

# Mathematical modelling and computer simulations in theory and practice

Documentation of laboratory task no 1

Title: **Complex roots**

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## 1 Project Objective

The project objective is to develop a program that calculates the roots of complex number  $z$  of order  $n$  and then presents the result so that the roots of order  $n$  of number  $z$  are the vertices of a regular  $n$ -sided polygon inscribed in the circle of central point  $(0, 0)$  and radius  $\sqrt[n]{|z|}$ .

## 2 Description

The program consists of a single large function `complexRoots[z_, n_Integer]` composed of two smaller parts: computational part and visualization part.

### 2.1 Computational part

In the computational part, we first calculate the modulus, which gives the absolute value of  $z$ , and the argument, which gives the angle (phase) of the complex number  $z$  (denoted as  $\Phi$ ). Then, we compute the radius of the circle on which the roots should lie:

$$\text{radius} = \text{Power}[\text{modulus}, 1/n]. \quad (1)$$

Next, we calculate the  $n$  roots, where  $n$  is the number of sides of the polygon. We store the roots in a table as follows:

$$\text{roots} = \text{Table}[\text{radius} \cdot \text{Exp}[I \cdot (\text{argument} + 2\pi k)/n], \{k, 0, n-1\}]. \quad (2)$$

After computing the roots, we proceed to the visualization part of the function.

## 2.2 Visualization part

To prepare for plotting, we first convert the roots to points. The visualization part is divided into three sub-parts:

**1. Creating Frames** The frames are created progressively, with each frame showing an additional root point and connecting line. The code is as follows:

```
1 frames = Table[Graphics[
2   {Blue, Circle[{0, 0}, radius], (*circle representing
3     boundary*)
4     Red, PointSize[Large], Point[rootPoints[[;; i]]], (*showing points
5       progressively*)
6     Line[rootPoints[[;; i]]] (*connecting points
7       progressively*)},
8   Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"Re", "Im"},
9   PlotRange -> {{-radius - 1, radius + 1}, {-radius - 1,
10     radius + 1}},
11   PlotLabel ->
12     "Roots of Order " <> ToString[n] <> " of " <> ToString[z],
13   AspectRatio -> 1, GridLines -> Automatic, (*enabling grid
14     lines*)
15   Frame -> True, (*adding frame around the plot*)
16   FrameLabel -> {"Re", "Im"} (*label for frame*)],
17 {i, 1, n}];
```

**2. Final Frame** The final frame connects the last root point to the first, completing the polygon:

```
1 AppendTo[frames, Graphics[
2   {Blue, Circle[{0, 0}, radius],
3     Red, PointSize[Large], Point[rootPoints], (*showing all
4       points*)
5     Line[
6       Join[rootPoints, {rootPoints[[1]]}] (*connecting last
7         to first*)},
8   Axes -> True, AxesLabel -> {"Re", "Im"},
9   PlotRange -> {{-radius - 1, radius + 1}, {-radius - 1,
10     radius + 1}},
11   PlotLabel ->
12     "Roots of Order " <> ToString[n] <> " of " <> ToString[z],
13   AspectRatio -> 1, GridLines -> Automatic, (*enabling grid
14     lines*)
15   Frame -> True, (*adding frame around the plot*)
16   FrameLabel -> {"Re", "Im"} (*label for frame*)]]];
```

**3. Animating the Frames** Finally, we animate the frames to visualize the construction of the polygon from the roots.

## 2.3 Result

To use this function, you can first declare the complex number  $z$  and the number of sides of the polygon  $n$ . Then, call the function as follows:

$$\text{complexRoots}[z, n] \quad (3)$$

Or you can call the function by directly substituting specific values for  $z$  and  $n$ . The result will be displayed as an animated plot showing the roots of  $z$  in the complex plane.

For example for  $z = 23 + I$  and  $n = 6$ , the last frame would appear like shown below.

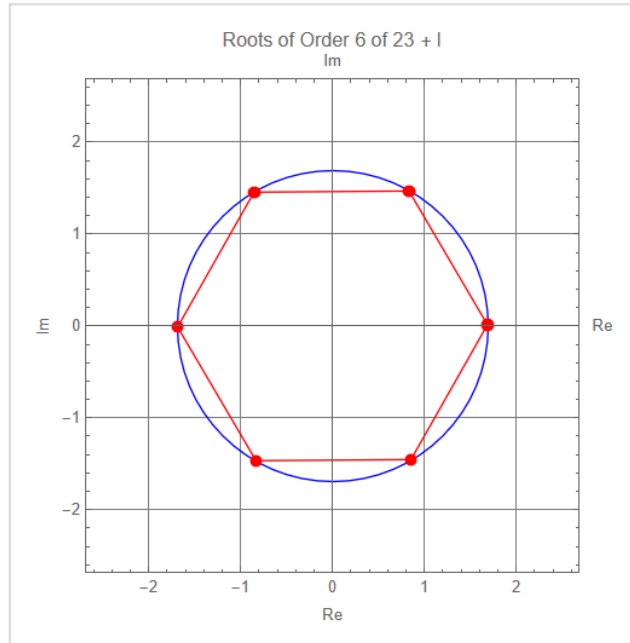


Figure 1: Roots of order 6 of  $23 + I$ , last frame

Another example, for  $z = -19 + 16I$  and  $n = 10$ , the sixth frame would appear like shown below.

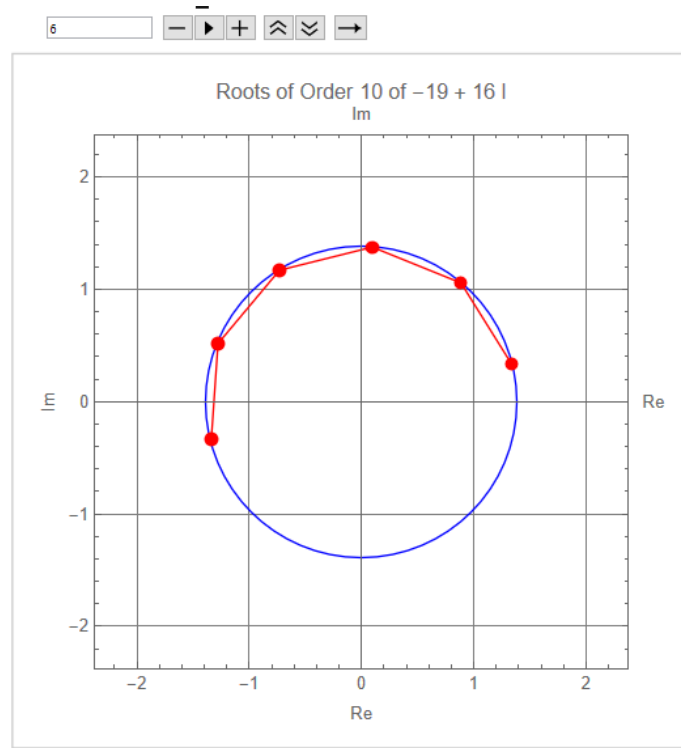


Figure 2: Roots of order 10 of  $-19 + 16I$ , sixth frame

### 3 Enclosures

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