# Math 141 Lecture 15

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### Outline

Polar Coordinates

Complex numbers

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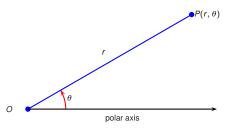
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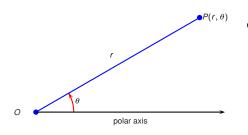
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- Let P be a point in the plane.
- Let θ denote the angle between the polar axis and the line OP.
- Let *r* denote the length of the segment *OP*.
- Then P is represented by the ordered pair  $(r, \theta)$ .

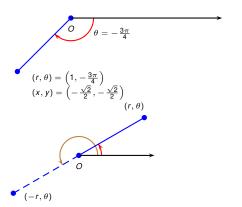
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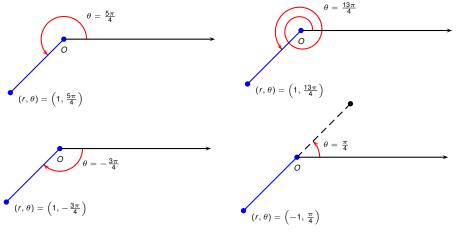


The letters (x, y) imply
 Cartesian coordinates and the
 letters (r, θ)- polar. When we
 use other letters, it should be
 clear from context whether we
 mean Cartesian or polar
 coordinates. If not, one must
 request clarification.

- What if  $\theta$  is negative?
- What if r is negative?
- What if r is 0?



- Positive angles θ are measured in the counterclockwise direction from O. Negative angles are measured in the clockwise direction.
- Points with polar coordinates  $(-r, \theta)$  and  $(r, \theta)$  lie on the same line through O and at the same distance from O, but on opposite sides.
- If r = 0, then  $(0, \theta)$  represents O for all values of  $\theta$ .



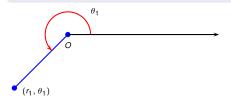
- There are many ways to represent the same point.
- We could use a negative  $\theta$ .
- We could go around more than once.
- We could use a negative r.

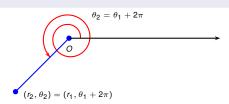
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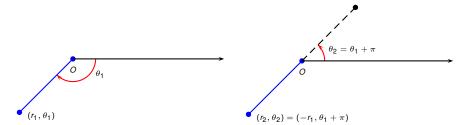


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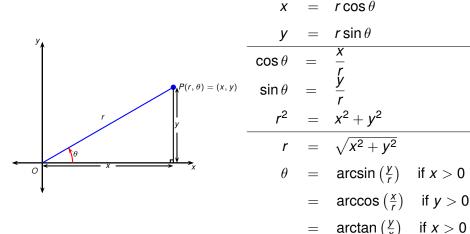
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- How do we go from polar coordinates to Cartesian coordinates?
- Suppose a point has polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  and Cartesian coordinates (x, y).
- How do we go from Cartesian coordinates to polar coordinates?



### Example

Convert the point  $(2, \frac{\pi}{3})$  from polar to Cartesian coordinates.

$$x = r\cos\theta = 2\cos\frac{\pi}{3} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$y = r \sin \theta = 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \sqrt{3}$$

Therefore the point with polar coordinates  $(2, \frac{\pi}{3})$  has Cartesian coordinates  $(1, \sqrt{3})$ .

### Example



Represent the point with Cartesian coordinates (1,-1) in terms of polar coordinates.

- Suppose r is positive.
- $\tan \theta = -1$  for  $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$ , and many other angles.
- (1, -1) is in the fourth quadrant.
- Of the two values above, only  $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{4}$  gives a point in the fourth quadrant.
- Therefore one possible representation of (1, -1) in polar coordinates is  $(\sqrt{2}, 7\pi/4)$ .
- $(\sqrt{2}, -\pi/4)$  is another.

$$r = \pm \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{2}$$

$$tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$= -\frac{y}{x}$$

# Complex numbers definition

#### Definition

The set of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  is defined as the set

$$\{a + bi | a, b - \text{real numbers}\},\$$

where the number *i* is a number for which

$$i^2 = -1$$
.

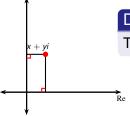
The number *i* is called the imaginary unit.

Complex numbers are added/subtracted according to the rule

$$(a + bi) \pm (c + di) = (a \pm c) + (b \pm d)i$$

Complex numbers are multiplied according to the rule

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = ac+adi+bci+bdi^2 = (ac-bd)+(bc+ad)i$$



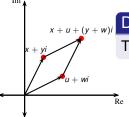
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- $\bullet$  Real numbers are usually denoted by  $\mathbb{R}.$
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Consider z = x + yi.

- x is called the real part of z, y is called the imaginary part of z. We write x = Rez = Re(x + yi), y = Imz = Im(x + yi).
- Real & imaginary part of z can be used as x, y-coords. to depict z.
- In this way we view complex number x + iy as the point (position vector) (x, y) in a two-dimensional space.
- The addition of complex numbers corresponds to vector addition.
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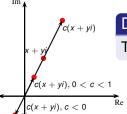
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Let 
$$u = 2 + 3i$$
,  $v = 5 - 7i$ .

### Example (Addition)

$$u + v = (2+3i) + (5-7i) = (2+5) + (3-7)i = 7-4i.$$

### Example (Subtraction)

$$u - v = (2+3i) - (5-7i) = (2-5) + (3-(-7))i = -3+10i.$$

### Example (Multiplication)

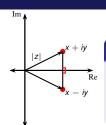
$$u \cdot v = (2+3i) \cdot (5-7i)$$

$$= 2 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot (-7)i + 3i \cdot 5 + 3i(-7i)$$

$$= 10 - 14i + 15i - 21i^{2}$$

$$= 10 + i - (-21)$$

$$= 31 + i$$



Let z = x + iy be a complex number.

### Definition (Complex conjugation)

We say that  $\bar{z} = (x + iy) = x - iy$  is the *complex* conjugate of z. The transformation that maps z to  $\bar{z}$  is called *complex conjugation*.

In the complex plane, complex conj. = reflection across real axis.

#### **Theorem**

 $z\bar{z}$  is a non-negative real number.  $z\bar{z}$  equals 0 if and only if z=0.

#### Proof.

$$z\overline{z} = (x + iy)(x - iy) = x^2 - (iy)^2 = x^2 + y^2$$
 is real and non-negative.  $z\overline{z} = 0$  implies  $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ , which implies  $x = y = 0$ .

#### **Definition**

The quantity  $|z| = \sqrt{z\overline{z}} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  is called the *absolute* value of z.

### Theorem (Conjugation preserves $+,\cdot$ )

#### Proof.

Let 
$$z = x + yi$$
,  $w = u + vi$ .

$$\overline{z} \cdot \overline{w} = \overline{(x+yi)} \cdot \overline{(u+vi)} = (x-yi)(u-vi)$$
  
=  $(xu-yv) - (xv+yu)i$ 

$$\overline{z \cdot w} = \frac{(x + yi)(u + iv)}{(x + yi)(u + iv)} = \frac{xu - yv + (xv + yu)i}{(xu - yv) - (xv + yu)i}.$$

$$\overline{z} + \overline{w} = \overline{(x+yi)} + \overline{(u+vi)} = (x-yi) + (u-vi)$$

$$\frac{z+w}{z+w} = \frac{(x+u)-(y+v)i}{(x+yi)+(u+iv)} = \frac{(x+u)+(y+v)i}{(x+u)-(y+v)i} .$$

In the preceding slide we proved the following.

### Theorem (Conjugation preserves ·)

 $\overline{Z\cdot W}=\overline{Z}\cdot \overline{W}.$ 

### Corollary

|zw|=|z||w|.

#### Proof.

$$|ZW| = \sqrt{ZW\overline{ZW}} = \sqrt{ZW\overline{Z}\overline{W}} = \sqrt{Z\overline{Z}}\sqrt{W\overline{W}} = |Z||W|.$$

# Corollary

$$|rac{z}{w}|=rac{|z|}{|w|}$$
,  $w
eq 0$ .

Let 
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### Example (Division)

$$\frac{u}{v} = \frac{2+3i}{5-7i}$$

$$= \frac{(2+3i)(5+7i)}{(5-7i)(5+7i)}$$

$$= \frac{(2+3i)(5+7i)}{5^2-(7i)^2}$$

$$= \frac{10+15i+14i+21i^2}{5^2+7^2}$$

$$= \frac{10-21+29i}{25+49}$$

$$= \frac{-11+29i}{74}$$

$$= -\frac{11}{74} + \frac{29}{74}i$$

Multiply and divide by complex conjugate of denominator

Let 
$$u = a + bi$$
,  $v = c + di$ ,  $v \neq 0$ .

### Example (Complex number division)

$$\frac{u}{v} = \frac{a+bi}{c+di} 
= \frac{(a+bi)(c-di)}{(c+di)(c-di)} 
= \frac{(a+bi)(c-di)}{c^2-(di)^2} 
= \frac{ac-adi+cbi-bdi^2}{c^2+d^2} 
= \frac{ac+bd+(bc-ad)i}{c^2+d^2} 
= \frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2} + \frac{(bc-ad)}{c^2+d^2}i$$

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### Definition (Complex number division)

The quotient  $\frac{u}{v}$ ,  $v \neq 0$  is defined via the formula above.

#### **Theorem**

Let 
$$e(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$$
,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $e(z)e(w) = e(z+w)$ .

Power series over  $\mathbb C$  are defined similarly to power series over  $\mathbb R$ . The following proof lies outside of scope Calc II. Details are omitted and get filled in a course of Complex Analysis. You will not be tested on it.

#### Proof.

$$e(z)e(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{w^m}{m!} = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{s} \frac{z^k w^{s-k}}{k!(s-k)!}$$
$$= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{s} \frac{z^k w^{s-k}}{s!} \frac{s!}{k!(s-k)!} = \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z+w)^s}{s!} = e(z+w).$$

### Lemma (Newton Binomial formula)

$$(z+w)^{s} = \sum_{k=0}^{s} z^{k} w^{s-k} \frac{s!}{k!(s-k)!}.$$

### Definition (Real exponent, Definition I)

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### Definition (Exponent, Definition II)

Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . The complex exponent  $e^z$  is defined by  $e^z = e(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$ .

- For real z,  $e^z$  may be defined via Definition I.
- For complex z,  $e^z$  is defined via Definition II.
- Real numbers are complex numbers (with zero imaginary part).
   Thus Definition II is also valid when z is a real number, and therefore Definition II is more general.
- A calculus course may be built by presenting Definition II first and proving Definition I as a theorem.
- Alternatively, a calculus course may be built by first presenting Definition I, and then expanding it to Definition II.

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Under Definition I the Maclaurin series of  $e^z$  was computed to be  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$ . Under Definition I, it can be shown that  $e^z$  equals its Maclaurin

series, which is the defining expression for Definition II.

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We showed that e(z + w) = e(z)e(w). Using that statement alone, one can show that the two definitions agree over the rational numbers. Two continuous functions are equal if they are equal over the rationals, and the theorem follows.

### Euler's Formula

### Theorem (Euler's Formula)

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

where  $e \approx 2.71828$  is Euler's/Napier's constant .

#### Proof.

Recall  $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \cdots \cdot (n-1) \cdot n$ . Borrow from Calc II the f-las:

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

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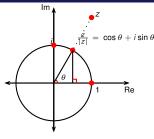
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$$i\sin x = ix \qquad -i\frac{x^3}{3!} + i\frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$

Rearrange. Plug-in z = ix. Use  $i^2 = -1$ . Multiply  $\sin x$  by i. Add to get  $e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$ .



## Theorem (Euler's formula)

 $e^{i\theta}=\cos\theta+i\sin\theta.$ 

#### Lemma

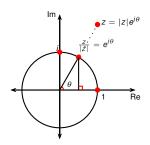
$$\left|\frac{z}{|z|}\right| = \frac{|z|}{|z|} = 1.$$

- Let z = x + iy be a non-zero complex number.
- Then 0, z,  $\frac{z}{|z|}$  lie on a ray and  $\frac{z}{|z|}$  lies on the unit circle.
- Let  $\theta$  angle between the real axis and the ray between 0 and z.
- Then  $\frac{z}{|z|} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta = e^{i\theta}$ .

### Definition (Polar form of complex numbers)

Let  $z \neq 0$ .  $z = |z|(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = |z|e^{i\theta}$  is called polar form of z.

- Let  $\rho = \ln |z| = \ln \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + y^2)$ .
- Then  $z = |z|(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = e^{\rho}(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = e^{\rho}e^{i\theta} = e^{\rho + i\theta}$ .



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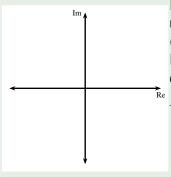
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•  $\theta$  is called an argument of z. We write

$$\theta = \arg z$$
.

- If  $\theta$  is an argument of z, so is  $\theta + 2k\pi$  for all integers k.
- If  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$ , we say that  $\theta$  is the principal argument of z.
- If we write  $\theta = \arg z$  without clarifying the choice of the argument, it is implied that  $\theta$  is the principal argument of z,  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$ .
- One should never write  $\theta = \arg z$  without clarifying the choice of argument.

### Example



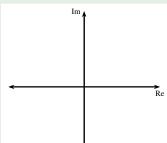
Plot the number z. Write z in polar form, using the principal value of the argument of z (polar angle).

Recall that  $\theta$  is the principal argument  $\Rightarrow$ 

	$\theta \in (-\pi, \pi].$						
e	Z	z	$\theta$	$ z (\cos\theta+i\sin\theta)$			
	1	1	0	$\cos 0 + i \sin 0$			
	i	1	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$			
	-1	1	$\pi$	$\cos \pi + i \sin \pi$			
	-i	1	$-\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$			

### Example

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Plot the number z. Write z in polar form, using the principal value of the argument of z  $\stackrel{*}{\triangleright}_{\mathbb{R}^{c}}$  (polar angle).

 $|z|(\cos \theta \perp i \sin \theta)$ 

Recall that  $\theta$  is the principal argument  $\Rightarrow \theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$ .

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$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$	1	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$
-1 + i	2	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$2\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)+i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$
1 <i>– i</i>	2	$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	$2\left(\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)+i\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$
$-\sqrt{3}-i$	2	$-\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$2\left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)+i\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right)$
$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{4}{5}i$	5	$\arctan\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$	$5 \left(\cos\left(\arctan\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\right) + i\sin\left(\arctan\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\right)\right)$

### Definition (Real exponent)

### Definition (Extension to $\mathbb{C}$ )

Let  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$ . The real exponent  $e^{\rho}$  is defined as  $\lim_{\substack{p \to \rho \\ p \text{ is rational}}} e^{p}$ .

Let  $ho, heta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define the complex exponent  $e^{
ho+i heta}$  via  $e^{
ho+i heta} = e^{
ho}(\cos heta + i\sin heta)$ 

- For the duration of this slide, assume Definition I of real exponent.
- Extend this def. to complex numbers (motivation: Euler's f-la).

#### Theorem

- (a) Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $e^{i\alpha}e^{i\beta} = e^{i\alpha+i\beta} = e^{i(\alpha+\beta)}$ .
- (b) Let  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $e^z e^w = e^{z+w}$ .

### Proof of (a).

$$e^{i\alpha}e^{i\beta} = (\cos \alpha + i\sin \alpha)(\cos \beta + i\sin \beta) = (\cos \alpha\cos \beta - \sin \alpha\sin \beta) + i(\cos \alpha\sin \beta + \sin \alpha\cos \beta) = \cos(\alpha + \beta) + i\sin(\alpha + \beta) = e^{i(\alpha+\beta)}.$$

• The trig. f-las used above need separate (relatively long) proof.

### Definition (Exponent, Def. II)

### Definition (Polar form)

$$e^z = e(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}.$$
  $|z| = e^{\rho}, z = e^{\rho}(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ 

- For the duration of this slide, assume Definition II of exponent.
- In preceding slides/lectures, by algebraic manipulations of series, we showed that  $e(z)e(w) = e^z e^w = e^{z+w} = e(z+w)$ .

#### Theorem

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + i \sin \beta \cos \alpha$$
  
 $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ 

#### Proof.

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) + i\sin(\alpha + \beta) = e^{i(\alpha+\beta)} = e^{i\alpha+i\beta} = e^{i\alpha}e^{i\beta}$$

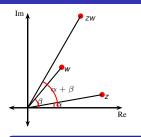
$$= (\cos\alpha + i\sin\alpha)(\cos\beta + i\sin\beta)$$

$$= (\cos\alpha\cos\beta - \sin\alpha\sin\beta)$$

$$+i(\cos\alpha\sin\beta + \sin\alpha\cos\beta).$$

Compare real and imaginary part to get the desired trig identities.

# Geometric interpretation of complex multiplication



- Let  $z, w \neq 0$  and let  $|z| = e^{\rho}, \quad |w| = e^{\sigma}.$
- Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be arguments of z, w.

$$z = e^{\rho}(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) = e^{\rho + i\alpha}$$
  
 $w = e^{\sigma}(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) = e^{\sigma + i\beta}$ 

### Theorem (Summary)

$$zw = |z|(\cos\alpha + i\sin\alpha)|w|(\cos\beta + i\sin\beta)$$
  
=  $e^{\rho}(\cos\alpha + i\sin\alpha)e^{\sigma}(\cos\beta + i\sin\beta) = e^{\rho+i\alpha}e^{\sigma+i\beta}$   
=  $e^{\rho+\sigma+i(\alpha+\beta)} = |z||w|(\cos(\alpha+\beta) + i\sin(\alpha+\beta)).$ 

- An argument (polar angle) of zw is  $\alpha + \beta$ .
- $\Rightarrow$  Multiplying complex numbers adds arguments (polar angles).
- Multiplying complex numbers multiplies absolute values.
- What happens to zw when we change |w|? When we change  $\beta$ ?

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### Theorem (de Moivre's formula)

$$(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)^n = \cos(n\alpha) + i \sin(n\alpha).$$

#### Proof.

$$(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)^n = (e^{i\alpha})^n = e^{in\alpha} = \cos(n\alpha) + i \sin(n\alpha).$$

The formula is named after the French mathematician A. de Moivre (1667-1754).

Polar form  $z = |z|(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ .

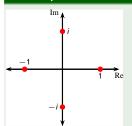
### Example

Compute  $\left(\sqrt{3}+i\right)^{2014}$  and its polar form.

Write  $\sqrt{3} + i$  in polar form:  $\sqrt{3} + i = 2\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right) = 2e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$ .

$$\begin{split} \left(\sqrt{3}+i\right)^{2014} &= \left(2e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}\right)^{2014} \\ &= 2^{2014}e^{j2014\cdot\frac{\pi}{6}} \\ &= 2^{2014}(e^{i\left(335+\frac{2}{3}\right)\pi}) \\ &= 2^{2014}e^{j335\pi}e^{i\frac{2}{3}\pi} \\ &= 2^{2014}(-1)\left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)+i\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right) \\ &= -2^{2014}\left(-\frac{1}{2}+i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\ &= 2^{2013}\left(1-\sqrt{3}i\right). \end{split}$$

### Example



Find all complex solutions of the equation  $z^4 = 1$ .

Let  $z=|z|(\cos\theta+i\sin\theta)$  be the polar form of z with  $\theta\in(-\pi,\pi]$ . Since  $|z|^4=|z^4|=1$  it follows that |z|=1 and so  $z=\cos\theta+i\sin\theta$ .

By de Moivre's equality  $z^4 = \cos(4\theta) + i\sin(4\theta) = 1$ . This implies  $\sin(4\theta) = 0$ ,  $\cos(4\theta) = 1$  and so  $4\theta = 2k\pi$ , k-integer. Therefore  $\theta = k\frac{\pi}{2}$ . Among those values,  $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $0, \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\pi$  belong to  $(-\pi, \pi]$ . We may discard the other values of  $\theta$  as do not give rise to new points.

Therefore the equation  $z^4 = 1$  has 4 roots given by

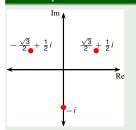
$$z = \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -i$$

$$z = \cos 0 + i \sin 0 = 1$$

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

$$z = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) + i\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = i$$
  
 $z = \cos \pi + i\sin \pi = -1$ 

### Example



Find all complex numbers z such that  $z^3 = i$ . Let  $z = |z|(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  be the polar form of z for which  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$ . We have that  $1 = |i| = |z^3| = |z|^3$ . Since |z| is a positive real number,  $|z|^3 = 1$  implies |z| = 1.

Values of  $\theta$  that differ by even multiple of  $\pi$  produce the same value for  $z\Rightarrow$  restrict our attention to  $\theta\in(-\pi,\pi]$ , i.e.  $k=0,1,-1\Rightarrow$   $\theta=\frac{\pi}{6},\frac{5\pi}{6},-\frac{\pi}{2}$ . Our final answer is **to be continued.**