

Math 1060 ~ Trigonometry

19 Trigonometric Representation of Complex Numbers

Learning Objectives

In this section you will:

- Find the real part, the imaginary part, and the modulus of a complex number.
- Graph complex numbers.
- Convert between rectangular form and trigonometric form of complex numbers.

$$\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u = 1$$

$$\sin 2u = 2 \sin u \cos u$$

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

Review of Complex Numbers

What is i ? $i^2 = -1$ $i = \sqrt{-1}$ (imaginary #)

The rectangular form of a complex number is $z = a + bi$ where a is the real part and b is the imaginary part. This is represented by $Re(z) = a$ and $Im(z) = b$.

This exercise should serve as a review of complex number as learned in a previous course.

Ex 1: Let $z_1 = 2 - 2i$ and $z_2 = -3 + 4i$.

a) Sketch z_1 and z_2 in the complex plane

b) $z_1 + z_2 = 2 - 2i + -3 + 4i$
 $= -1 + 2i$

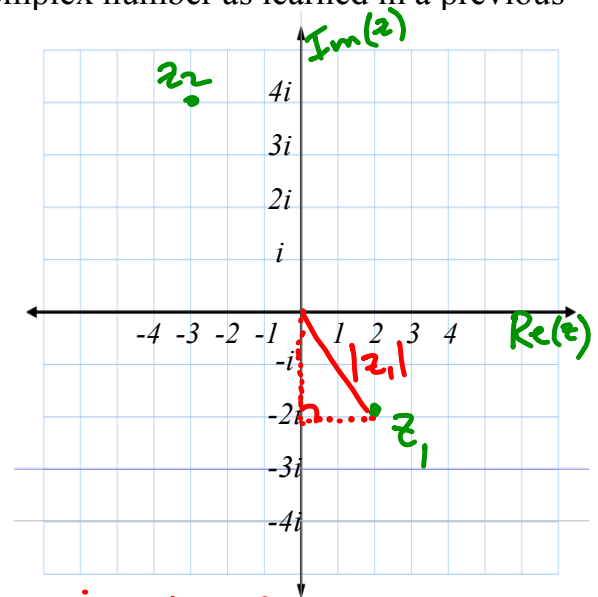
c) $z_1 \times z_2 = (2 - 2i)(-3 + 4i)$
 $= -6 + 8i + 6i - 8i^2$
 $= -6 + 14i - 8(-1) = 2 + 14i$

d) $\overline{z_1} = \text{conjugate of } z_1 = 2 + 2i$ $\overline{z_2} = \text{conjugate of } z_2 = -3 - 4i$

e) $|z_1| = \text{magnitude/abs.value/modulus of } z_1 = \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{8} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 2} = 2\sqrt{2}$
 $|z_2| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$

f) $(z_1)^2 = (2 - 2i)^2 = (2 - 2i)(2 - 2i)$
 $= 4 - 4i - 4i + 4i^2 = 4 - 8i + (-4) = -8i$

You may be asking what is the square root of i ?



Trigonometric Form (Polar Form) of a Complex Number

$z = a + bi$ becomes $z = r(\cos\theta + i \sin\theta) = r \text{ cis } \theta$.

- $r = |z|$ and is called the modulus of z .
- θ is called the argument of z , and $\tan\theta = \frac{b}{a}$.

θ is the angle when sketched in standard position, on the interval $[0, 2\pi)$.

$\tan^{-1}\left|\frac{b}{a}\right|$ will give you the reference angle.

It is up to you to name the argument in the correct quadrant.

Note that the argument and the modulus are both positive.

$$z = a + bi \quad r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Ex 2: State the coordinates of these points in rectangular form ($a + bi$) and in polar form ($r \text{ cis } \theta$) using radians.

A: $-3 + 3i = z$

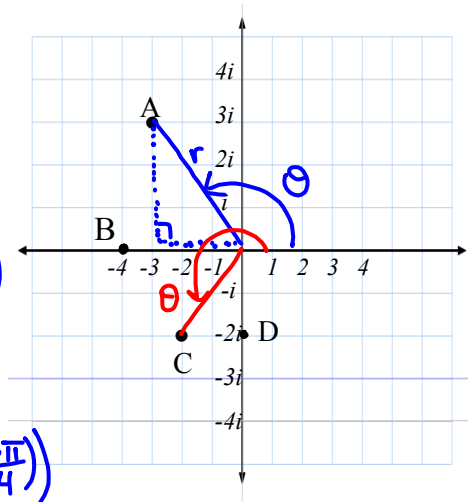
$$r = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{3}{-3} = -1 \quad (\text{note: } \theta' = \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$z = 3\sqrt{2} \text{ cis } \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$= 3\sqrt{2} \left(\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$



B: $z = -4 + 0i$

$$r = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 0^2} = 4$$

$$z = 4 \text{ cis } \pi$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{0}{-4} = 0$$

$$\theta = \pi$$

$$z = 0 + -2i = -2i$$

D: $r = 2$

$$\theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$z = 2 \text{ cis } \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

C: $z = -2 + -2i$

$$r = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan\theta = \frac{-2}{-2} = 1 \quad (\text{note: } \theta' = \frac{\pi}{4})$$

$$\theta = \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$z = 2\sqrt{2} \text{ cis } \left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$$

Ex 3: Put these in trigonometric (polar) form, $r(\cos\theta + i \sin \theta)$.

a) $z_1 = 2\sqrt{3} - 2i$ (radians)

b) $z_2 = -3 + 4i$ (degrees)

$$r = \sqrt{(2\sqrt{3})^2 + (-2)^2}$$

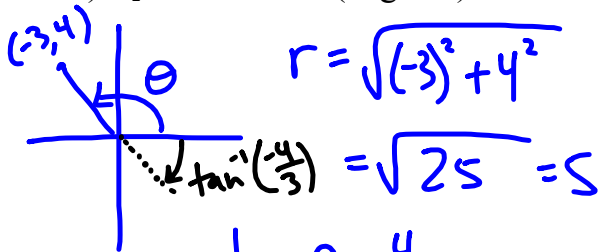
$$= \sqrt{4 \cdot 3 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{16} = 4$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$\theta = \frac{-\pi}{6} + 2\pi = \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$z = 4 \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{11\pi}{6} \right) = 4 \left(\cos \left(\frac{11\pi}{6} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{11\pi}{6} \right) \right)$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{4}{-3}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-4}{3} \right) + \pi$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-4}{3} \right) + 180^\circ$$

$$\theta \approx 126.9^\circ$$

$$z_2 \approx 5 \operatorname{cis} (126.9^\circ)$$

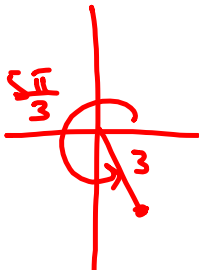
Ex 4: Write these in rectangular form, $(a + bi)$.

a) $z_1 = 3 \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{3} \right)$

$$r = 3 \quad \theta = \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

$$z_1 = 3 \left(\frac{1}{2} + i \left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$z_1 = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} i$$



b) $z_2 = 20(\cos 210^\circ + i \sin 210^\circ)$

$$z_2 = 20 \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$z_2 = -10\sqrt{3} - 10i$$

