numbers:

(a) $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$ (Δ -ineq)

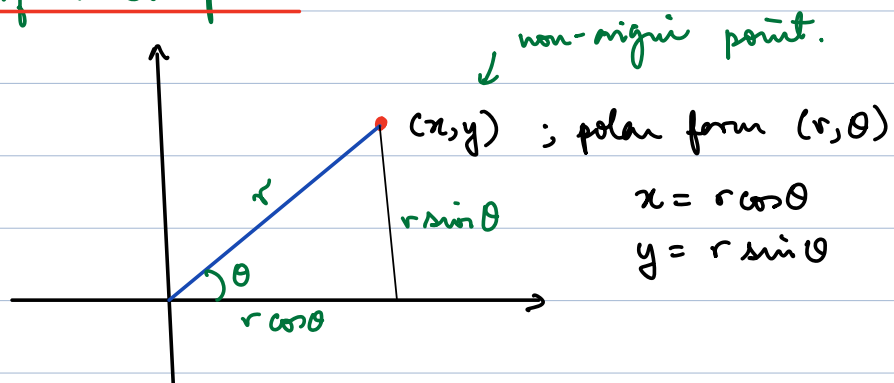


(b) $|z_1 - z_2| \geq \left| |z_1| - |z_2| \right|$ (Exercise)

Hint: Let $w_1 = z_1 - z_2$, $w_2 = z_2$.

Use the Δ -inequality on $w_1 + w_2$

Polar form of a complex:



It follows that if $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $\text{Re}(z) = x$, $\text{Im}(z) = y$,
then, if $z \neq 0$,

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

The polar form
of $z \neq 0$.

The angle θ is ambiguous. We know it up to addition by $2\pi k$, where k is an integer.

\mathbb{Z} = set of integers.

$r = |z|$. No ambiguity.

θ is called an argument of z .

It is ambiguous: it is a "multi-valued" function

Pick any one argument θ_0 of z .

$$\arg(z) = \{ \theta_0 + 2\pi k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \}.$$

Can we make things less ambiguous?

Pick any number $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\arg(z) \cap (\tau, \tau + 2\pi]$$

consists of only one point. This single element is denoted $\arg_{\tau}(z)$.

The Principal Argument:

Let $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. The principal argument of z is

$$\text{Arg}(z) = \arg_{-\pi}(z).$$

In other words $\text{Arg}(z)$ is the only argument of z lying in $(-\pi, \pi]$.

Examples:

1. If $r=2$, $\theta=\pi/3$, what is z ?

Ans: $z = 2(\cos(\pi/3) + i \sin(\pi/3))$

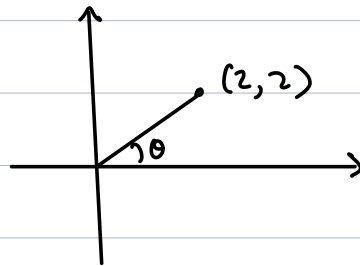
$$= 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$= 1 + i\sqrt{3}.$$

2. If $z = 2 + 2i$, write a polar form of z .

Solu :

$$r = |z| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} = (\sqrt{2})(2).$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{2}{2} = 1.$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(1) = \pi/4.$$

$$z = 2\sqrt{2} \left(\cos(\pi/4) + i \sin(\pi/4) \right)$$

Question: Is $r = |z|$, and $\theta = \tan^{-1}(\frac{y}{x})$ a good formula for the polar form?

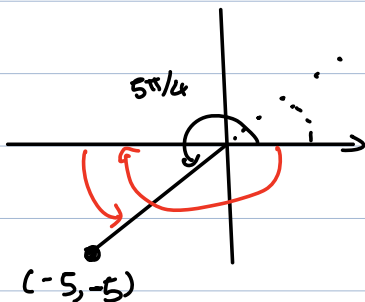
Ans: No. Take $z = -5 - 5i$.

$$r = 5\sqrt{2} \quad (\text{check this}).$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{-5}\right) = \tan^{-1}(1)$$

$$= \pi/4$$

↑
Not an argument
of $-5 - 5i$



$5\pi/4$ is an argument.

$$\arg(-5 - 5i) = \{ 5\pi/4 + 2k\pi \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

Note that in the above the only member of the set $\text{arg}(-5-5i)$ lying in $(-\pi, \pi]$ is

$$\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right).$$

$$\text{so } \text{Arg}(-5-5i) = -\frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

The complex exponential:

We want to make sense of e^z , when $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

It should have the following properties:

$$(a) \quad e^{z_1+z_2} = e^{z_1} \cdot e^{z_2}, \quad e^0 = 1$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{d e^{iy}}{dy} = i e^{iy}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let $z = x + iy$. Then, if we have an exponential function with the above properties,

$$e^z = e^{x+iy} = e^x \cdot e^{iy}$$

have already defined this.

It remains to define e^{iy} .

It has to satisfy the following:-

$$\frac{d e^{iy}}{dy} = i e^{iy}$$

$$\frac{d^2 e^{iy}}{dy^2} = i(i e^{iy}) = -e^{iy} \quad (\text{since } i^2 = -1)$$

Recall from diff. eqns, if $g(y)$ is a function such that $\frac{d^2}{dy^2} g(y) = -g(y)$ then

$$g(y) = c_1 \cos(y) + c_2 \sin(y)$$

The above is from the theory of diff eqns.

$$\text{So } e^{iy} = c_1 \cos(y) + c_2 \sin(y). \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Also, since $\frac{d}{dy} e^{iy} = i e^{iy}$, we get

$$i e^{iy} = c_2 \cos(y) - c_1 \sin(y). \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Set $y=0$ in (1). Get

$$1 = c_1.$$

Set $y=0$ in (2). Get

$$i = c_2.$$

$$\text{So } e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y.$$

Definition: $e^{x+iy} = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y)$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

Recall that

$$\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2.$$

Using this, one checks easily that

$$e^{i\theta_1} \cdot e^{i\theta_2} = e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

$$(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1) \cdot (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$$

$$= (\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2)$$

$$+ i (\cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2)$$

$$= \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2).$$

$$\text{Since } e^{i\theta_1} \cdot e^{i\theta_2} = e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

This also shows that

$$e^{(x_1 + iy_1)} \cdot e^{(x_2 + iy_2)} \\ = e^{x_1 + x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2)}$$

$$\text{So } e^{z_1} \cdot e^{z_2} = e^{z_1 + z_2}.$$

$$\frac{(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)}{\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2} = \frac{e^{i\theta_1}}{e^{i\theta_2}} \stackrel{\text{check}}{=} e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)} \\ = \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2).$$

The polar form now becomes (for $z \neq 0$)

$$z = r e^{i\theta}$$

where $r = |z|$, and $\theta \in \arg(z)$.

Note that

$$e^{i(\theta + 2\pi k)} = e^{i\theta}.$$

So $e^{i\theta}$ is 2π -periodic.

Suppose $z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1}$, $z_2 = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$ (polar forms)

then

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

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

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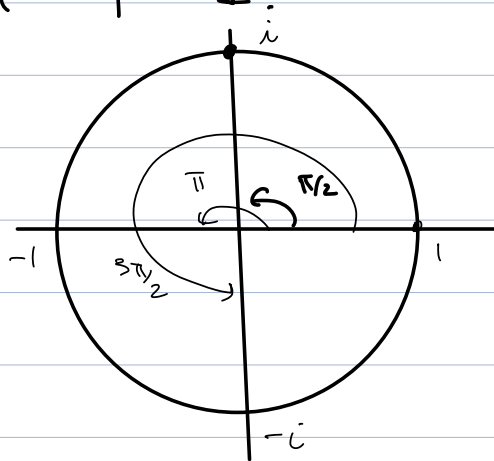
Notes: $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$

(1) $e^{i0} = 1$, $e^{i\pi/2} = i$, $e^{i\pi} = -1$, $e^{3\pi/2} = -i$.

We are using the fact that

$$|\cos \theta + i \sin \theta| = \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} = 1.$$

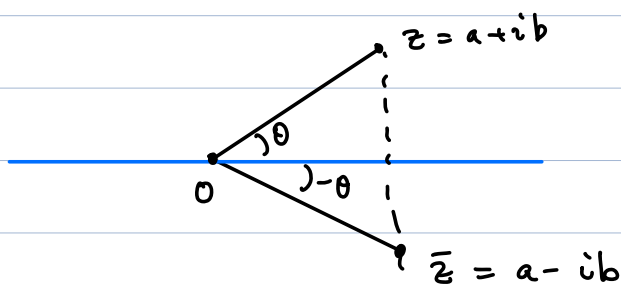
so $|e^{i\theta}| = 1$.



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

We are using: $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$
 $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$.

(3) $z = r e^{i\theta}$, then $\bar{z} = r e^{-i\theta}$.



Example : 1. $\frac{e^{1+3\pi i}}{e^{-1-3\pi i}} = ?$ (do this yourself)

2. Prove that $|e^z| \leq 1$ iff $\text{Re}(z) \leq 0$

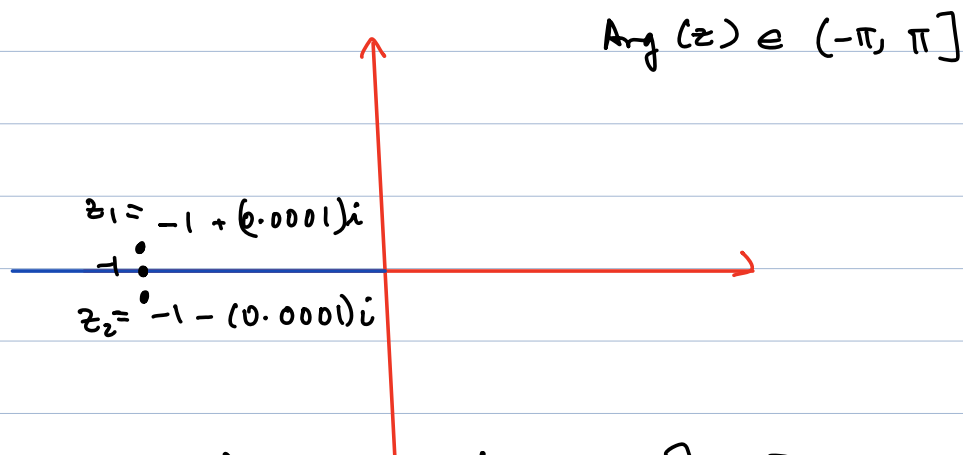
Pf: Suppose $z = x + iy$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$e^z = e^x \cdot e^{iy}$$

$$\text{so } |e^z| = e^x \quad (\text{since } |e^{iy}| = 1)$$

The right side is ≤ 1 if and only if $x \leq 0$. //

Branch cut for $\text{Arg}(z)$



Then $\text{Arg}(z_1) \approx \pi$, $\text{Arg}(z_2) \approx -\pi$.

So $\text{Arg}(z)$ has a discontinuity along the negative x -axis. This is called a branch cut.

In general $\text{arg}_\tau(z)$ has a discontinuity along the line making an angle τ with the x -axis.

Roots of unity: What are the n^{th} roots of 1?

$$1 = e^{i2\pi k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Note that $\left(e^{i(2\pi k)/n}\right)^n = e^{i(2\pi k)} = 1$

So $e^{i(2\pi k)/n}$ is an n^{th} root of 1.

check: $1, e^{i(2\pi)/n}, e^{i(4\pi)/n}, \dots, e^{i(2\pi(n-1))/n}$
 \parallel
 $e^{i(0)/n}$

are the distinct n^{th} roots of 1.

These are the solutions of

$$z^n - 1 = 0$$