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# COMPLEX ROOTS

## DEFINITION

LET  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $n \geq 2$  LET  $w \in \mathbb{C}$

WE SAY THAT  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  IS A COMPLEX  $n$ -ROOT<sup>TH</sup> OF  $w$  IF IT SOLVES

$$z^n = w$$

EX:

$$z^5 = z + i$$

$\pm n$

COMPLEX ROOT

THE NOTATION

$\sqrt[n]{w}$

DENOTES ALL POSSIBLE  $n$ -

ROOT OF  $w$

## REMARK

$$z^n = 0 \Leftrightarrow z = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

SO FROM NOW ON WE DEFINE  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $w \neq 0$

## IMPORTANT REMARK

IN  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sqrt{4} = 2$  AND  ~~$\sqrt{-4}$~~

$$\text{IN } \mathbb{C}, \quad \sqrt[n]{4} = \pm 2 \quad (z^2 = 4)$$

$$\sqrt[n]{-4} = \pm 2i \quad (z^2 = -4)$$

$w \sim \sqrt[n]{w}$  IS NOT A FUNCTION!

IN GENERAL, FOR ANY  $w \in \mathbb{R}$   $w > 0$

$$\sqrt[n]{4} = \pm \sqrt{4} \text{ AND } \sqrt[n]{-w} = \pm \sqrt[n]{w} i$$

REMARK

$$z^N = w \Leftrightarrow z^N - w = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  AT MOST  $N$  DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS!

$$(b_N=1, b_{N-1}=\dots b_1=0, b_0=w)$$

THEOREM

$N \geq 2$   $w \in \mathbb{C}$   $w \neq 0$  THERE EXIST  $N$   
DIFFERENT  $N$ -TH ROOTS OF  $w$ ,  $z_0, \dots, z_{N-1}$

IF  $w = \rho(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ ,  $\rho > 0$   $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  THEN

$$z_k = \rho^{1/N} \left( \cos \left( \frac{\theta}{N} + \frac{2k\pi}{N} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{N} + \frac{2k\pi}{N} \right) \right) \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

IN THE GAUSS PLANE THE POINTS  $z_0, \dots, z_{N-1}$  FORM  
A REGULAR POLYGON WITH  $N$  SIDES INSCRIBED IN  
THE CIRCLE CREATED AT  $O$  WITH RADIUS  $\rho^{1/N}$

NOTATION  $w=1$   $z^N=1$

ITS SOLUTIONS ARE CALLED  $N$ -TH ROOTS OF UNITY

### REMARK

$$N=2 \quad z_1 = -z_0$$

PROOF  $w = \rho (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \quad \rho > 0$

$$z = \gamma (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) \quad \gamma > 0$$

$$z^N = w \Leftrightarrow$$

$$z^N = \gamma^N (\cos(N\alpha) + i \sin(N\alpha)) = \rho (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\gamma^N = \rho \text{ AND } N\alpha = \theta + 2k\pi, \text{ FOR SOME } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$z_k = \rho^{1/N} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{N} + \frac{2k\pi}{N}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{N} + \frac{2k\pi}{N}\right) \right), k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$z_N = z_0$  AND  $z_0, \dots, z_{N-1}$  ARE DIFFERENT AND THERE CAN NOT BE ANY MORE SOLUTIONS!

### EXAMPLE

$$w = 1 + \sqrt{3}i \quad w = 2 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right)$$

$z^N =$  -ROOTS

$$\sqrt{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} = z_0$$

$$\sqrt{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \pi\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \pi\right) \right) =$$

$$\sqrt{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{7}{6}\pi\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{7}{6}\pi\right) \right) = -\left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = z_1$$

## CUBIC ROOTS

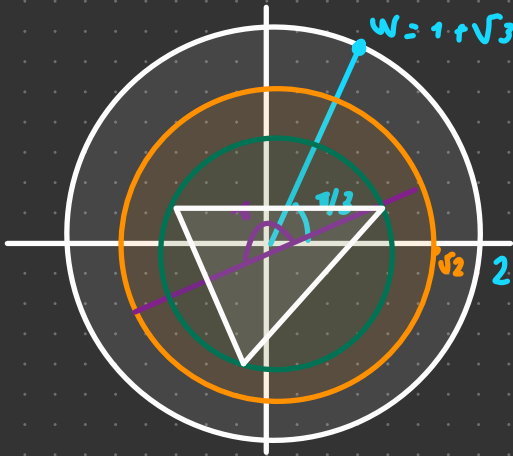
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$$\sqrt[3]{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{7}{3}\pi\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \right) =$$

$$\sqrt[3]{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{4}{3}\pi\right) \right) =$$

$$\sqrt[3]{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{5}{3}\pi\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5}{3}\pi\right) \right) = z_2$$



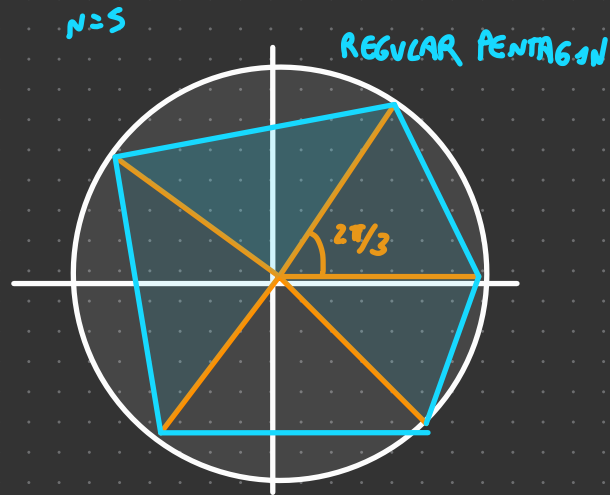
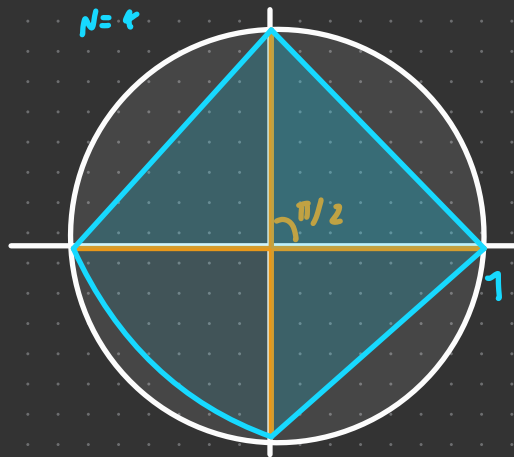
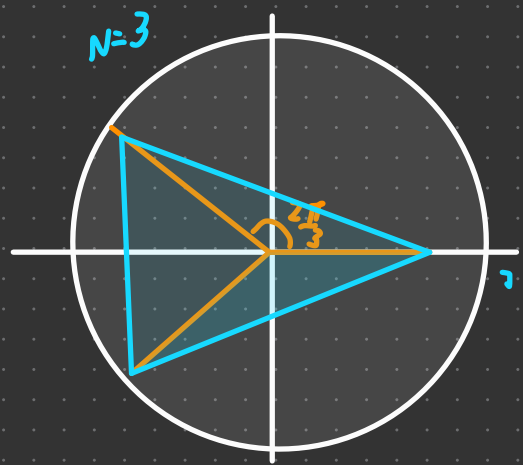
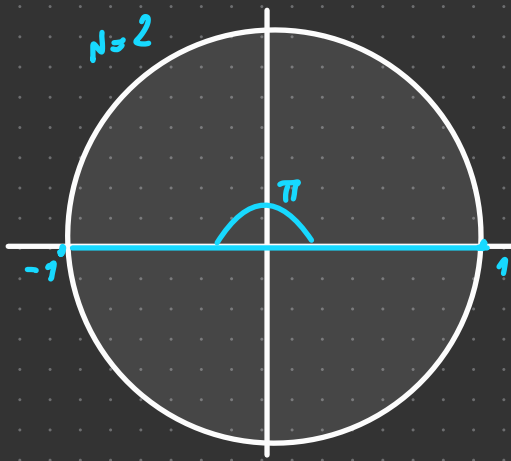
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COMPUTE AND DRAW THE 4-TH ROOT OF  $w$

EXAMPLE

1 IS ALWAYS A  $N$ -TH ROOT OF THE UNITY

$$1 = 1 (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$



FINAL REMARK

$a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $a \neq 0$ . SOLVE  $az^2 + bz + c = 0 \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$

$z$  IS A SOLUTION  $\Leftrightarrow z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

1. SOLUTION IF  $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$  ( $z = -\frac{b}{2a}$ )  
 2. DIFFERENT SOLUTION IF  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

**EXAMPLE**  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$   $a \neq 0$ . IN  $\mathbb{C}$  THE EQUATION  $az^2 + bz + c = 0$  HAS THE FOLLOWING SOLUTION

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac \geq 0 \quad z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\Delta = 0 \quad z = -\frac{b}{2a}$$

$$\Delta < 0 \quad z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{4ac - b^2}i}{2a}$$

**EXAMPLE**

•  $2z^2 - 3z + 5 = 0$

$$\Delta = 9 - 40 = -31$$

$$z_1 = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{31}i}{4}$$

•  $1z^2 - 3z + i = 0$

$$\Delta = 9 - 4i^2 = 13$$

$$z_1 = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2} = \frac{-i}{2} (3 \pm \sqrt{13})$$


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# SEQUENCES

LET  $X$  BE AN ARBITRARY SET ( $X \neq \emptyset$ )

WE CALL **SEQUENCE** OF  $X$  A FUNCTION

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$$

$$\mathbb{N} \ni n \rightarrow f(n) = x_n \in X$$

A SEQUENCE IS DENOTED  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq X$

**NOTE DIFFERENT** FROM  $\{x_n: n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  ORDERING IN A SEQUENCE MATTERS!

**EXAMPLE**  $X = \mathbb{R}$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(n) = x_n = n \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$1, 2, 3, \dots, n, \dots \quad \{n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(n) = x_n = -n^2 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$-1, -4, -9, \dots, -n^2, \dots \quad \{-n^2\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(n) = x_n = \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, \dots \quad \left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f(n) = x_n = 3 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$3, 3, 3 \dots 3, \dots \quad \{3\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$



$$\bullet X = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \quad f(n) = x_n = \{n\} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \dots, \{n\}, \dots \quad \{\{n\}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \quad f(n) = x_n = \{1, \dots, n\} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\{1\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \dots, \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \quad \{\{1, \dots, n\}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

### DEFINITION

LET  $P(n)$  BE A STATEMENT DEPENDENT ON  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

WE SAY THAT  $P(n)$  IS DEFINITELY TRUE IF

$\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  SUCH THAT  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  WITH  $n \geq n_0$  WE HAVE THAT  $P(n)$  IS TRUE

### REMARK

LET  $P(n)$  BE DEFINITELY TRUE

$(\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ SUCH THAT } \forall n \geq n_0 \quad P(n) \text{ IS TRUE})$

LET  $Q(n)$  BE DEFINITELY TRUE

$(\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ SUCH THAT } \forall n \geq n_0 \quad Q(n) \text{ IS TRUE})$

THEN  $\{P(n) \text{ AND } Q(n)\}$  IS DEFINITELY TRUE

IN FACT, LET  $N_0 = \max(N_0, N_1)$

$\forall n \geq K_0, n \geq N_0$  SO  $P(n)$  IS TRUE AND  $n \geq M_0$  SO  $Q(n)$  IS TRUE HENCE

$\forall n \geq K_0$  BOTH  $P(n)$  AND  $Q(n)$  ARE TRUE

## LIMITS OF SEQUENCES

**DEFINITION** LET  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{R}$  BE A SEQUENCE OF REAL NUMBER

$\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  IS **CONVERGENT** IF  $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}$  SUCH THAT

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  SUCH THAT  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  WITH  $n \geq N_0$  WE HAVE  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$

IN THIS CASE WE SAY THAT THE **LIMIT** OF  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

AS  $n$  GOES TO  $+\infty$  IS  $a$  OR THAT

$a_n$  GOES OR **CONVERGES** TO  $a$  AS  $n$  GOES TO  $+\infty$

AND WE WRITE

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} a_n = a \text{ OR } a_n \rightarrow a \text{ AS } n \rightarrow +\infty$$

REMARK •  $|a_n - a| < \delta \Leftrightarrow$   $a - \epsilon < a_n < a + \epsilon$   
 $\Leftrightarrow a_n \in (a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow d(a_n, a) < \epsilon$   
 $\Leftrightarrow a \in B_\epsilon(a)$

• LET  $C > 0$  BE A CONSTANT. WE CAN REPLACE  $< \delta$  WITH  $\leq \epsilon$ ,  $< C\epsilon$ ,  $\leq C\epsilon$

PROOF

$$< \epsilon \Leftrightarrow \leq 2\epsilon$$

$$\boxed{< \epsilon} \quad \forall \epsilon > 0 \quad \exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall n \geq N_0 \text{ WE HAVE } |a_n - a| < \epsilon$$

$$\boxed{\leq 2\epsilon} \quad \forall \epsilon_1 > 0 \quad \exists M_0 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \forall n \geq M_0 \text{ WE HAVE } |a_n - a| \leq 2\epsilon_1$$

" $\Rightarrow$ " FIX  $\epsilon_1 > 0$  LET  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1$ , THEN  $\exists N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  SUCH THAT

$$\forall n \geq N_0 \text{ WE HAVE } |a_n - a| < \epsilon \leq \epsilon \leq 2\epsilon = 2\epsilon_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \leq 2\epsilon \text{ HOLDS WITH } M_0 = N_0$$

" $\Leftarrow$ " FIX  $\epsilon > 0$  LET  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon}{3}$  THEN  $\exists M_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  SUCH THAT

$$\forall n \geq M_0 \text{ WE HAVE } |a_n - a| \leq 2\epsilon_1 = \frac{2\epsilon}{3} < \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{< \epsilon} \text{ HOLDS WITH } N_0 = M_0$$

### EXAMPLE

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{THEN} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$$

FIX  $\epsilon > 0$  PICK  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  SUCH THAT  $N_0 > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$  THEN

$\forall n \geq N_0$  WE HAVE

$$-\epsilon < 0 < |a_n - 0| = \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{N_0} < \epsilon$$

•  $a_n = \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1}$  THEN  $\lim_n$

NOTATION

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} = \lim_n$$

$$|a_n - 1| = \left| \frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 1} - 1 \right| = \left| \frac{-2}{n^2 + 1} \right| = \frac{2}{n^2 + 1} \leq \frac{2}{n^2} \leq \frac{2}{n} < \epsilon$$

FOR  $n$  IS ENOUGH?

LET  $N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  S.T.  $N_0 > \frac{2}{\epsilon}$  THEN  $\forall n \geq N_0$  WE HAVE

$$|a_n - 1| \leq \frac{2}{n} \leq \frac{2}{N_0} < \epsilon$$

### UNIQUENESS OF THE LIMIT

LET  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  BE A SEQUENCE OF REAL NUMBERS IF  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  IS CONVERGENT, IT

CAN NOT CONVERGE TO TWO DIFFERENT LIMITS,  
THAT IS, IF  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  SUCH THAT

$\lim_N a_N = a$  AND  $\lim_N a_N = b$ , THEN  $a = b$

PROOF

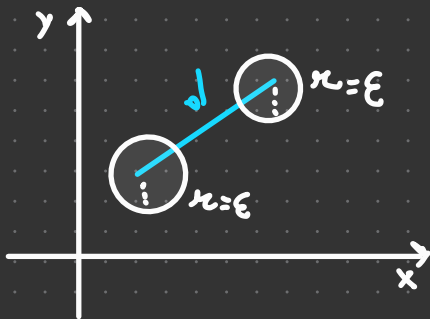
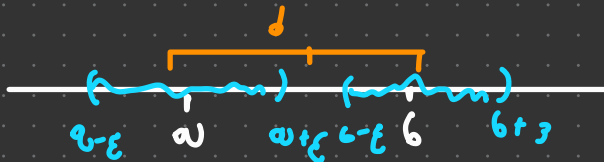
LET  $a \neq b$  THEN  $d = d(a, b) = |b - a| > 0$

TAKE  $0 < \epsilon \leq \frac{d}{2}$

THEN  $(a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon) \cap (b - \epsilon, b + \epsilon) = \emptyset$

$\parallel$   
 $B_\epsilon(a)$

$\parallel$   
 $B_\epsilon(b)$



IN FACT, BY CONTRADICTION, ASSUME

SO  $\exists c \in B_\epsilon(a) \cap B_\epsilon(b)$  THAT IS  $B_\epsilon(a) \cap B_\epsilon(b) \neq \emptyset$

$$d(c, a) < \varepsilon \text{ AND } d(c, b) < \varepsilon \text{ BUT}$$

$$0 \leq d = d(a, b) \leq d(a, c) + d(c, b) < \varepsilon + \varepsilon = 2\varepsilon \leq \frac{2d}{2} = d$$

CONTRADICTION!

BY CONTRADICTION, ASSUME  $a \neq b$  PICK  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \frac{d}{2}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a \Rightarrow \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ SUCH THAT } \forall n \geq n_0 \text{ WE HAVE}$$

$$a_n \in B_\varepsilon(a)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = b \Rightarrow \exists m_0 \in \mathbb{N} \text{ SUCH THAT } \forall n \geq m_0 \text{ WE HAVE}$$

$$a_n \in B_\varepsilon(b)$$

$$a_n \in B_\varepsilon(a) \text{ AND } a_n \in B_\varepsilon(b) \text{ THAT IS}$$

$$a_n \in B_\varepsilon(a) \cap B_\varepsilon(b) \quad \text{CONTRADICTION!}$$

$$B_\varepsilon(a) \cap B_\varepsilon(b) = \emptyset \quad \square$$