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Part 1 : Algebra

Chapter 1 : Complex Numbers

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Practical argument: complex numbers make our life easier in many areas (trigonometry, physics, engineering)

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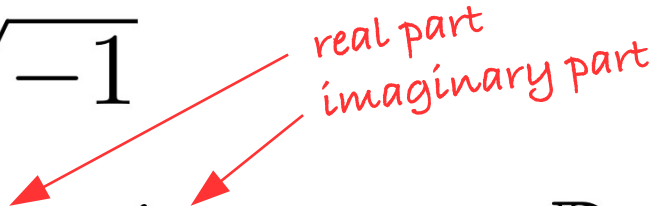
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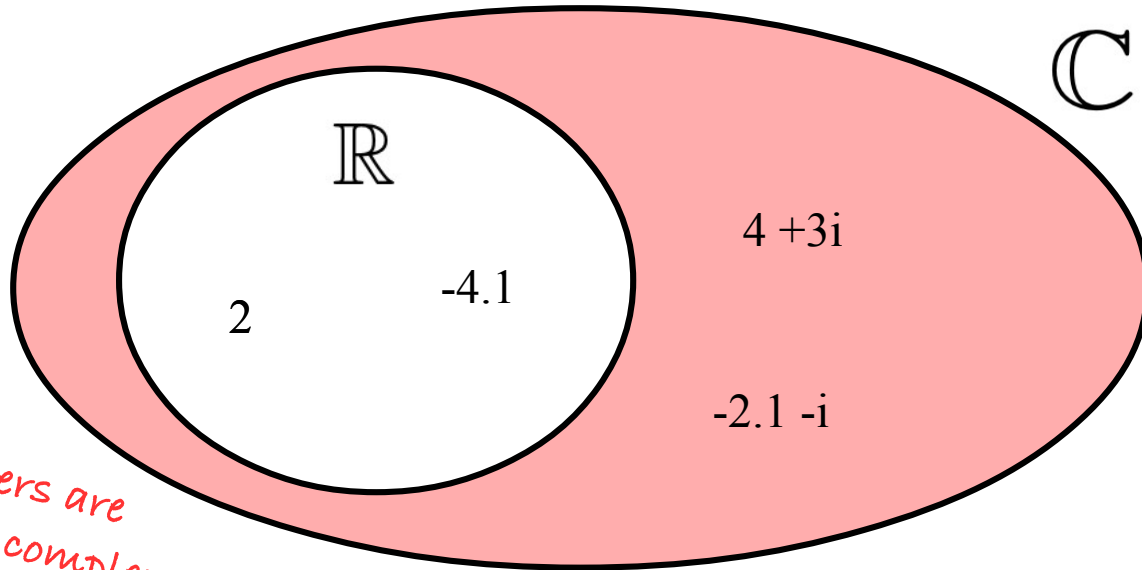
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A diagram with two red arrows pointing from handwritten text to the equation $z = x + iy$. One arrow points from the text "real part" to the variable x , and the other arrow points from the text "imaginary part" to the term iy . The text is written in a red, cursive script.
- The set of all complex numbers is denoted by \mathbb{C}
- Examples: $2 + 3i$, $5i$, -5.2 , $-6 + 12i$

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- Sets of complex and real numbers



*Real numbers are
included in complex
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II. Basic Complex Arithmetic



- Addition:

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$$(2 + 3i) + (5 - 8i) = (2 + 5) + (3 + (-8))i = 7 - 5i$$

Add up the real parts and imaginary parts separately

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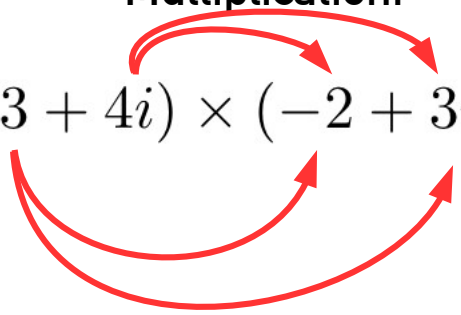
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- **Multiplication:**


$$\begin{aligned}(3 + 4i) \times (-2 + 3i) &= (3 \times (-2)) + (3 \times 3i) + (4i \times (-2)) + (4i \times 3i) \\&= -6 + 9i - 8i + 12i^2 \\&= -6 + 9i - 8i - 12 \\&= -18 + i\end{aligned}$$

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- Remark: $z \times \bar{z} = (x + iy) \times (x - iy) = x^2 + y^2$

 Real number

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- Division:

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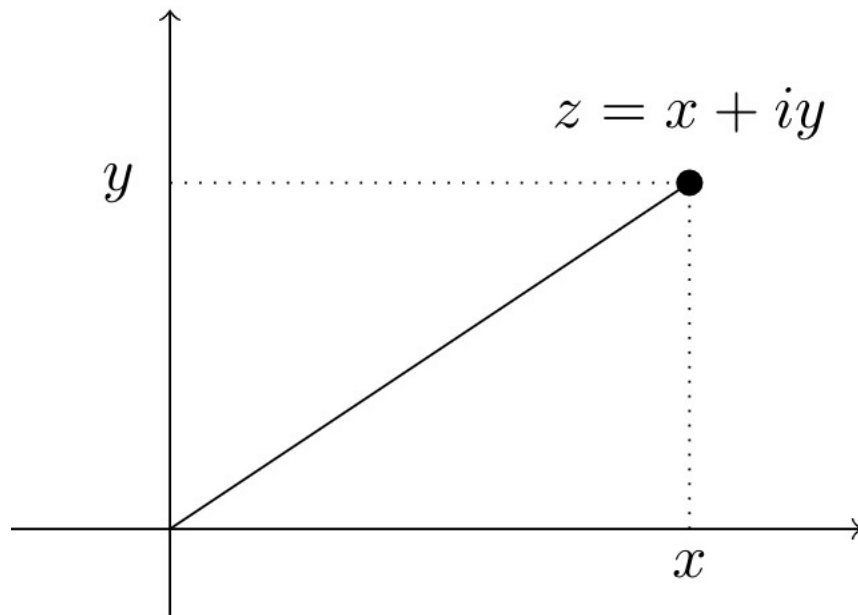
$$\frac{2+3i}{5-4i} = \frac{2+3i}{5-4i} \times \frac{5+4i}{5+4i} = \frac{(2+3i)(5+4i)}{(5-4i)(5+4i)} = \frac{-2+23i}{25+16} = \frac{-2}{41} + \frac{23}{41}i$$

*use the conjugate of
the denominator*

A red curved arrow originates from the handwritten text and points to the denominator $5+4i$ in the second fraction of the equation.

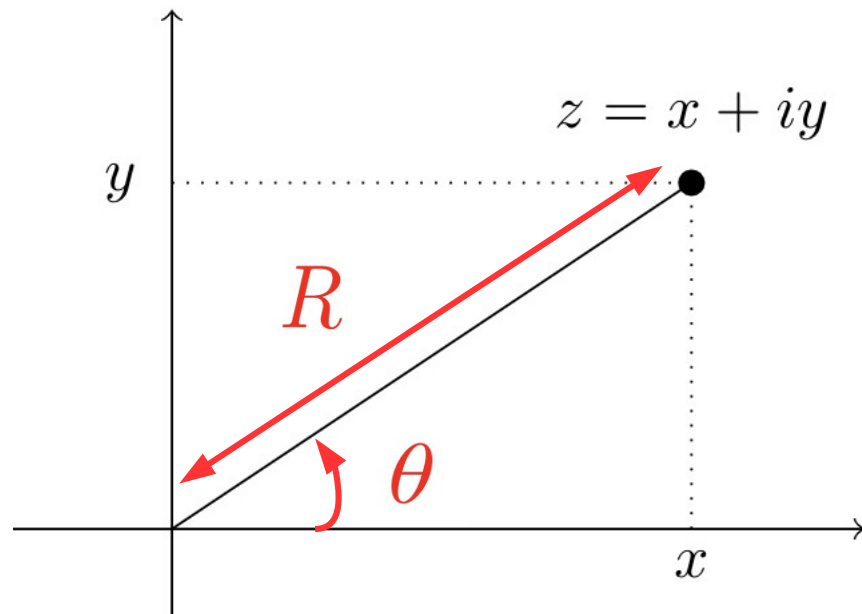
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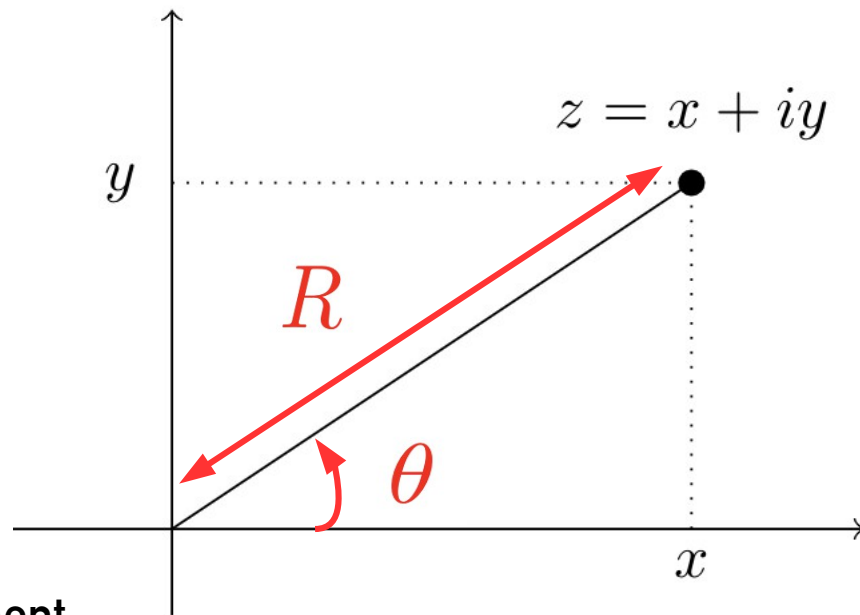
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- R is called absolute value, θ argument
or modulus



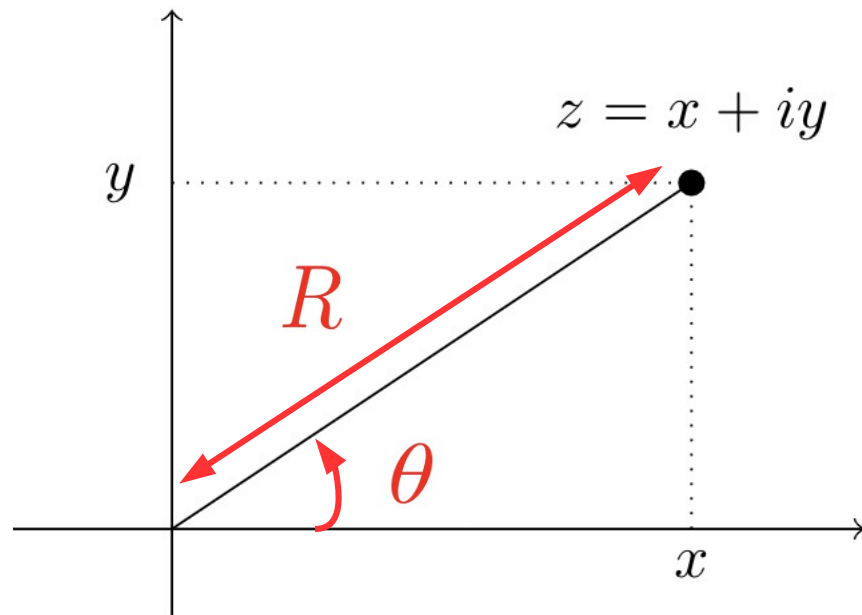
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$$x = R \times \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = R \times \sin(\theta)$$

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

$$\theta = \arg(z)$$

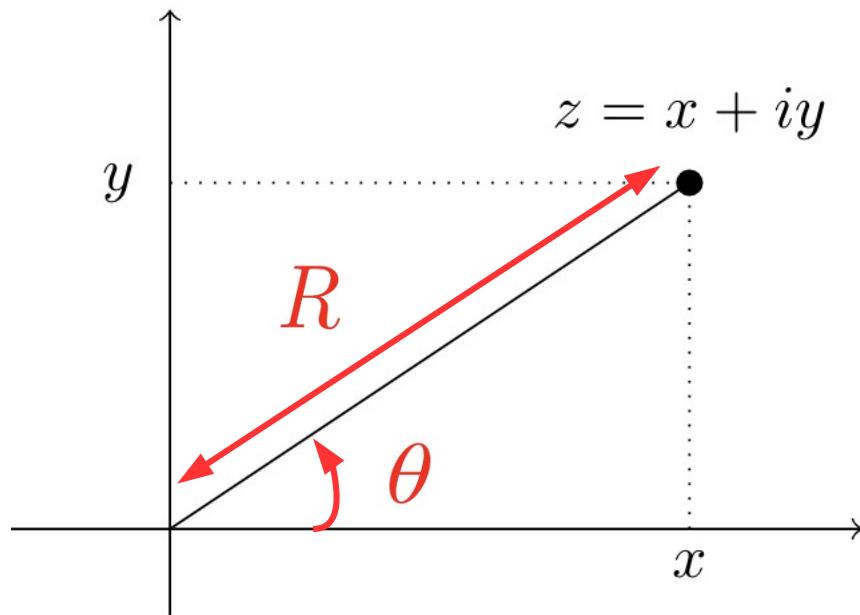


IV. Exponential form

A new notation!

$$z = R \times e^{i\theta}$$

$$R, \theta \in \mathbb{R}; R \geq 0$$

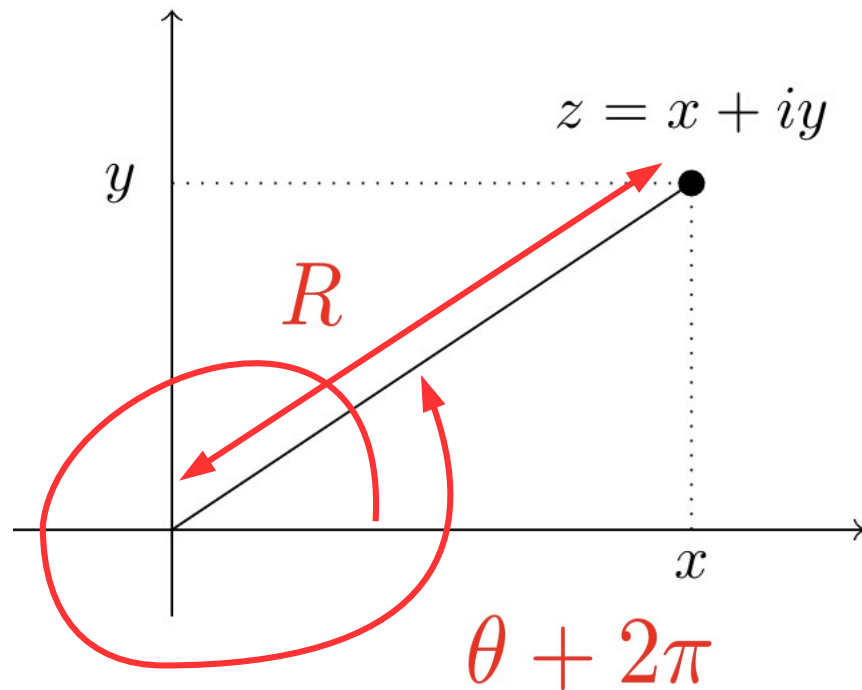


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- Two complex numbers whose arguments differ by 2π are considered equal.

- Example:

$$3e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} = 3e^{i(\frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi)} = 3e^{i\frac{9\pi}{4}}$$

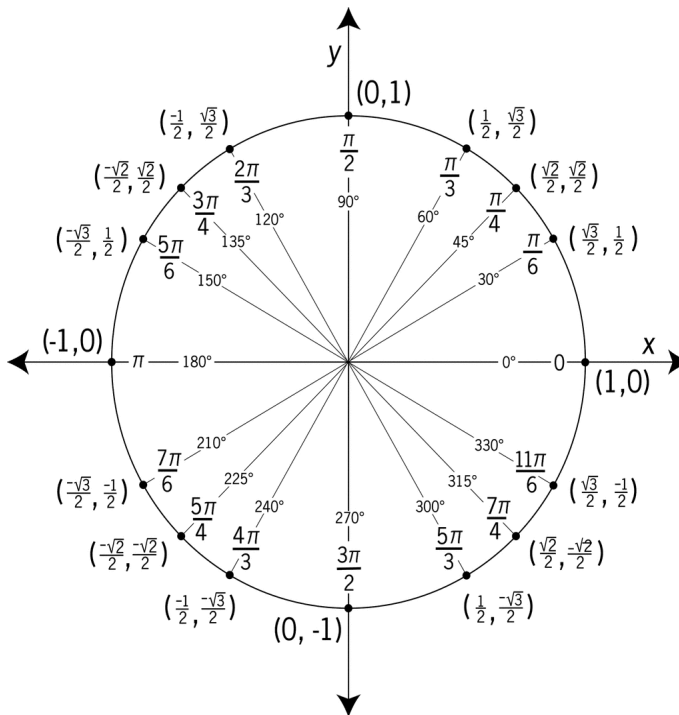


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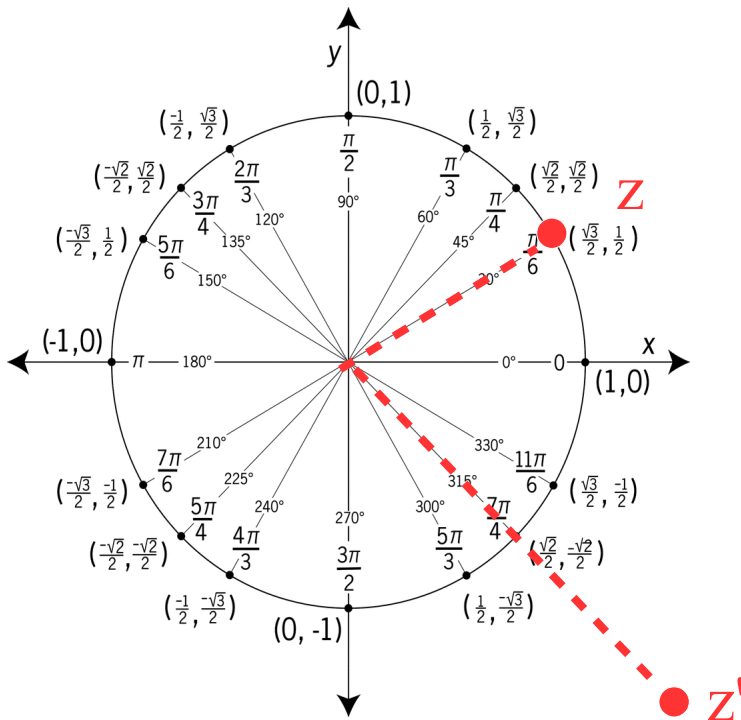


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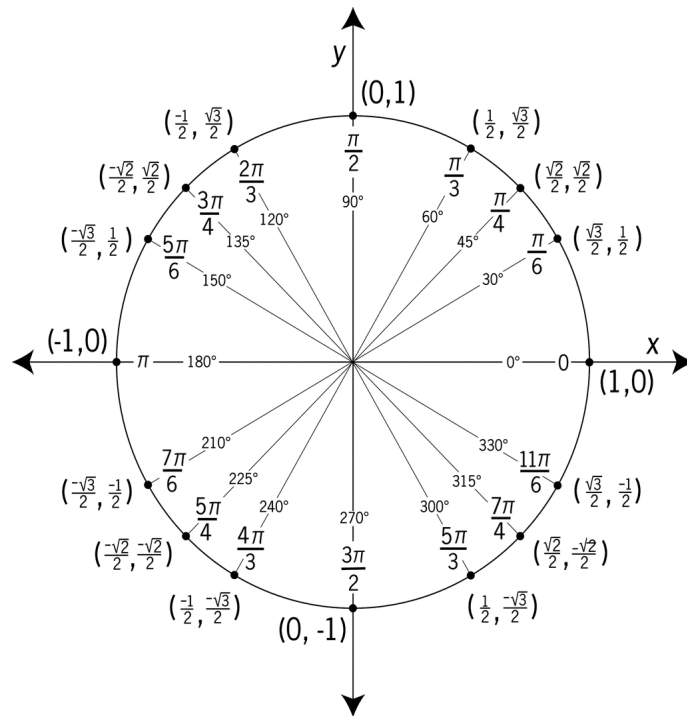
$$z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i = 1 \times e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$$

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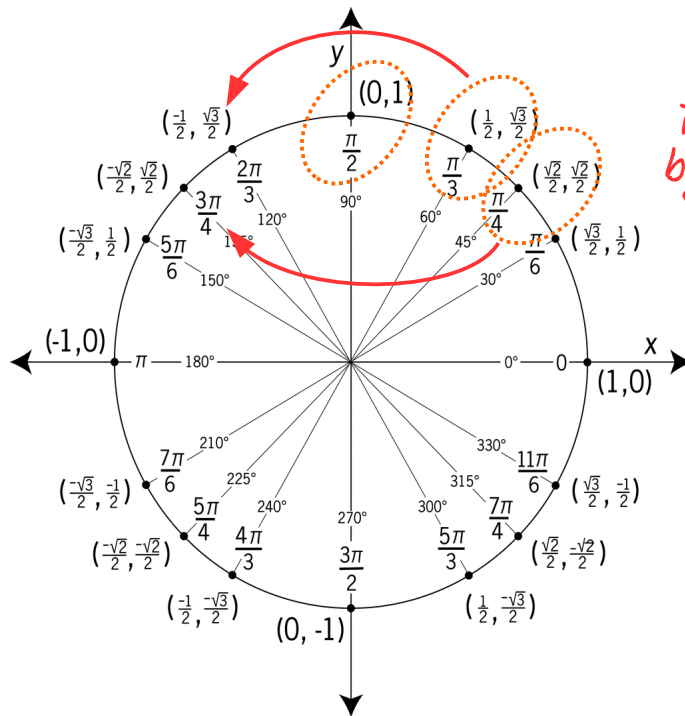


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Learn these and find the others by symmetry

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*Multiply the moduli and
add up the arguments*

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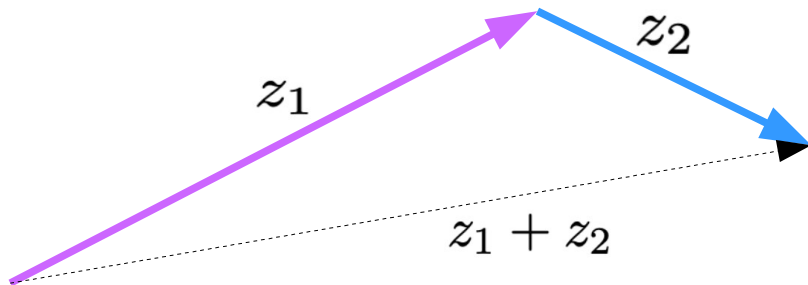
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(1 \times e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}})}{(2 \times e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}})} &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}}{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times e^{i\frac{\pi}{6} + i\frac{\pi}{4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times e^{i\frac{5\pi}{12}}\end{aligned}$$

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- The absolute value (or modulus) verifies the following:

Triangular Equality

$$|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$$



V. Roots of unity



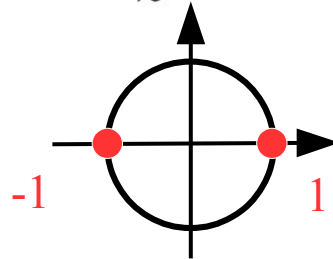
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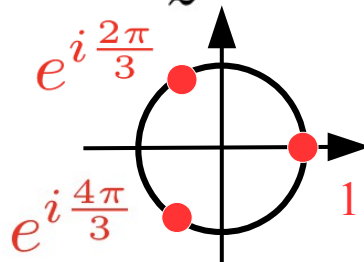


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There are 3 complex numbers z such that $z^3 = 1$: $1, e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}, e^{i\frac{4\pi}{3}}$



$$(e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}})^3 = (e^{i \times 2\pi}) = 1$$

proof

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*Need to consider the
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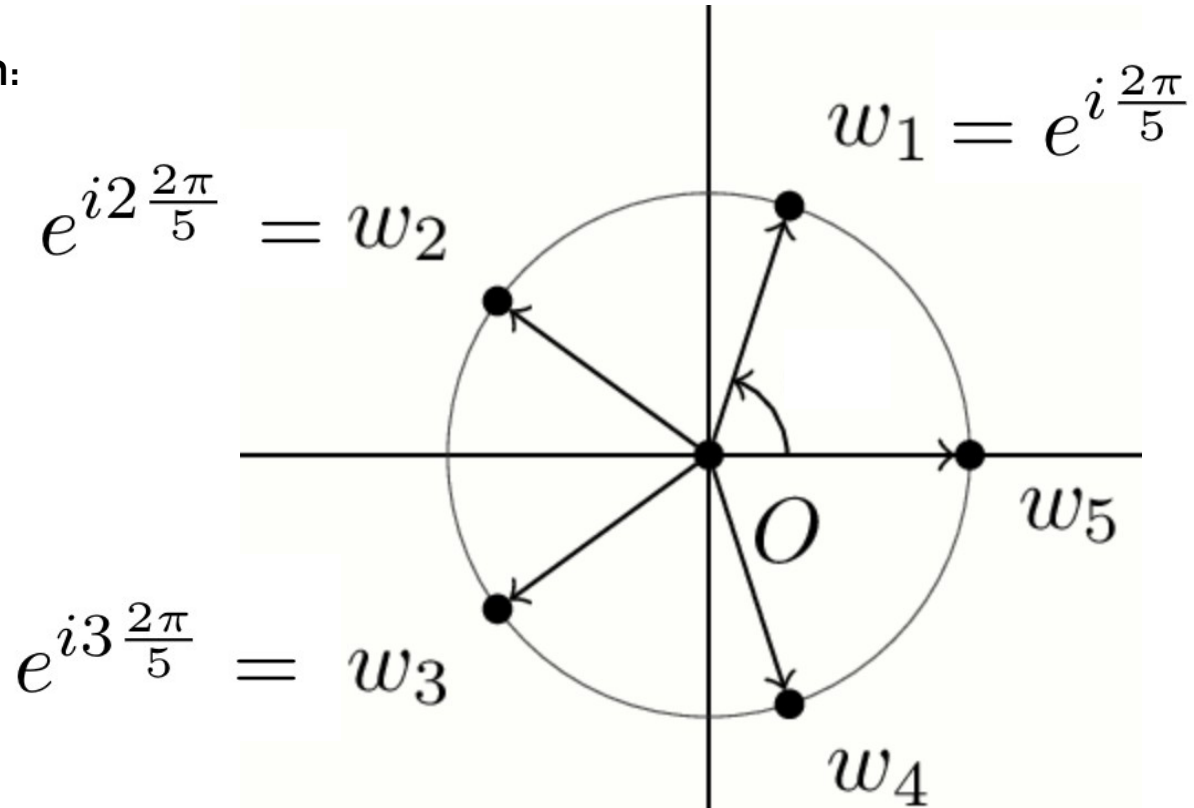
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- Finding the n -th roots of unity amounts to subdividing the unit disc in n equal parts



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if it verifies the equation then we must have: $x - iy = x + iy - i$
 $-2iy = -i$
 $y = \frac{1}{2}$

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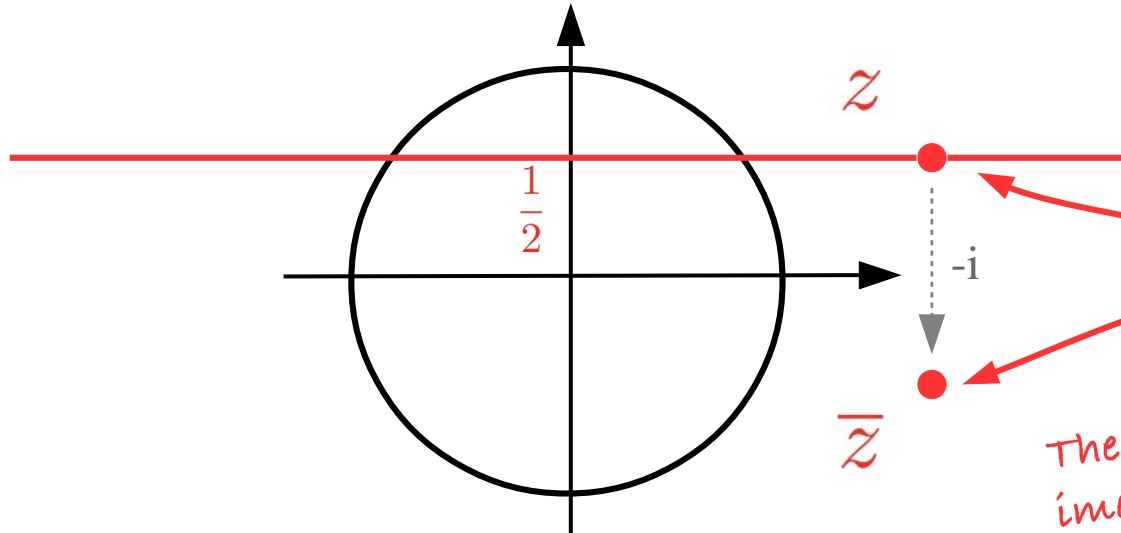
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$$\overline{z} = z - i \quad \text{Solutions: } z = x + \frac{1}{2}i \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$



The conjugate is the image of the original by a symmetry of axis x

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- Let's focus on another equation:
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*Note that squaring
doubles the argument*



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the complex number $z = Re^{i(\frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi)}$ is a solution of the equation.

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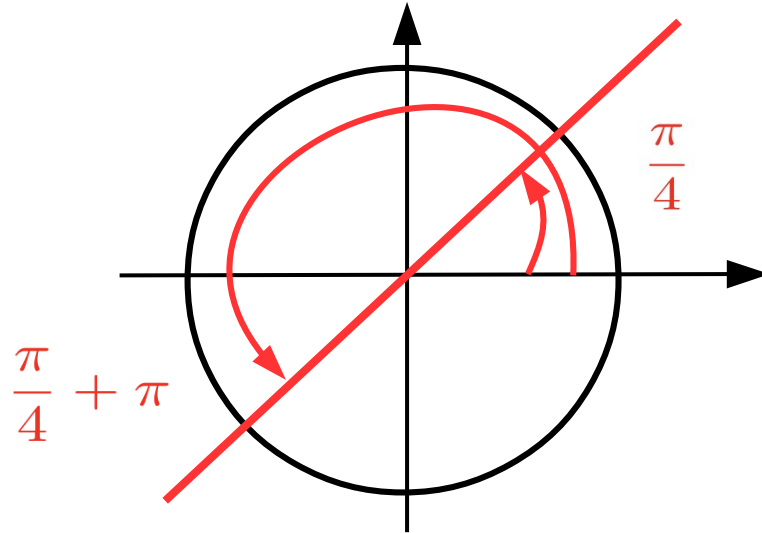
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VII. Conclusions



- Different representations for complex numbers
- Relations with trigonometry
- Geometric interpretation
- Solving complex equations