

# Unit 2

## Number Systems

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For  
Amusement

Why do electronics  
engineers confuse  
Christmas with  
Halloween?



# Outline of Unit 2

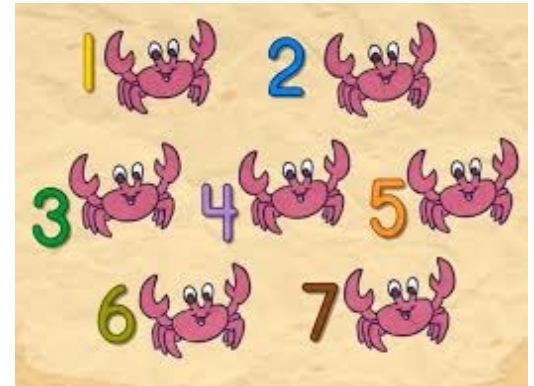
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# Unit 2.1

## Introduction to Numbers

# Numbers

- ❑ Why do we have numbers?
- ❑ It all starts with counting: 1, 2, 3, ...
- ❑ Hence, the set of **natural numbers**:  
 $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ .
  - Some people may include 0 to  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- ❑ If 0 is included, it is called whole numbers.



Two dogs

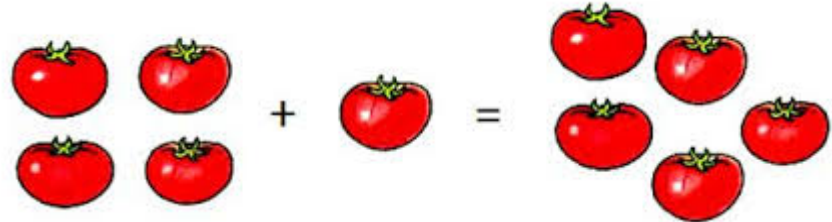


How many dogs?

# Addition & Subtraction

## □ Addition:

○  $4 + 1 = 5$



## □ Subtraction = Inverse of Addition

○  $4 = 5 - 1$

## □ What if $3 - 5$ or $3 - 3$ ?

## □ We need **negative numbers** and **zero**.

# Multiplication & Division

## □ Multiplication:

- $6 \times 2 = 12$



## □ Division: Inverse of Multiplication

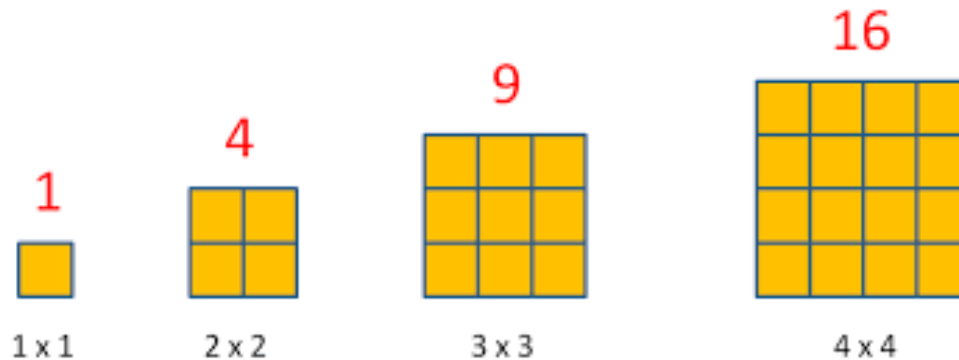
- $6 = 12 / 2$

## □ What if $12 / 5$ ?

## □ We need **rational numbers**.

# Square Numbers

- A square number (aka. perfect square) is the product of two equal natural numbers.



- What if  $\sqrt{-1}$ ?
- We need **complex numbers**.



## Unit 2.2

### Number Systems

# A Brief History

□ A brief history of numerical systems (5 min):

○ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZH0YnFpjwU>

# Decimal Number System

## ❑ Name

- “decem” (Latin) means ten.

## ❑ Ten Symbols:

- 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

## ❑ Example:

- 6174 is a special number called Kaprekar's constant
- $6174 = (6 * 10^3) + (1 * 10^2) + (7 * 10^1) + (4 * 10^0)$
- (3.5 min video) To more about this number:
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8TRcZklX\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8TRcZklX_Q)

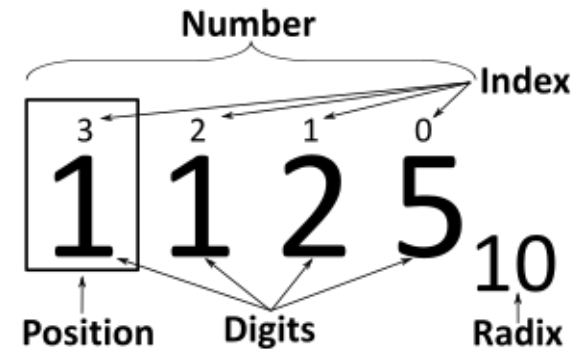
# Positional Notation

□ The string of digits  $(a_{n-1} a_{n-2} \dots a_2 a_1 a_0)_r$

$n$  : total number of digits in a string

$r$  : base (or radix) (an integer  $> 1$ )

$a_i$  : digits drawn 0 through  $r - 1$



represents **a positive integer**  $N$  which is given by a power series:

$$N = a_{n-1}r^{n-1} + a_{n-2}r^{n-2} + \dots + a_2r^2 + a_1r + a_0$$

□ Kaprekar's constant:  $(6174)_{10}$

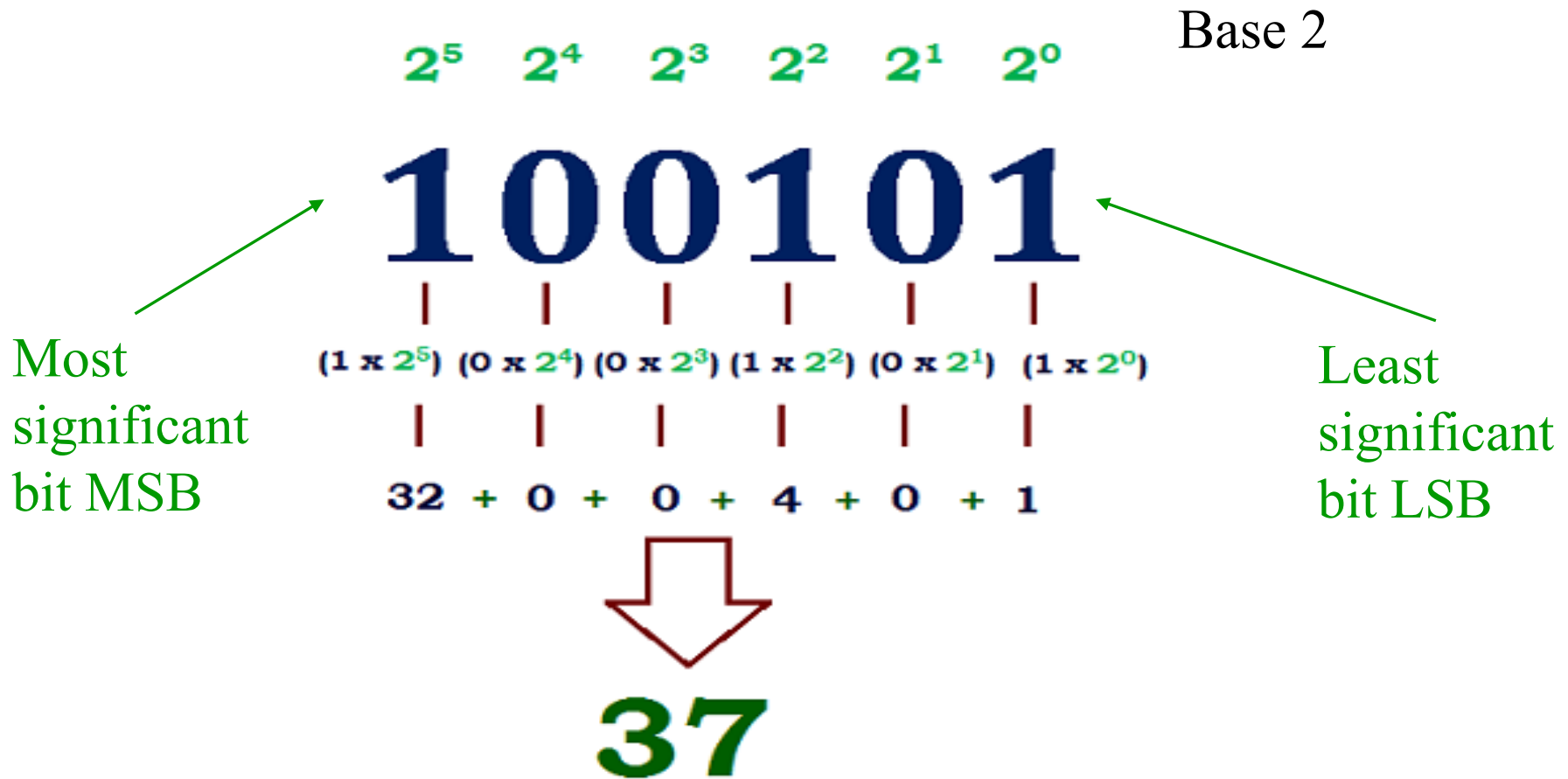
# Other Number Systems

- ❑ **Decimal** system (base 10) is for humans.
- ❑ Number systems commonly used in the computer world:
  - **Binary** (base 2)
    - **B**inary digit is called a **bit**
  - **Octal** (base 8)
  - **Hexadecimal** (base 16)

Binary	Decimal
0	0
1	1
10	2
11	3
100	4
101	5
110	6
111	7

# Binary to Decimal Conversion

□ Power series expansion:



# Decimal to Binary Conversion

## The Division Method

1. Divide the given positive integer by 2
2. Obtain the quotient  $q$  and remainder  $r$
3. Save  $r$  as the LSB
4. **Repeat**
5.     Divide  $q$  by 2
6.     Obtain the quotient  $q$  and remainder  $r$
7.     Save  $r$  as the next bit
8. **until**  $q$  becomes 0

## The Division Method (Example)

The diagram illustrates the conversion of the decimal number 210 to binary using the division-by-2 method. The process is shown as a series of divisions, with the quotient and remainder recorded at each step. The remainders are then read from bottom to top to form the binary number.

Division	Quotient	Remainder
210 ÷ 2	105	0
105 ÷ 2	52	1
52 ÷ 2	26	0
26 ÷ 2	13	0
13 ÷ 2	6	1
6 ÷ 2	3	0
3 ÷ 2	1	1
1 ÷ 2	0	1

The binary number is formed by reading the remainders from bottom to top: 110101010.



# Hexadecimal Number System

## ❑ Sixteen Symbols:

- 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F

Hexadecimal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
Decimal	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

## ❑ Why hex?

- A shorthand notation for binary numbers because it works out nicely for microprocessors of 8, 16, 32, and 64 bits.
- Every group of 4 bits of a binary number is represented as 1 hex digit
  - e.g., A=1010, B=1011, F = 1111, 0 = 0000, 7 = 0111, etc.

# Binary-Hexadecimal Conversion


Every four bits are converted into one hex digit:

Kaprekar's constant:

Add leading zeros to make the length a multiple of 4.

□ Binary (0001 1000 0001 1110)<sub>2</sub>

□ Hex ( 1 8 1 E )<sub>16</sub>



Converting hex to binary is straightforward.

# Decimal-Hexadecimal Conversion

- Hex -> Dec: Power series expansion

$$\begin{aligned}(181E)_{16} &= 1 \times 16^3 + 8 \times 16^2 + 1 \times 16^1 + 14 \times 16^0 \\ &= 4096 + 2048 + 16 + 14 \\ &= 6174\end{aligned}$$

- Dec -> Hec: Division Method

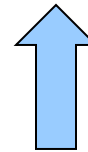
$$6174 / 16 = 385 \text{ R } 14$$

$$385 / 16 = 24 \text{ R } 1$$

$$24 / 16 = 1 \text{ R } 8$$

$$1 / 16 = 0 \text{ R } 1$$

Least significant digit



Most significant digit

# Octal Number Systems

- ❑ Eight Symbols:
  - 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
- ❑ Every group of 3 bits of a binary number corresponds to 1 octal digit.
- ❑ Conversion methods are the same as those for hexadecimal numbers.

# Decimal-Octal Conversion

❑ Oct -> Dec: Power series expansion

$$\begin{aligned}(14036)_8 &= 1 \times 8^4 + 4 \times 8^3 + 0 \times 8^2 + 3 \times 8^1 + 6 \times 8^0 \\ &= 4096 + 2048 + 0 + 24 + 6 \\ &= 6174\end{aligned}$$

❑ Dec -> Oct: Division Method

$$6174 / 8 = 771 \text{ R } 6$$

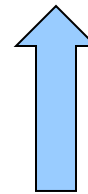
$$771 / 8 = 96 \text{ R } 3$$

$$96 / 8 = 12 \text{ R } 0$$

$$12 / 8 = 1 \text{ R } 4$$

$$1 / 8 = 0 \text{ R } 1$$

Least significant digit



Most significant digit

# Christmas vs Halloween

- Why do electronics engineers confuse Christmas with Halloween?



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## Unit 2.3

### Real Numbers

# Rational Numbers

## □ **Definition:**

- A number  $r$  is **rational** iff there exist integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $r = a / b$  and  $b \neq 0$ .

## □ Are all numbers rational?



# The First Irrational Number

□ **Theorem:**  $\sqrt{2}$  is Irrational.

□ Why does it matter?

○ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT4geKdKVfw>  
(~5 min.)

□ How to prove it?

***Proof*** (by Contradiction):

- ❑ Suppose  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. We can assume that  $a$  and  $b$  have no common factors.
  - Otherwise, we can cancel out the common factors.
- ❑ Squaring both sides,  $2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$ , or  $2b^2 = a^2$ .  
Therefore,  $a^2$  is an even number.
- ❑ By a result of Unit 1,  $a$  is even.
- ❑ We can write  $a$  as  $2k$ , where  $k$  is an integer. Then,  $2b^2 = a^2 = 4k^2$ , or  $b^2 = 2k^2$ . Therefore,  $b$  is an even number.
- ❑ This contradicts with the assumption that  $a$  and  $b$  have no common factor.

*Q.E.D.*

# Decimal Representation

□ A rational number  $\frac{a}{b}$  can be represented in decimal form by long division:

- 1)  $a \div b = q_1 \dots r_1$
- 2)  $10r_1 \div b = q_2 \dots r_2$
- 3)  $10r_2 \div b = q_3 \dots r_3$
- $\vdots$

□ The decimal is either

- **terminating** (if  $r_i = 0$  in step  $i$ ),  
or
- **repeating** (since non-zero remainder must be  $1, 2, \dots$ ,  
or  $b - 1$ , it must repeat after at  
most  $b - 1$  steps.
  - Note:  $1/7$  repeats after 6 steps.

Rational Number	Decimal Representation
$1/2$	0.5
$1/3$	0.333333333333...
$1/4$	0.25
$1/5$	0.2
$1/6$	0.166666666666...
$1/7$	0.142857142857...
$1/8$	0.125
$1/9$	0.111111111111...
$1/10$	0.1

# From Decimal to $a/b$ (examples)

## □ Terminating decimal:

- $0.125 = \frac{125}{1000} = \frac{1}{8}$ .

## □ Repeating decimal:

- Let  $x = 0.166666666666 \dots$  (also written as  $0.1\bar{6}$ )

- $10x = 1.666666666666 \dots$  (multiply by 10)

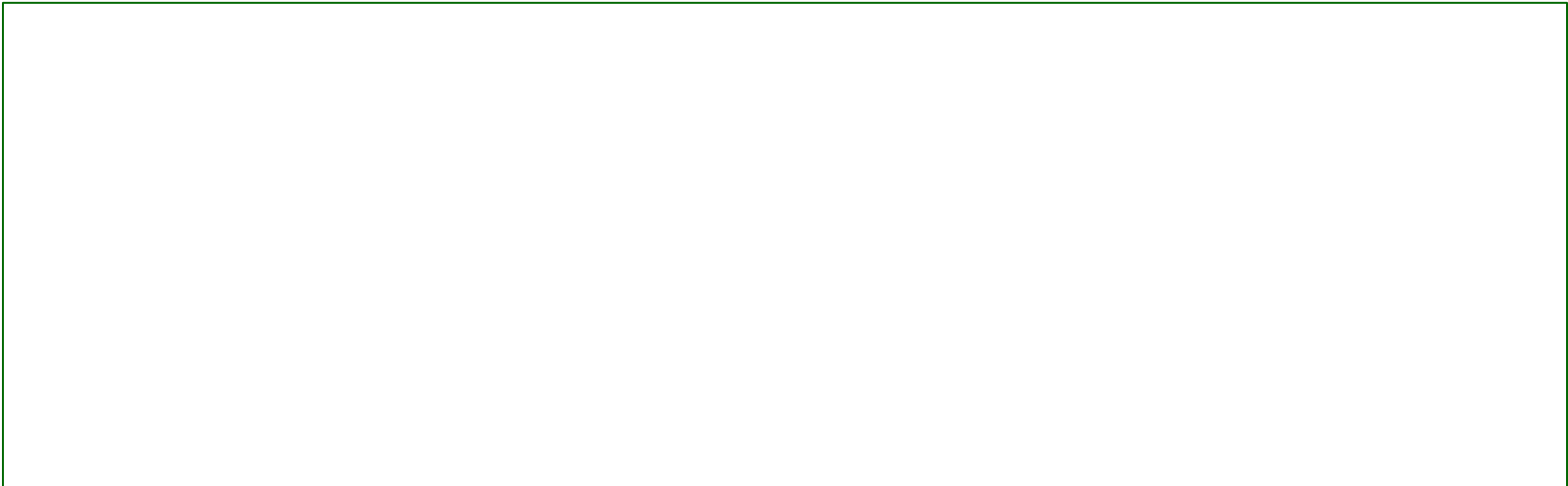
- $10x - x = 1.5$  (subtract 1st eqn. from 2nd)

- $9x = 1.5$

- $x = \frac{15}{90} = \frac{1}{6}$

Does  $0.99999\dots = 1$ ?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Neither yes nor no



# Rational vs. Irrational Numbers

- ❑ Rational numbers  $\leftrightarrow$  terminating or repeating decimals.
- ❑ Irrational numbers  $\leftrightarrow$  non-repeating infinite decimals.
  - $\pi = 3.141592653589793238462643383279 \dots$
  - $e = 2.718281828459045235360287471352 \dots$

# Euler's Number, $e$

- ❑ The discovery of this constant is credited to Jacob Bernoulli in 1683.
- ❑ The constant arises from the concept of continuous compound interest:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

(see next slide)

- ❑ Euler started to use the letter  $e$  for the constant in 1727 or 1728.

# Continuous Compound Interest

Interest rate (initial value = \$1)	Final amount after one year
100% per year	2
50% per 6 months	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 2.25$
25% per 3 months	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^4 = 2.44141$
(100/6)% per 2 months	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{6}\right)^6 = 2.52163$
(100/12)% per month	$\left(1 + \frac{1}{12}\right)^{12} = 2.61304$
⋮	⋮
(100/n)% per 1/n year Compound interest every moment	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = 2.71828$



# Extension to Negative Exponents

- A number  $N$  can be represented by the string below:

$$\overbrace{(a_{n-1} a_{n-2} \dots a_2 a_1 a_0)}^n \cdot \overbrace{a_{-1} a_{-2} \dots a_{-(m-1)} a_{-m}}^m \Big)_r \quad a_i \text{ drawn from } 0 \text{ through } r-1$$

- 1) “.” is the fractional point
- 2) The left most digit  $a_{n-1}$  is the **Most Significant Digit (MSD)**
- 3) The right most digit  $a_{-m}$  is the **Least Significant Digit (LSD)**

- $N$  is given by the power series

$$N = \underbrace{a_{n-1}r^{n-1} + \dots + a_1r^1 + a_0r^0}_{\text{Integer part}} + \underbrace{a_{-1}r^{-1} + \dots + a_{-m}r^{-m}}_{\text{Fractional part}}$$

# Fractional Number in Binary

□  $(12.6875)_{10}$

□ Separate the number into two integers

○  $(12)_{10} = (\textcolor{red}{1100})_2$  (integer part, division-by-2)

○  $(6875)_{10}$  (fractional part, multiplication-by-2)

□ For the fractional part,

$$0.6875 \times 2 = \textcolor{blue}{1}.3750$$

$$0.3750 \times 2 = \textcolor{blue}{0}.7500$$

$$0.7500 \times 2 = \textcolor{blue}{1}.5000$$

$$0.5000 \times 2 = \textcolor{blue}{1}.0000$$

$$0.6875 = (0.\textcolor{blue}{1011})_2$$

MSB



LSB

If the process never ends,  
you may need to round  
off at a certain point.

□ Combining the two parts,  $(12.6875)_{10} = (\textcolor{red}{1100}.\textcolor{blue}{1011})_2$ .

# Fractional Number in Octal

□  $(12.6875)_{10}$

□ Separate the number into two integers

○  $(12)_{10} = (\textcolor{red}{1}\textcolor{red}{4})_8$  (integer part, division-by-8)

○  $(6875)_{10}$  (fractional part, multiplication-by-8)

□ For the fractional part,

$0.6875 \times 8 = \textcolor{blue}{5}.5$

$0.5 \times 8 = \textcolor{blue}{4}.0$

$0.6875 = (0.\textcolor{blue}{5}\textcolor{blue}{4})_8$

MSB



LSB

□ Therefore,

$$(12.6875)_{10} = (\textcolor{red}{1}\textcolor{red}{1}\textcolor{red}{0}\textcolor{red}{0}.\textcolor{blue}{1}\textcolor{blue}{0}\textcolor{blue}{1}\textcolor{blue}{1})_2 = (\textcolor{red}{1}\textcolor{red}{4}.\textcolor{blue}{5}\textcolor{blue}{4})_8.$$

# Fractional Number in Hexadecimal

□  $(12.6875)_{10}$

□ Separate the number into two integers

○  $(12)_{10} = (\text{C})_{16}$  (integer part, division-by-16)

○  $(6875)_{10}$  (fractional part, multiplication-by-16)

□ For the fractional part,

$$0.6875 \times 16 = 11.0$$

$$0.6875 = (0.\text{B})_{16}$$

□ Therefore,

$$(12.6875)_{10} = (\text{1100.1011})_2 = (\text{14.54})_8 = (\text{C.B})_{16}$$

## Unit 2.4

### Complex Numbers

# Complex Numbers

real part  $\operatorname{Re}(x + yi) := x$

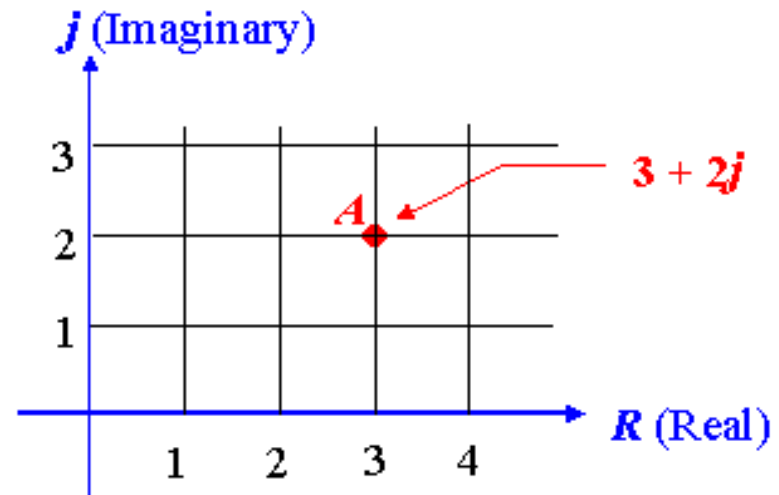
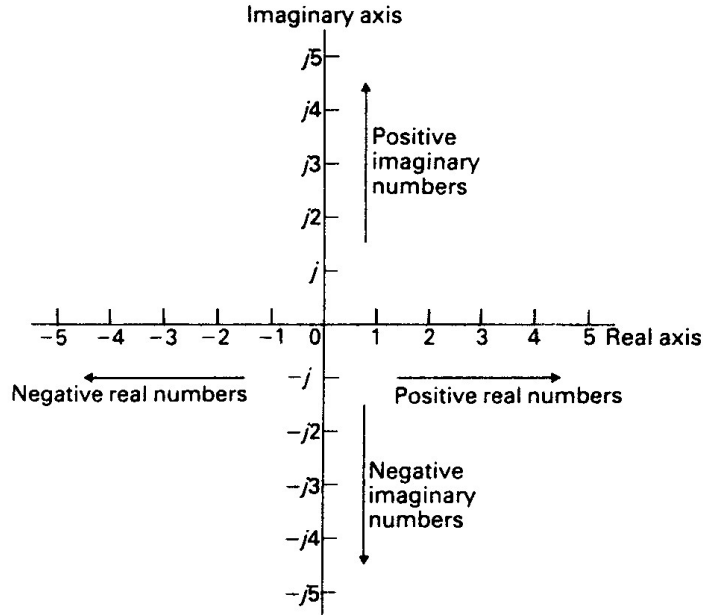
imaginary part  $\operatorname{Im}(x + yi) := y$  (Note: It is  $y$ , not  $yi$ , so  $\operatorname{Im}(x + yi)$  is real)

complex conjugate  $\overline{x + yi} := x - yi$  (negate the imaginary component)

- ❑  $\sqrt{-1}$  is represented by  $i$  in mathematics, and usually by  $j$  in EE (why?).
- ❑ Roughly speaking, a set of elements that can perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division (excluding division by zero) is called a **field**.
  - Examples:  $\mathbb{Z}$  (integers),  $\mathbb{Q}$  (rational numbers),  $\mathbb{R}$  (real numbers),  $\mathbb{C}$  (complex numbers).
    - I assume that you know how to do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of complex numbers.

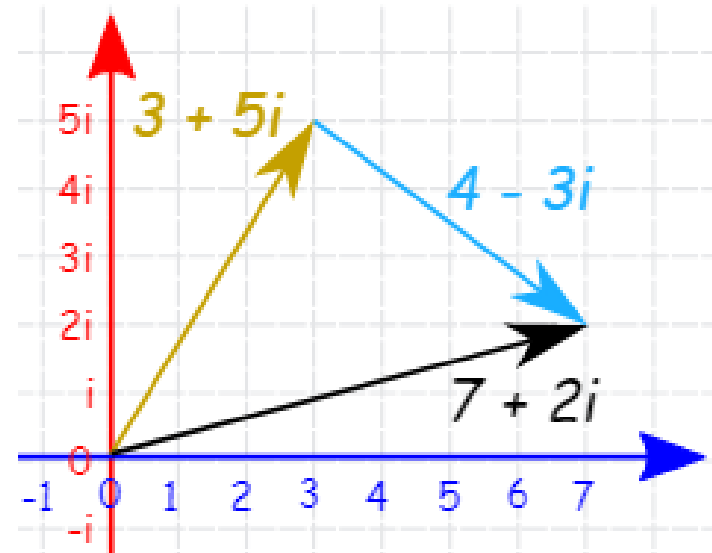
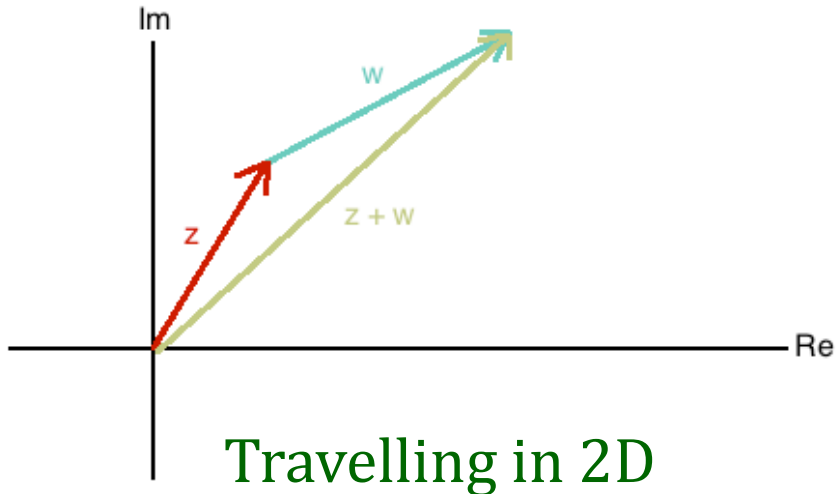
# Argand Diagram

- ❑ A real number is a 1-dimensional number, a point on the straight line.
- ❑ A complex number is a two-dimensional number, a point on the 2-dimensional plane.



# Addition of Complex Numbers

- $(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$
- Geometrically, it looks like this:

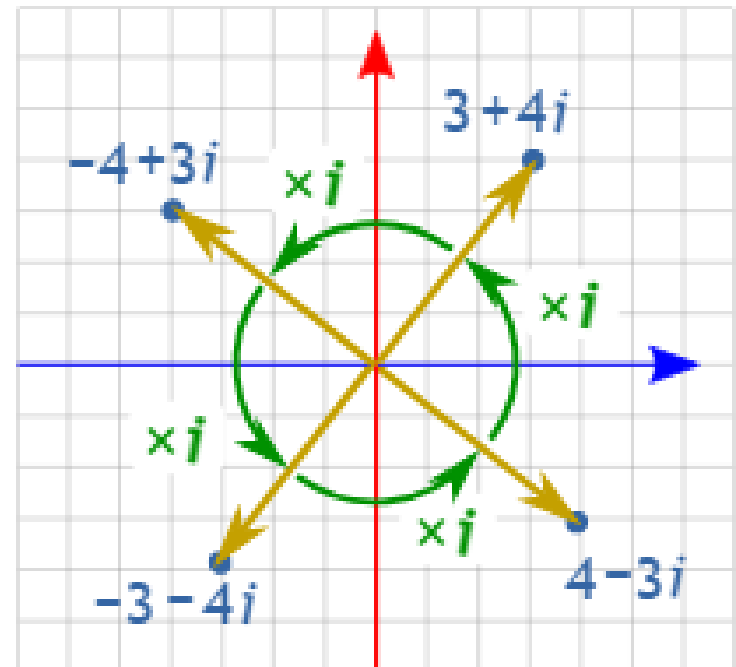




# Multiplication by $i$

- ❑ Multiplying  $z$  by a real number  $r$  is the same as **stretching the arrow by a factor of  $r$** .
  - Same as real numbers on the number line.
- ❑ Multiplying  $z$  by  $i$  is the same as **rotation by  $90^\circ$** .
- ❑ Consider  $z = 3 + 4i$ .
  - $2z = 6 + 8i$
  - $zi = (3 + 4i)i = -4 + 3i$

Rotating in 2D



# Polar Form of $z = a + bi$

- ❑ Consider Its modulus is  $|z| = r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .
- ❑ Its argument is  $\arg(z) = \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$ .
  - The principal value:  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$  (measured in radians,  $\pi = 180^\circ$ )

## Convert Complex Number from Rectangular Form to Polar (Trigonometric) Form

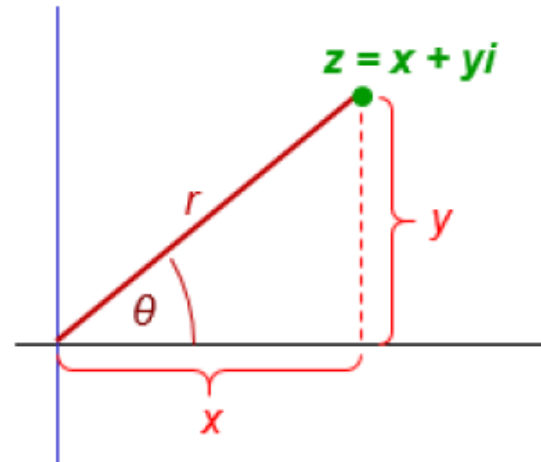
$z = x + yi$  (rectangular form)

$$r = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \text{ (polar form)}$$



# Multiplication by $a + bi$

- ❑ Multiplication can be easily done in polar form:

$$z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$$

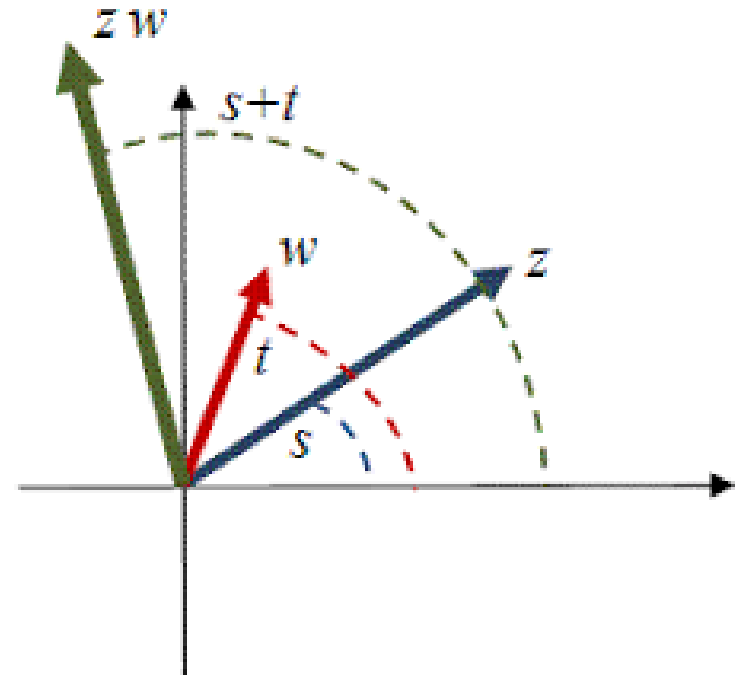
$$z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$$

- ❑ It can be proved that

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)).$$

Moduli multiplied

Arguments added



# de Moivre's Theorem

If  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ , then for all positive integer  $n$ ,

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

- ❑ It can be obtained by repeated multiplication, or formally proved by mathematical induction (next slide).
- ❑ de Moivre's Theorem is also true when  $n$  is a rational number (proof omitted).
- ❑ de Moivre's Theorem is a simple consequence of Euler's formula:  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  (not considered here).

*Proof:*

(Base case) It is obviously true for  $n = 1$ .

(Induction step) Assume it is true for  $n = k$ , i.e.,

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

Consider  $n = k + 1$ .

$$z^{k+1} = r^k (\cos k\theta + i \sin k\theta) \times r (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$= r^{k+1} [(\cos k\theta \cos \theta + \sin k\theta \sin \theta) + i(\sin k\theta \cos \theta + \cos k\theta \sin \theta)]$$

$$= r^{k+1} [\cos(k+1)\theta + i \sin(k+1)\theta]$$

Therefore, it is true for  $n = k + 1$ .

Hence, by induction, the statement is true for all positive integer  $n$ .

# The Roots of Unity

- For brevity, we write  $\text{cis } \theta$  for  $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ .
  - (de Moivre's Theorem)  $z^n = r^n \text{cis } n\theta$ .
- Let  $n$  be a positive integer.
- Consider the equation  $x^n = 1$ .
- 1 is obviously one of the roots.
- The equation has exactly  $n$  roots.
- They are called the  $n$ -th roots of unity.

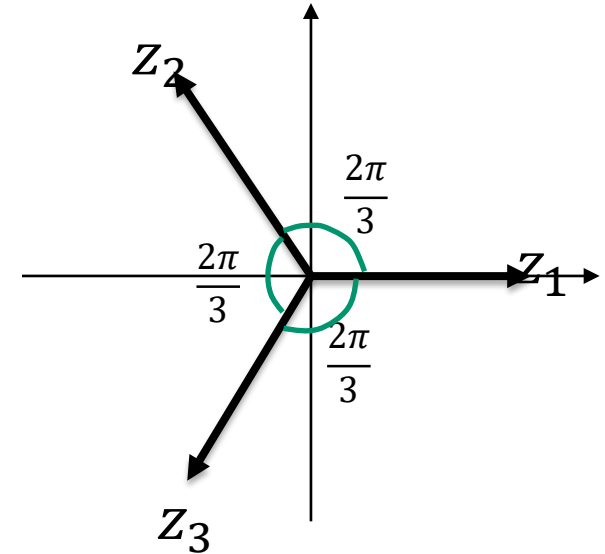
# Solve $z^3 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} z^3 &= 1 \operatorname{cis} 0 \\ &= 1 \operatorname{cis} 2k\pi \quad (k \text{ is an integer}) \\ z &= (\operatorname{cis} 2k\pi)^{1/3} \quad (\text{de Moivre}) \\ &= \operatorname{cis} \frac{2k\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$k = 0, z_1 = \operatorname{cis} 0 = 1$$

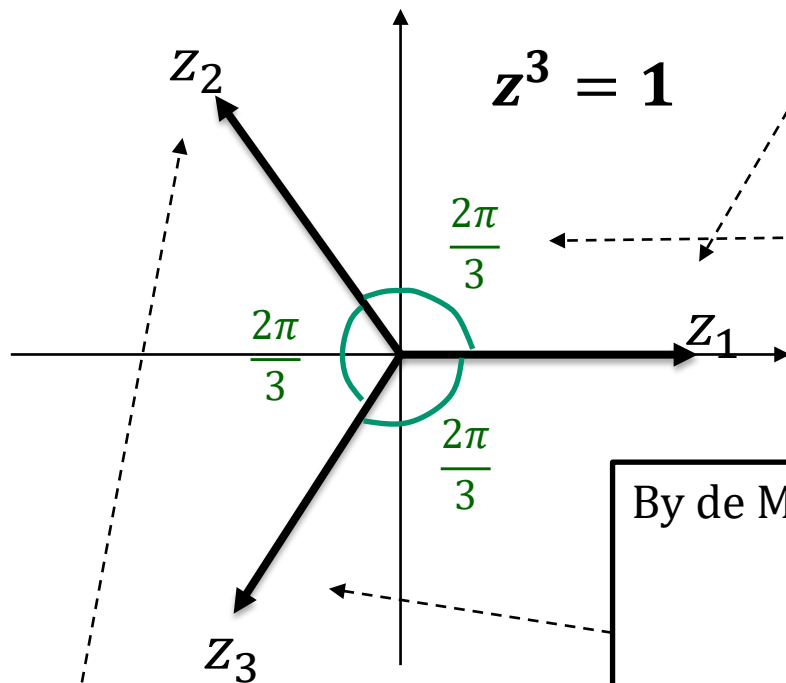
$$k = 1, z_2 = \operatorname{cis} \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$k = 2, z_3 = \operatorname{cis} \frac{4\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$



These are the **cube roots of unity**.

# Cube Roots of Unity



1 is clearly a root as  $1^3 = 1$ .

Each time, we add  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  to the argument, but left the modulus untouched.

When  $k = 3$ , we would have rotated  $\frac{2k\pi}{3} = 2\pi$ , so end up where we started.

By de Moivre's Theorem,  $\omega^2$  would be:

$$\omega^2 = \left( \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)^2 = \text{cis } \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

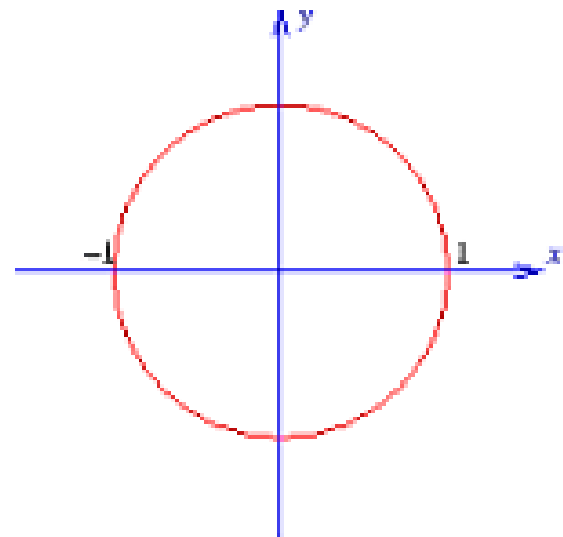
i.e., the next root! Therefore, the roots can be represented as  $1, \omega, \omega^2$ . Note that  $\omega^3 = 1$ .

Call this root  $\omega$

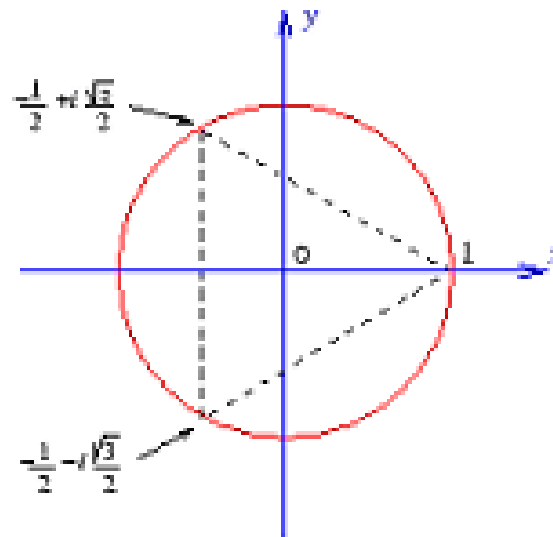
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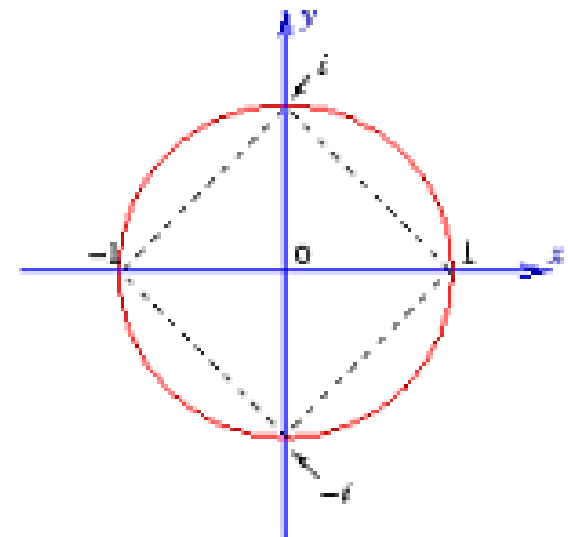
# $n$ -th Roots of Unity



(c)  $n = 2$



(d)  $n = 3$



(e)  $n = 4$

$$\omega = \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n}$$

The roots are  $1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$ .

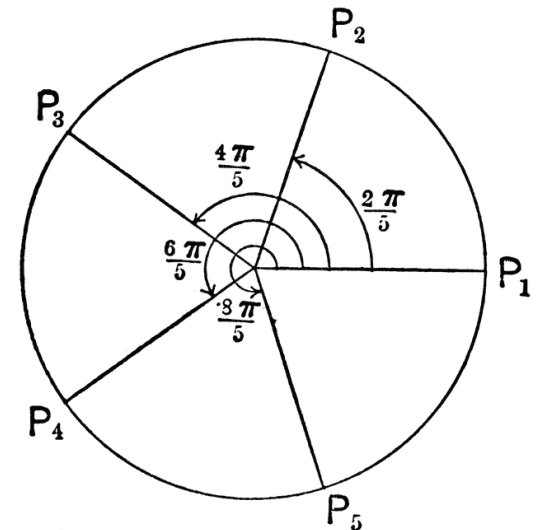
# Properties

a) Sum of all roots of unity equals 0.

$$1 + \omega + \omega^2 + \dots + \omega^{n-1} = \frac{\omega^n - 1}{\omega - 1} = \frac{1 - 1}{\omega - 1} = 0$$

b)  $\omega^k$  and  $\omega^{n-k}$  are complex conjugates.

$$\begin{aligned}\omega^k &= \text{cis } \frac{2k\pi}{n} = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n} \\ \omega^{n-k} &= \text{cis } \frac{2(n-k)\pi}{n} = \text{cis } \left( 2\pi - \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right) \\ &= \cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} - i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n}\end{aligned}$$



# Example

Solve  $z^4 = 2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$ .

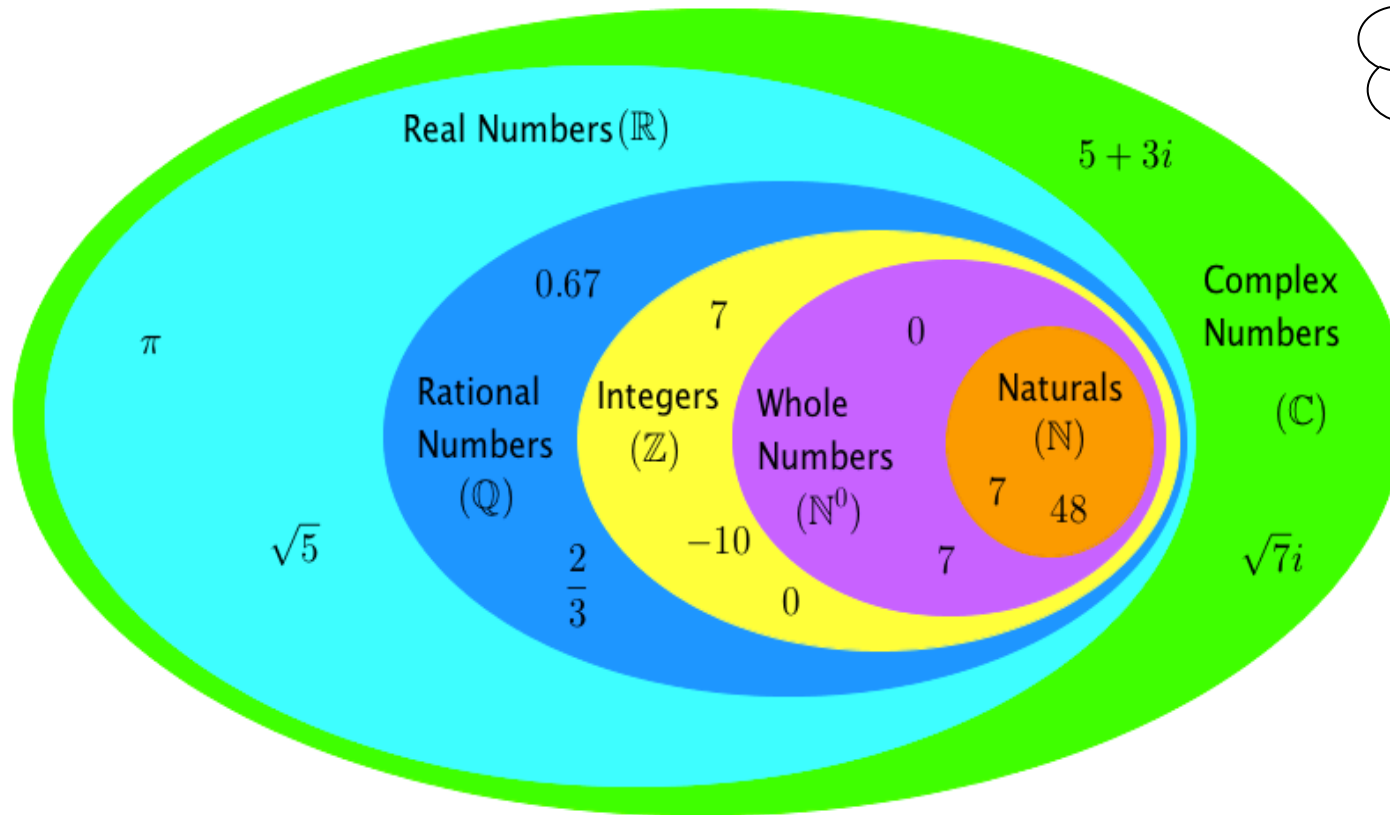
*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} z^4 &= 4 \operatorname{cis} \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= 4 \operatorname{cis} \left( \frac{\pi}{3} + 2k\pi \right) && (k: \text{integer}) \\ z &= \sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis} \left( \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{2k\pi}{4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

The four roots can be obtained by substituting  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} k = 0, z &= \sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis} \frac{\pi}{12}, & k = 1, z &= \sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis} \frac{7\pi}{12} \\ k = 2, z &= \sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis} \frac{13\pi}{12}, & k = 3, z &= \sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis} \frac{19\pi}{12} \end{aligned}$$

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