

Name: Solutions

Section: 100

Please complete the following exercises. Please answer individually (no collaboration).

1. Write each number in polar form, $z = re^{i\theta}$:

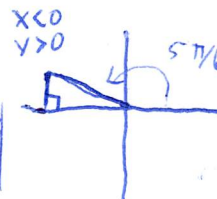
(a) $-\sqrt{3} + i$

$r = |z| = \sqrt{(-\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$

$\theta = \arctan(-1/\sqrt{3}) = 5\pi/6$
(not $-\pi/6$)

$z = 2e^{5\pi/6}$

Reference triangle:



Take care!
Be sure your arctans are in the right quadrant!

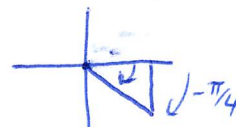
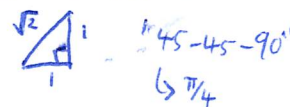
(b) $4 - 4i$

$r = |z| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2}$

$\theta = \arctan(-4/4) = -\pi/4$
(not $3\pi/4$)

$z = 4\sqrt{2}e^{-\pi/4}$

Ref triangle:



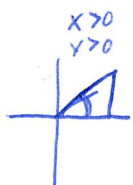
2. Write each number in standard form, $z = x + iy$:

(a) $7e^{\pi i/4}$

$x = r \cos \theta = 7 \cos(\pi/4) = 7 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$y = r \sin \theta = 7 \sin(\pi/4) = 7 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$z = \frac{7}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}i$

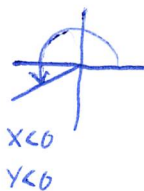


(b) $2e^{7\pi i/6}$

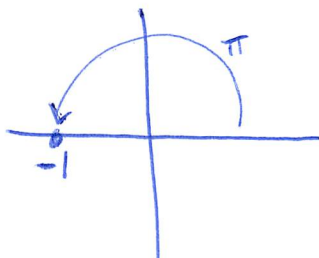
$x = r \cos \theta = 2 \cos(7\pi/6) = 2 \cdot (-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) = -\sqrt{3}$

$y = r \sin \theta = 2 \sin(7\pi/6) = 2 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) = -1$

$z = -\sqrt{3} - i$



3. Remind yourself using a calculator, or by drawing a diagram, or by some other means, of what $e^{\pi i}$ is. Does this now make more sense than it did last time we saw it?

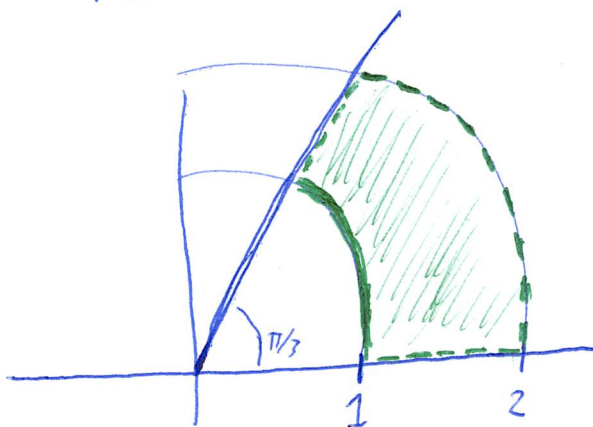


I hope the geometry and connection to polar coordinates is now clearer.

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4. Describe the region in the complex plane with z such that $1 \leq |z| < 2$ and $0 < \text{Arg}(z) < \pi/3$. Sketch a picture, but also describe in a few words as necessary.

$|z|$ restricts the radius, $\text{Arg}(z)$ the angle.



← It only contains part of its boundary.

5. Find the roots indicated

(a) $(1+i)^{1/2}$

Step 1: convert to polar form $z = \sqrt{2} e^{\pi/4 i}$

Step 2: write out enough roots (z) to get all: $z^{1/2} = (\sqrt{2} e^{\pi/4 i})^{1/2} = (\sqrt{2} e^{9\pi/4 i})^{1/2}$

Step 3: Add the root exponents →

Step 4: Simplify the exponents: $z^{1/2} = (\sqrt{2})^{1/2} e^{\pi/8 i}$ or $(\sqrt{2})^{1/2} e^{9\pi/8 i}$

Step 5 (optional/contextual): Put back into rectangular form

$$z = \sqrt[4]{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i}{2} \right) + \sqrt[4]{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i}{2} \right) i$$

(or the negative of this)

(b) $(-8 - 8\sqrt{3}i)^{1/4}$

Try to get this one on your own!

If you can't, come talk to me!