

Problem: If  $z_1 = 1 - i$ ,  $z_2 = -2 - 3i$  and  $z_3 = 2i$ , then evaluate

$$|3z_1^2 + z_1\bar{z}_2 - 5z_3|.$$

Solution:  $|3z_1^2 + z_1\bar{z}_2 - 5z_3| = |3(1 - i)^2 + (1 - i)(-2 + 3i) - 5 * 2i|$

$$= |3(1 - 2i - 1) + (-2 + 3i + 2i + 3) - 10i|$$

$$= |-6i + 1 + 5i - 10i| = |1 - 11i| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-11)^2} = \sqrt{122}.$$

Problem: Evaluate  $\left|\frac{(1-i)^2}{1+i}\right|$ .

Solution:  $\left|\frac{(1-i)^2}{1+i}\right| = \left|\frac{1-2i-1}{1+i}\right| = \left|\frac{-2i}{1+i}\right| = \frac{\sqrt{(-2)^2}}{\sqrt{1+1}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}.$

Problem: Evaluate  $\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{(1-i)^2}{1+i}\right\}$ .

Solution:  $\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{(1-i)^2}{1+i}\right\} = \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{-2i}{1+i} \cdot \frac{1-i}{1-i}\right\} = \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{-2i+2i^2}{1^2+1^2}\right\}$

$$= \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{-2-2i}{2}\right\} = \operatorname{Re}\{-1 - i\} = -1.$$

## Polar form of Complex Number and Argument:

- If P a point in the complex plane corresponding to the complex number  $(a, b)$  or,  $a + ib$  then,

$$a = r\cos\theta \text{ and } b = r\sin\theta.$$

Where  $r = |z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  is the distance of  $(a, b)$  from the origin,

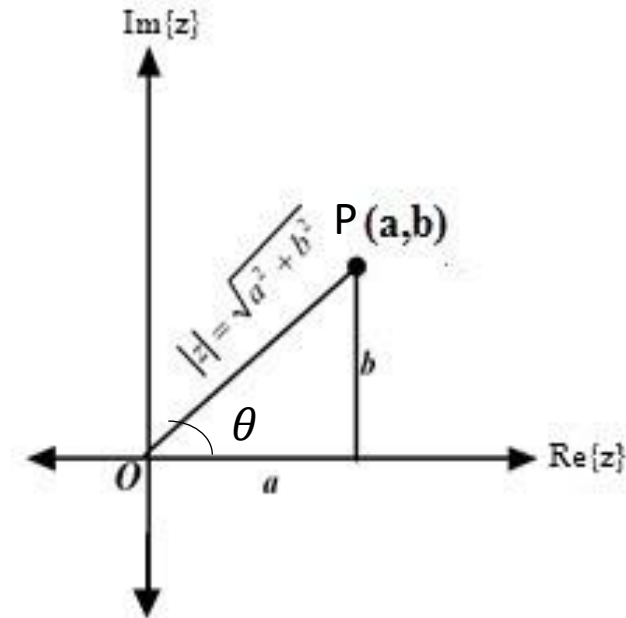
And  $\theta$  is called the **amplitude or argument** of  $z$  which is the angle with real axis denoted by  $\arg\{z\}$ .

Hence, we can write  $z$  in polar form as:

$$z = r\cos\theta + ir\sin\theta$$

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

$$\therefore z = re^{i\theta} \text{ [Euler Formulae].}$$



Principal argument: The **principal value** of the argument (sometimes called the **principal argument**) is the unique value of the argument that is in the range  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$  or,  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$  and is denoted by  $\text{Arg } z$ .

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

Some important properties of argument:

$$\triangleright \arg(z_1 z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2)$$

$$\triangleright \arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \arg(z_1) - \arg(z_2)$$

$$\triangleright \arg(z^n) = n \arg(z).$$

## Transformation of complex numbers:

Polar to rectangular:  $z = re^{i\theta} \rightarrow z = a + ib$

$$a = r\cos\theta \text{ and } b = r\sin\theta$$

Rectangular to Polar:  $z = a + ib \rightarrow z = re^{i\theta}$

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

$$\theta = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right); & \text{if } a > 0, b \geq 0 \text{ (1st quadrant and on +ve real axis)} \\ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \pi; & \text{if } a < 0 \text{ (2nd, 3rd quadrant and on -ve real axis)} \\ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + 2\pi; & \text{if } a > 0, b < 0 \text{ (4th quadrant)} \\ \frac{\pi}{2}; & \text{if } a = 0, b > 0 \text{ (on +ve imaginary axis)} \\ \frac{3\pi}{2}; & \text{if } a = 0, b < 0 \text{ (on -ve imaginary axis)} \\ \text{Undefined}; & \text{if } a = 0, b = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Problem: Find the rectangular form of  $z = \sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$ .

Solution: Here  $r = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

We know that,  $a = r \cos \theta = \sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$

And  $b = r \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$

Hence  $z = a + ib = 1 + i$ .

Problem: Find the rectangular form of  $z = 2e^{i\frac{5\pi}{6}}$ .

Solution: Here  $r = 2$  and  $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

We know that,  $a = r \cos \theta = 2 \cos(\frac{5\pi}{6}) = -2 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = -\sqrt{3}$

And  $b = r \sin \theta = 2 \sin(\frac{5\pi}{6}) = 2 \frac{1}{2} = 1$

Hence  $z = a + ib = -\sqrt{3} + i$ .

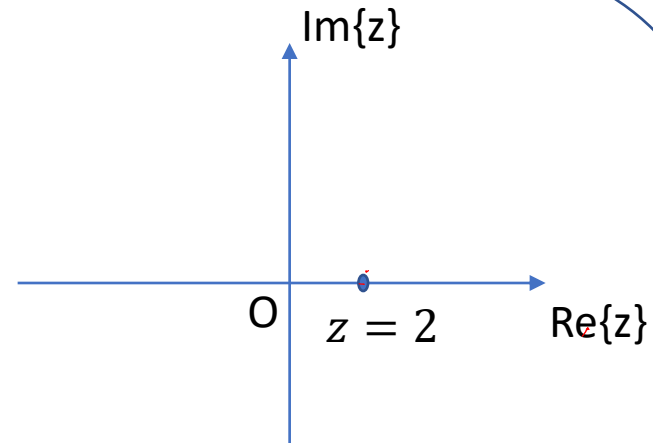
Problem: Find the polar form of  $z = 2$ .

Solution: Here  $a = 2$  and  $b = 0$

We know that,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{2^2} = 2$

And  $\theta = 0$

Hence,  $z = re^{i\theta} = 2$ .



Exercise:  $z = 3, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{1}{3}$ .

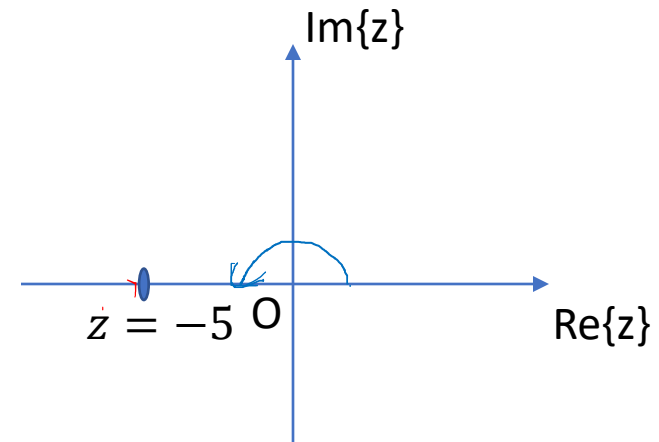
Problem: Find the polar form of  $z = -5$ .

Solution: Here  $a = -5$  and  $b = 0$

We know that,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{(-5)^2} = 5$

And  $\theta = \pi$

Hence,  $z = re^{i\theta} = 5e^{i\pi}$ .



Exercise:  $z = -2, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}$ .

Problem: Find the polar form of  $z = 3i$ .

Solution: Here  $a = 0$  and  $b = 3$

We know that,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{3^2} = 3$

And  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Hence,  $z = re^{i\theta} = 3e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$ .

Exercise:  $z = i, \frac{5}{2}i, \frac{2}{3}i$ .

Problem: Find the polar form of  $z = -i$ .

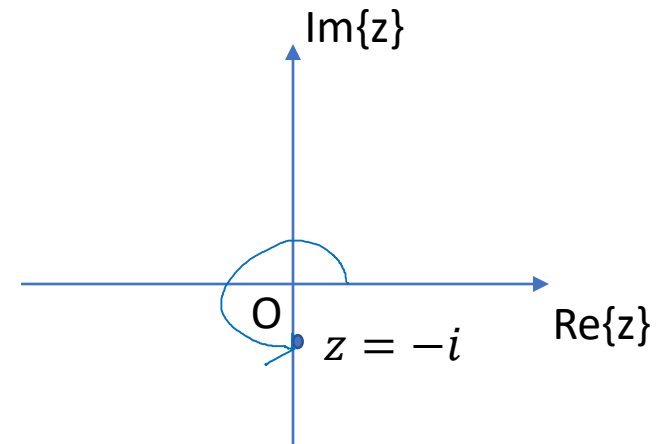
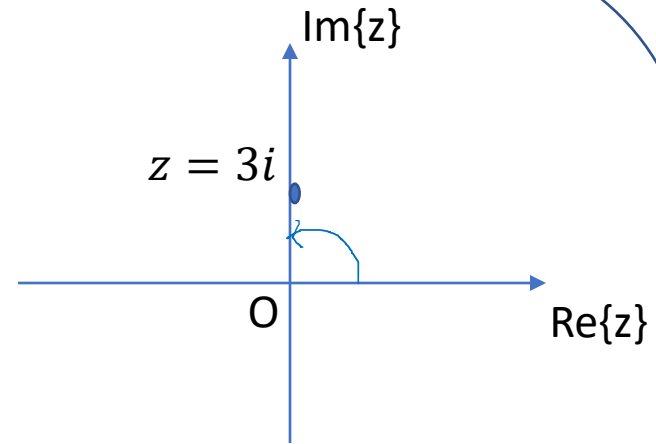
Solution: Here  $a = 0$  and  $b = -1$

We know that,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2} = 1$

And  $\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

Hence,  $z = re^{i\theta} = e^{i\frac{3\pi}{2}}$ .

Exercise:  $z = -3i, -\frac{3}{2}i$ .



Problem: Find the polar form of  $z = \sqrt{3} + 3i$ .

Solution: Here  $a = \sqrt{3}$  and  $b = 3$

We know that,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 3^2} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{And } \theta &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &= \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) = \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $z = re^{i\theta} = 2\sqrt{3}e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}$ .

Exercise:  $z = 6 + 2\sqrt{3}i, 1 + i$ .

Problem: Find the polar form of  $z = -1 + i$ .

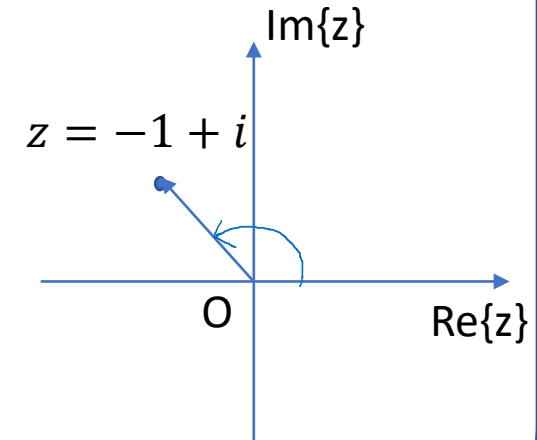
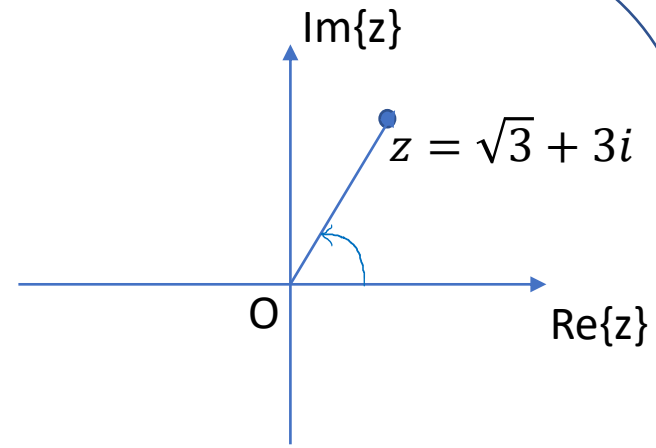
Solution: Here  $a = -1$  and  $b = 1$

We know that,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{And } \theta &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \pi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{-1}\right) + \pi \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{4} + \pi = \frac{3\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $z = re^{i\theta} = \sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}}$ .

Exercise:  $z = -1 + \sqrt{3}i, z = -2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$ .





Problem: Find the polar form of  $z = -2\sqrt{3} - 6i$ .

Solution: Here  $a = -2\sqrt{3}$  and  $b = -6$

We know that,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

$$= \sqrt{(-2\sqrt{3})^2 + (-6)^2} = 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{And } \theta &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + \pi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-6}{-2\sqrt{3}}\right) + \pi \\ &= \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) + \pi = \frac{\pi}{3} + \pi = \frac{4\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $z = re^{i\theta} = 4\sqrt{3}e^{i\frac{4\pi}{3}}$ .

Exercise:  $z = -1 - i$ ,  $z = -3 - \sqrt{3}i$ .

Problem: Find the polar form of  $z = \sqrt{3} - i$ .

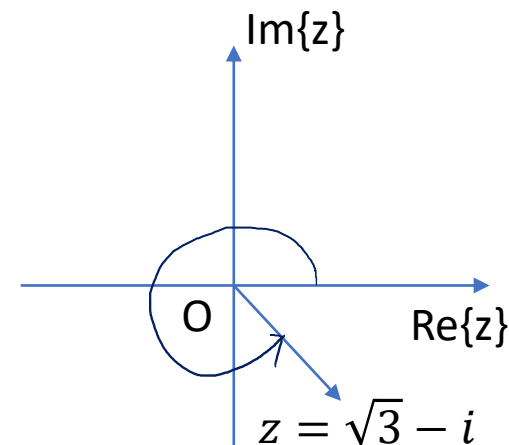
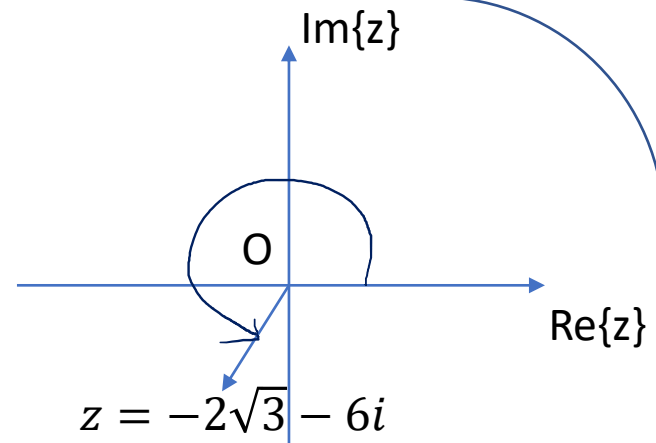
Solution: Here  $a = \sqrt{3}$  and  $b = -1$

We know that,  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (-1)^2} = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{And } \theta &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) + 2\pi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2\pi \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi = \frac{11\pi}{6}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $z = re^{i\theta} = 2e^{i\frac{11\pi}{6}}$ .

Exercise:  $z = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$ ,  $z = 2 - 2\sqrt{3}i$ .



**Problem:** Find the polar form of  $z = \left(\frac{1-i}{1+i}\right)^{18}$ .

**Solution:** Let  $z_1 = 1 - i$  and  $z_2 = 1 + i$ .

For  $z_1$ :  $a = 1$  and  $b = -1$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{1}\right) + 2\pi = -\frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi = \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence, } z_1 = \sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}}.$$

Similarly, For  $z_2$ :  $a = 1$  and  $b = 1$

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

$$\text{and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence, } z_2 = \sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}.$$

$$\text{So, } z = \left(\frac{1-i}{1+i}\right)^{18} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}}\right)^{18}$$

$$= \frac{e^{i\frac{63\pi}{2}}}{e^{i\frac{9\pi}{2}}} = e^{i\frac{63\pi}{2} - i\frac{9\pi}{2}} = e^{i\frac{54\pi}{2}} = e^{i27\pi}.$$

**Problem:** Find the polar form of  $z = (\sqrt{3} - i)^2(-1 + \sqrt{3}i)^5$ .

**Solution:** Let  $z_1 = \sqrt{3} - i$  and  $z_2 = -1 + \sqrt{3}i$ .

For  $z_1$ :  $a = \sqrt{3}$  and  $b = -1$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (-1)^2} = 2$$

$$\text{and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2\pi = -\frac{\pi}{6} + 2\pi = \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{Hence, } z_1 = 2e^{i\frac{11\pi}{6}}.$$

Similarly, For  $z_2$ :  $a = -1$  and  $b = \sqrt{3}$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = 2$$

$$\text{and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{-1}\right) + \pi = -\frac{\pi}{3} + \pi = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Hence, } z_2 = 2e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}.$$

$$\text{So, } z = (1 - i)^2(1 + i)^5 = (2e^{i\frac{11\pi}{6}})^2(2e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}})^5$$

$$= 2^7 e^{i\frac{11\pi}{3}} e^{i\frac{10\pi}{3}} = 2^7 e^{i(\frac{11\pi}{3} + \frac{10\pi}{3})} = 128e^{i7\pi}.$$

## Finding principal argument ( $\text{Arg } z$ ) from general argument ( $\arg z$ ):

➤ If  $\arg z$  is in  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$  then  $\arg z = \text{Arg } z$ .

Example: For  $z = 3e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$ ,  $\arg z = \frac{\pi}{6} = \text{Arg } z$ .

➤ If  $\arg z \geq 2\pi$  then subtract maximum no. of  $2n\pi$

Example: For  $z = 15e^{i\frac{15\pi}{2}}$ ,  $\arg z = \frac{15\pi}{2} = 7.5\pi$

So,  $\text{Arg } z = 7.5\pi - 6\pi = 1.5\pi = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ .

➤ If  $\arg z < 0$  then add minimum no. of  $2n\pi$

Example: For  $z = 2e^{-i5\pi}$ ,  $\arg z = -5\pi$

So,  $\text{Arg } z = -5\pi + 6\pi = \pi$ .

Problem: Find the principal argument of  $z = (2 + 2i)^4$ .

Solution: Let  $z_1 = 2 + 2i$ ;  $a = 2, b = 2$ ;

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{4 + 4} = 2\sqrt{2} \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence, } z = (2 + 2i)^4 = \left( 2\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \right)^4 = 64 e^{i\pi}.$$

$$\therefore \arg z = \pi; \quad \therefore \text{Principal argument: } Arg z = \pi.$$

Problem: Find the principal argument of  $z = \left( \frac{2\sqrt{3}+2i}{1-\sqrt{3}i} \right)^6$ .

Solution: Let  $z_1 = 2\sqrt{3} + 2i$  and  $z_2 = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$ .

For  $z_1$ :  $a = 2\sqrt{3}$  and  $b = 2$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{(2\sqrt{3})^2 + (2)^2} = 4 \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{6} \therefore z_1 = 4e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}.$$

Similarly, For  $z_2$ :  $a = 1$  and  $b = -\sqrt{3}$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-\sqrt{3})^2} = 2 \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1} \left( -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} \right) + 2\pi = \frac{5\pi}{3} \therefore z_2 = 2e^{i\frac{5\pi}{3}}$$

$$\text{So, } z = \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{1-\sqrt{3}i} \right)^6 = \left( \frac{4e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}}{2e^{i\frac{5\pi}{3}}} \right)^6 = 2^6 \frac{e^{i\pi}}{e^{i10\pi}} = 2^6 e^{i\pi - i10\pi} = 2^6 e^{-i9\pi}.$$

$$\therefore \arg z = -9\pi; \quad \therefore \text{Principal argument: } Arg z = -9\pi + 10\pi = \pi.$$

Problem: Find the principal argument of  $z = \left(\frac{1-i}{1+i}\right)^{18}$ .

Solution: Let  $z_1 = 1 - i$  and  $z_2 = 1 + i$ .

For  $z_1$ :  $a = 1$  and  $b = -1$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2} \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-1}{1}\right) + 2\pi = \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence, } z_1 = \sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}}.$$

Similarly,

For  $z_2$ :  $a = 1$  and  $b = 1$

$$\therefore r = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{2} \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence, } z_2 = \sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } z &= \left(\frac{1-i}{1+i}\right)^{18} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}}\right)^{18} = \frac{e^{i\frac{63\pi}{2}}}{e^{i\frac{9\pi}{2}}} \\ &= e^{i\frac{63\pi}{2} - i\frac{9\pi}{2}} = e^{i\frac{54\pi}{2}} = e^{i27\pi}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \arg z = 27\pi; \quad \therefore \text{Principal argument: } Arg z = 27\pi - 26\pi = \pi.$$

## Exercise:

1. Express  $\frac{(1+i)^2}{1-i}$  in terms of  $a + ib$ .

2. Evaluate each of the followings:

(a)  $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{1-i} \right\}$ , (b)  $\left| \frac{z}{\bar{z}} \right|$ , (c)  $\operatorname{Im} \left\{ \frac{z}{\bar{z}} \right\}$ .

Hints for (b) and (c): Let  $z = a + ib$ .

3. Convert the following numbers into polar form:

(a)  $z = -1 + i$ , (b)  $z = -3 - \sqrt{3}i$ , (c)  $z = \frac{(1-i)^2}{1+i}$ .

4. Convert the following numbers into rectangular form:

$z = \sqrt{3} e^{i \frac{\pi}{3}}$  and  $z = 2e^{i \frac{\pi}{4}}$ .

5. Find the principal argument of the followings:

(a)  $z = (-1 - i)^4$ , (b)  $z = (-2 + 2\sqrt{3}i)^3$ ,  $z = \frac{(1+i)^3}{(1-i)}$ .

### MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTION

1. The standard form of the complex number  $\frac{(1+i)^2}{1-i}$  is  
(a)  $-1-i$                       (b)  $-1+i$                       (c)  $1+i$                       (d) None
2. The polar form of the complex number  $-1+i$  is  
(a)  $\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}}$                       (b)  $-\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}}$                       (c)  $\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}}$                       (d) None
3. The standard rectangular form of the complex number  $z = \sqrt{3}e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$  is  
(a)  $-\sqrt{3}+i$                       (b)  $-\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{3}i$                       (c)  $\sqrt{3}i$                       (d) None
4. The principal argument of the complex number  $(-1+i)^4$  is  
(a)  $\pi$                       (b)  $2\pi$                       (c)  $3\pi$                       (d) None