



# "Roots of a Complex Number"

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## 1° "Complex Number" in "Rectangular format":

$$y = \alpha + j\beta$$

## 2° "Complex Number" in "Polar format":

$$y = r e^{j\theta} = r e^{j(\theta + 2k\pi)} = r e^{j(\theta + 2k\pi)}$$

$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

no:

$$y = r e^{j(\theta + 2k\pi)}$$

$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

remove "-" because it will produce redundant result

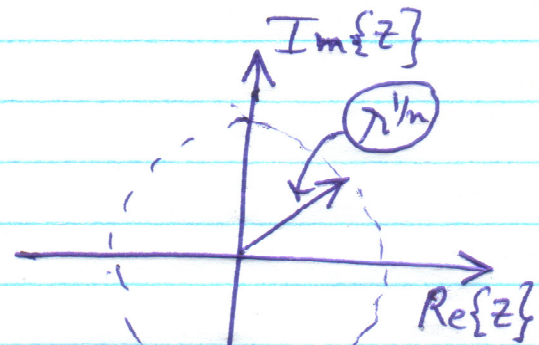
## 3° "Roots of a Complex Number":

$$z = \sqrt[n]{y} = (y)^{1/n} = (r e^{j(\theta + 2k\pi)})^{1/n} = r^{1/n} e^{j(\theta + 2k\pi)/n}$$

no:

$$z = r^{1/n} e^{j(\theta + 2k\pi)/n}$$

$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$



## 4° How to plot the roots?

$$\theta_{rad} = \frac{(\theta + 2k\pi)}{n} \rightarrow \theta^\circ$$
$$\pi \rightarrow 180^\circ$$

Angles in "degrees" (not RAD!!)

$$\theta^\circ = \frac{180(\theta + 2k\pi)}{n\pi}$$

$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

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EX #1: Compute the 5<sup>th</sup> roots of unity

Step #1 →  $y = 1 + j(0) = 1$  (rectangular form)

Step #2 →  $y = 1 e^{j(0)} = 1 e^{j(0 \pm 2k\pi)} = 1 e^{j(2k\pi)}$   
 $k=0,1,2, \dots$

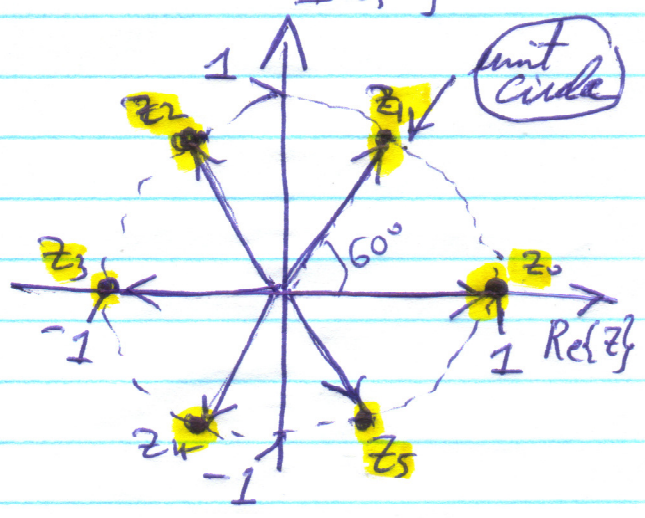
Step #3 →  $z = \sqrt[5]{y} = (y)^{1/5} = (1 e^{j(2k\pi)})^{1/5}$   
 $k=0,1,2,3,4,5$

$z = (1)^{1/5} e^{j \frac{2k\pi}{5}}$   
 $z = e^{j \frac{k\pi}{3}} \quad k=0,1,2,3,4,5$   
The roots

Step #4 →  $\theta_{rad} = \frac{k\pi}{3} \rightarrow \theta^\circ$   
 $\pi \rightarrow 180^\circ$   
 $\theta^\circ = \left(\frac{k\pi}{3}\right) \left(\frac{180}{\pi}\right)$

$\theta^\circ = 60k \quad k=0,1,2,3,4,5$   
angles in degrees

Step #5 →  $z_0 = e^{j(0)} = 1$   
 $z_1 = e^{j \frac{\pi}{3}} = e^{j 60^\circ}$   
 $z_2 = e^{j \frac{2\pi}{3}} = e^{j 120^\circ}$   
 $z_3 = e^{j \pi} = e^{j 180^\circ}$   
 $z_4 = e^{j \frac{4\pi}{3}} = e^{j 240^\circ}$   
 $z_5 = e^{j \frac{5\pi}{3}} = e^{j 300^\circ}$

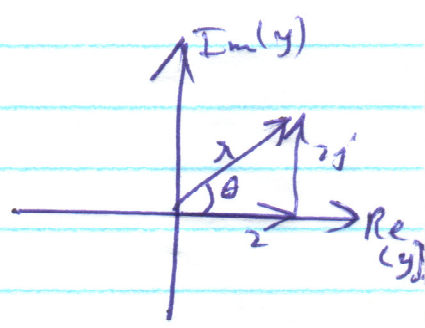


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Ex #2: Compute the 4th roots of  $y = 2 + 2j$

Step #1:  $y = 2 + 2j$  ← Rectangular Form



Step #2:  $y = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (2)^2} e^{j \arctan(\frac{2}{2})}$

$$= \sqrt{4+4} e^{j \arctan(1)}$$

$$= \sqrt{8} e^{j 45^\circ}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 \times 4} e^{j 45^\circ} = 2\sqrt{2} e^{j 45^\circ}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} e^{j \frac{\pi}{4}} = 2\sqrt{2} e^{j(\frac{\pi}{4} + 2\pi k)}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} e^{j(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{8\pi k}{4})} = 2\sqrt{2} e^{j \frac{\pi}{4} (1+8k)} \quad k=0,1,2,3$$

Step #3:  $z = \sqrt[4]{y} = (y)^{1/4} = (2\sqrt{2} e^{j \frac{\pi}{4} (1+8k)})^{1/4} \quad k=0,1,2,3$

$$= (2\sqrt{2})^{1/4} e^{j \frac{\pi(1+8k)}{16}} \quad k=0,1,2,3$$

$$\rightarrow (2^1 2^{1/2})^{1/4} = (2^{3/2})^{1/4} = 2^{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4}} = 2^{3/8}$$

Ans:  $z = 2^{3/8} e^{j \frac{(1+8k)\pi}{16}} \quad k=0,1,2,3$  ← The roots

Step #4:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \theta_{rad} = \frac{(1+8k)\pi}{16} \rightarrow \theta^\circ \\ \pi \rightarrow 180^\circ \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \theta^\circ = \frac{(1+8k)\pi}{16} \cdot \frac{180}{\pi}$

Angles in degrees  $\rightarrow \theta^\circ = 11.25(1+8k) \quad k=0,1,2,3$

Step #5:

$$z_0 = 2^{3/8} e^{j\pi/16} = 2^{3/8} e^{j11.25^\circ} \checkmark$$

$$z_1 = 2^{3/8} e^{j9\pi/16} = 2^{3/8} e^{j101.25^\circ} \checkmark$$

$$z_2 = 2^{3/8} e^{j17\pi/16} = 2^{3/8} e^{j191.25^\circ} \checkmark$$

$$2^{3/8} \approx 1.3$$

$$z_3 = 2^{3/8} e^{j25\pi/16} = 2^{3/8} e^{j281.25^\circ}$$

We plot the roots

