= x1 + iy1, z2 =

x2 + iy2 is obtained by expanding out the product of the binomials and simplifying using the rule <formula> :

<formula>

As a consequence of the angle sum formulas of trigonometry, if z1 and z2 have polar coordinates (r1, ?1), (r2, ?2), then their product z1z2 has polar coordinates equal to (r1r2, ?1 + ?2).

Consider the right triangle in the complex plane which has 0, 1, 1 + ix / n as vertices . For large values of n, the triangle is almost a circular sector with a radius of 1 and a small central angle equal to x / n radians . 1 + ix / n may then be approximated by the number with polar coordinates ( 1, x / n ) . So , in the limit as n approaches infinity , ( 1 + ix / n ) n approaches ( 1, x / n ) n

= (1n, nx/n) =