



## Definition

The equation

$$x^p = 1$$

has  $p$  roots and these are called the  $p$  roots of 1.<sup>1</sup> We call the complex numbers which solve this equation the  *$p$ th roots of one* or the *( $p$ th) roots of unity*.

A  $n$ th root of unity  $r \in \mathbf{R}$  is *primitive* if it is not an  $m$ th root of unity for any  $m < n$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Future editions will expand.



