

Notes 5.3

De Moivre's Theorem

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De Moivre's Theorem:

Let $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ and let n be a positive integer.

Then:

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

$$= r^n (\text{cis } n\theta)$$

In Exercises 1 to 14, find the indicated power. Write the answer in standard form.

3. $[2(\cos 240^\circ + i \sin 240^\circ)]^5$

9.

$(1-i)^{10}$

$r = \sqrt{2} \quad \theta = 315^\circ$
 $(1-i) = \sqrt{2} \text{ cis } 315^\circ$

$$2^5 (\cos(5 \cdot 240) + i \sin(5 \cdot 240))$$

$$32 (\cos(1200) + i \sin(1200))$$

$(1200^\circ = 120^\circ)$

$$(\sqrt{2} \text{ cis } 315^\circ)^{10}$$

$$= (\sqrt{2})^{10} \text{ cis}(10 \cdot 315)$$

$$= 32 \text{ cis } 3150$$

$3150^\circ = 270^\circ$

$$32 \text{ cis } 270^\circ$$

$$32(0 + i(-1))$$

$$= -32i$$

$$32 (\cos 120^\circ + i \sin 120^\circ)$$

$$32 \left(-\frac{1}{2} + i \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right) = \boxed{-16 + 16i\sqrt{3}}$$

Use De Moivre's Theorem for finding roots:

Finding n th roots of a complex number:

if $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, then the n distinct complex numbers.

$$\sqrt[n]{r} \left(\cos \frac{\theta + 360^\circ \cdot k}{n} + i \sin \frac{\theta + 360^\circ \cdot k}{n} \right)$$

or $\sqrt[n]{r} (\text{cis } \frac{\theta + 360^\circ \cdot k}{n})$

or $r^{1/n} (\text{cis } \frac{\theta + 360^\circ \cdot k}{n})$

where $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, are the n th roots of the complex number z .

In Exercises 15 to 28, find all of the indicated roots. Write all answers in standard form.

19. The five fifth roots of -1

Change -1 to trig form

$$\text{cis } 180^\circ$$

$$k=0$$

$$\sqrt[5]{1} \text{ cis } \frac{180+360 \cdot (0)}{5}$$

$$\text{cis } 180^\circ$$

$$= 1 \text{ cis } 36^\circ \approx .809 + .588i$$

$$.809 + .588i$$

$$n = 5$$

$$r = 1$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ$$

$$k=1 \sqrt[5]{1} \text{ cis } \frac{180+360(1)}{5} = 1 \text{ cis } 108^\circ \approx -.309 + .951i$$

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Finding 5 roots

so use $k=0,1,2,3,4$

$$k=2 \sqrt[5]{1} \text{ cis } \frac{180+360(2)}{5} = 1 \text{ cis } 180^\circ = -1$$

$$-1$$

23. The four fourth roots of $1+i$

$$1+i = \sqrt{2} \text{ cis } 45^\circ$$

$$k=0 \sqrt[4]{\sqrt{2}} = 2^{1/8} \text{ cis } \frac{45+360 \cdot 0}{4}$$

$$= 2^{1/8} \text{ cis } 11.25^\circ = 1.070 + .213i$$

$$k=4 \sqrt[4]{1} \text{ cis } \frac{180+360(4)}{5} = 1 \text{ cis } 324^\circ \approx .809 - .588i$$

$$-.309 - .951i$$

$$k=1 2^{1/8} \text{ cis } \frac{45+360 \cdot 1}{4} = 2^{1/8} \text{ cis } 101.25^\circ = -.213 + 1.070i$$

$$k=2 2^{1/8} \text{ cis } \frac{45+360 \cdot 2}{4} = 2^{1/8} \text{ cis } 191.25^\circ = -1.070 - 2.13i$$

$$k=3 2^{1/8} \text{ cis } \frac{45+360 \cdot 3}{4} = 2^{1/8} \text{ cis } 281.25^\circ = .213 - 1.070i$$

In Exercises 29 to 40, find all roots of the equation. Write the answers in trigonometric form.

30. $x^5 - 32 = 0$

$$x^5 = 32 \quad x = \sqrt[5]{32}$$

Change 32 to trig form: $32 \text{ cis } 0^\circ$

$$k=0 \sqrt[5]{32} \text{ cis } \frac{0+360 \cdot 0}{5} = 2 \text{ cis } 0^\circ = 2$$

$$k=1 \sqrt[5]{32} \text{ cis } \frac{0+360 \cdot 1}{5} = 2 \text{ cis } 72^\circ = .618 + 1.902i$$

$$k=2 \sqrt[5]{32} \text{ cis } \frac{0+360 \cdot 2}{5} = 2 \text{ cis } 144^\circ = -1.618 + 1.176i$$

$$k=3 \sqrt[5]{32} \text{ cis } \frac{0+360 \cdot 3}{5} = 2 \text{ cis } 216^\circ = -1.618 - 1.176i$$

$$k=4 \sqrt[5]{32} \text{ cis } \frac{0+360 \cdot 4}{5} = 2 \text{ cis } 288^\circ = .618 - 1.902i$$

All n^{th} roots of z are equally spaced on a circle. notice each root increases by 72 for # 30 and $\frac{360}{5} = 72$