



## Example

1. Convert  $z = 3 + 4i$  into Polar form.
2. Convert  $z = 5e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$  into Cartesian form.

## Answer

1. We want to write  $z = x + iy$  in the form  $z = re^{i\theta}$ , where  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ .

We first find  $r$ :

$$r = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

Note: -5 is also an answer to  $\sqrt{25}$ , however we usually write  $r$  to be positive as it is representing a length.

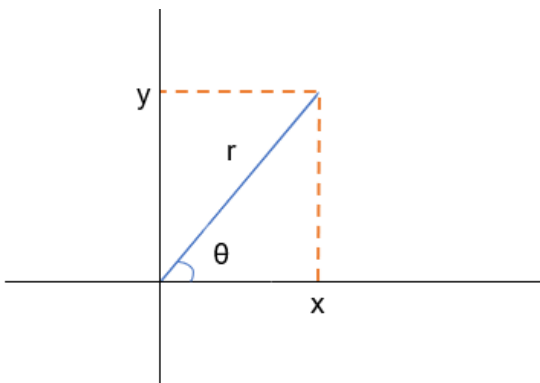
Then, we find  $\theta$ :

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = 0.92729^c$$

Note: We always work in Radians when writing complex numbers in Polar form.

Now, we plug in these values to get:  $z = re^{i\theta} = 5e^{0.92729i}$ .

2.



The Cartesian form ( $z = x + iy$ ) is found using the formulae:

$$x = r \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = r \sin(\theta)$$

So, we have  $x = 5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ , and  $y = 5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 5$ , which means that we have  $z = 5i$ .

## Questions

- Convert the following to Polar form:
  - $z = 3 + i$
  - $z = 4 + 4i$
  - $z = 6 + 2\sqrt{3}i$
- Convert the following to Cartesian form:
  - $z = 4e^{\frac{i\pi}{3}}$
  - $z = 2e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}$
  - $z = \sqrt{3}e^{\frac{i4\pi}{3}}$
- Find the modulus and the argument of the following:
  - $z = 5e^{2i}$
  - $z = \sqrt{3} + i$
  - $z = 9 + 9i$
  - $z = 3 + 5i$ .
- Calculate the following:
  - $(2 + 2i)(7 + 4i)$
  - $(6 + 6i)^{10}$
  - $(4\sqrt{3} + 4i)^5$
  - $(10\sqrt{3} + 30i)^7$

## Answers

1. We convert the values from the form  $z = x + iy$  into the form  $z = re^{i\theta}$  using  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ .

a.  $r = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{10}$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0.32175^c$$

Therefore,  $z = \sqrt{10}e^{0.32175i}$ .

b.  $r = \sqrt{4^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2}$

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

Therefore,  $z = 4\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}$ .

c.  $r = \sqrt{(2\sqrt{3})^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{12 + 36} = \sqrt{48} = 4\sqrt{3}$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Therefore,  $z = 4\sqrt{3}e^{\frac{i\pi}{6}}$ .

2. We convert the values from the form  $z = re^{i\theta}$  into the form  $z = x + iy$  using  $x = r \cos(\theta)$  and  $y = r \sin(\theta)$ .

a.  $y = 4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 2\sqrt{3}$  and  $x = 4 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 2$ , so we have that  $z = 2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$ .

b.  $y = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}$  and  $x = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}$ , so we have that  $z = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i$ .

c.  $y = \sqrt{3} \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $x = \sqrt{3} \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{-1}{2}$ , so we have that  $z = \frac{-1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}$ .

3. We find the modulus and argument of  $z$  using  $\text{mod}(z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = r$  and  $\text{arg}(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \theta$ .

a.  $\text{mod}(z) = r = 5$ ,  $\text{arg}(z) = \theta = 2^\circ$ .

b.  $\text{mod}(z) = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$ ,  $\text{arg}(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi^c}{6}$ .

c.  $\text{mod}(z) = \sqrt{9^2 + 9^2} = 9\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\text{arg}(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{9}\right) = \frac{\pi^c}{4}$ .

d.  $\text{mod}(z) = \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6$ ,  $\text{arg}(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = 1.03038^\circ$ .

4. When it would be time consuming to multiply many complex numbers together, we can convert them into Polar form and then perform the power operator.

a. Using the FOIL method:  $(2 + 2i)(7 + 4i) = 14 + 8i + 14i + 8i^2$ . Since  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , we know that  $i^2 = -1$ , so we have  $14 + 8i + 14i + 8i^2 = 14 + 22i - 8 = 6 + 22i$ .

b. We first convert  $6 + 6i$  into Polar form:

$$r = \sqrt{6^2 + 6^2} = 6\sqrt{2}, \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{6}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}, \text{ so } 6 + 6i = 6\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}.$$

$$\text{We then find } (6 + 6i)^{10} = \left(6\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}\right)^{10} = (6\sqrt{2})^{10} e^{\frac{10i\pi}{4}} = 1934917632e^{\frac{5i\pi}{2}}.$$

c. We convert  $4\sqrt{3} + 4i$  into Polar form:

$$r = \sqrt{(4\sqrt{3})^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{64} = 8, \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{4\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}, \text{ so } 4\sqrt{3} + 4i = 8e^{\frac{i\pi}{6}}.$$

$$\text{We then find } \left(8e^{\frac{i\pi}{6}}\right)^5 = 8^5 e^{\frac{5i\pi}{6}} = 32768e^{\frac{5i\pi}{6}}.$$

d. We convert  $10\sqrt{3} + 30i$  into Polar form:

$$r = \sqrt{(10\sqrt{3})^2 + 30^2} = 20\sqrt{3}, \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{30}{10\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3}, \text{ so } 10\sqrt{3} + 30i = 20\sqrt{3}e^{\frac{i\pi}{3}}.$$

$$\text{We then find } \left(20\sqrt{3}e^{\frac{i\pi}{3}}\right)^7 = (20\sqrt{3})^7 e^{\frac{i7\pi}{3}} = 59859675909.6e^{\frac{i7\pi}{3}}.$$

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