

Find two distinct square roots of  $i$

Trying to find  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.  $z^2 = i$ . Let  $z = a + bi$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+bi)^2 &= i = 0 + 1i \\ a^2 - b^2 + 2abi &= 0 + 1i \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} a^2 - b^2 = 0 \\ 2ab = 1 \end{cases} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} a^2 = b^2 \\ ab = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} a = \pm b \\ ab = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$1. \begin{cases} a = b \\ ab = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} a = b \\ b^2 = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} a = b \\ b = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{cases} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} z_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \\ z_2 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \end{cases}$$

$$2. \begin{cases} a = -b \\ ab = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \begin{cases} a = -b \\ -b^2 = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{Not real}$$