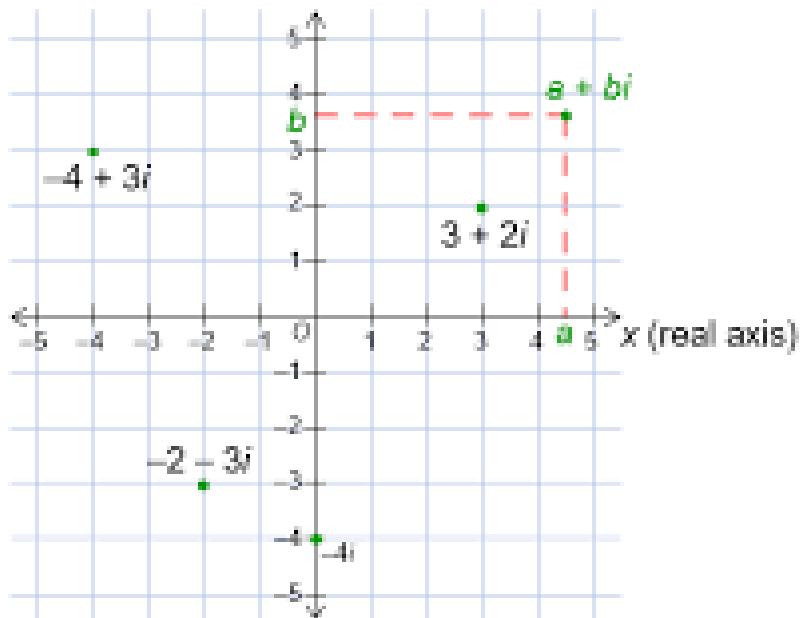


## Argand Diagram

$i$  (imaginary axis)



## Addition and Subtraction

$$(5 + 2i) + (3 - 2i) =$$

$$(-4 + 2i) + (-1 - 2i) =$$

$$(5 + 2i) - (3 - 2i) =$$

$$(2 + 2i) + (-3 - 2i) =$$

## Multiplication and Division

### Questions

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1)  $(8 + 7i)^2$

2)  $(3 + 8i)(-2 - i)$

3)  $(-1 + 6i)^2$

4)  $(-1 - 8i)(6 - 5i)$

5)  $(8 - 2i)^2$

6)  $(8 + 5i)(-6 - 2i)$

7)  $8(-2i)(-5 - 4i)$

8)  $(2 - 2i)^2$

9)  $(4i)(-2i)(-8 + 4i)$

10)  $(-4 - 4i)(1 - 3i)$

11)  $(7 - 2i)(6 - 4i)$

12)  $(4 - 3i)(6 - 6i)$

13)  $\frac{1 + 9i}{-2 + 9i}$

14)  $\frac{-7 + 6i}{7 - 10i}$

15)  $\frac{-5 - i}{-6 - 9i}$

16)  $\frac{4 - 8i}{6 - 5i}$

17)  $\frac{-1 + 3i}{-4 - 8i}$

18)  $\frac{-4 + 4i}{4 - 6i}$

19)  $\frac{-6 - i}{1 + 5i}$

20)  $\frac{-4 + 3i}{-10 + 7i}$

### Answers

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1)  $15 + 112i$

2)  $2 - 19i$

3)  $-35 - 12i$

4)  $-46 - 43i$

5)  $60 - 32i$

6)  $-38 - 46i$

7)  $-64 + 80i$

8)  $-8i$

9)  $-64 + 32i$

10)  $-16 + 8i$

11)  $34 - 40i$

12)  $6 - 42i$

13)  $\frac{79}{85} - \frac{27i}{85}$

14)  $-\frac{109}{149} - \frac{28i}{149}$

15)  $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{i}{3}$

16)  $\frac{64}{61} - \frac{28i}{61}$

17)  $-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{i}{4}$

18)  $-\frac{10}{13} - \frac{2i}{13}$

19)  $-\frac{11}{26} + \frac{29i}{26}$

20)  $\frac{61}{149} - \frac{2i}{149}$

## Conjugate

Change the sign of the imaginary part – for example the conjugate of  $-4+3i$  is  $-4-3i$

### Solving simple equations using Complex Numbers

1. Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  in each of the following:
  - (i)  $(x + 2) + i(y - 1) = 6 - 2i$
  - (ii)  $5 - i = x + (5 - 2y)i$
  - (iii)  $(x + iy) + 3(2 - 3i) = 6 - 10i$
  - (iv)  $3(2x + 3yi) + 4 - 6i = 2 - 5i$
  - (v)  $(2x - 4) + 5i = (x - 3) + yi$
  - (vi)  $2(x + yi) + 3(4 - 6i) = 7 - 3i$
  - (vii)  $(x + 2) + (y - 4)i = (2y + 1) + (x - 5)i$
  - (viii)  $(x + iy) + (y - ix) = 10 - 2i$
2. (i) Find  $x$  and  $y$  if  $3(x + yi) - 4(xi - y) = 6 - 3i$ .  
(ii) Find  $a$  and  $b$  if  $(a + bi)(5 + i) = 3 - 2i$
3. Evaluate  $x$  and  $y$  if  $2x + 5yi = (6 + 2i)(3 - 4i)$ .
4. Find the value of  $a$  and  $b$  if  
$$(4a - 2) + (a - 4)i = (4 - 2b) + 2bi.$$
5. Find the numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  
$$(2 + 3i)(x + yi) = 1 - i.$$
6. Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  in each of the following equations:
  - (i)  $(2x - 1) + (x + y)i = (y - 6) + (2y - 4)i$
  - (ii)  $2(x + yi) = 4(2 + 3i) - 2(1 - 2i)$
  - (iii)  $(3 - 4i)(x + yi) = 1 - 3i.$

## Solve Quadratic Equations with Complex Roots

When a quadratic equation cannot be solved by factorisation the following formula can be used

The equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has the roots given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

**Note:** The whole of the top of the right hand side, including  $-b$ , is divided by  $2a$ . It is also called the quadratic or  $-b$  formula. If  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , then the number under the square root sign will be negative, and so the solutions will be complex numbers.

### Example

Solve the equation  $x^2 - 4x + 13$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad \Rightarrow a = 1, b = -4, c = 13$$

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(13)}}{2(1)} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 52}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 6i}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm 3i$$

Therefore, the roots are  $2 + 3i$  and  $2 - 3i$

**Note:** Notice the roots occur in conjugate pairs. If one root of a quadratic equation is a complex number then the other root must also be complex and the conjugate of the first: i.e., if  $3 - 4i$  is a root, then  $3 + 4i$  is also a root,

if  $-2 - 5i$  is a root, then  $-2 + 5i$  is also a root

if  $a + bi$  is a root, then  $a - bi$  is also a root

### Questions

Solve for each of the following equations:

- a)  $x^2 - 6x + 13 = 0$
- b)  $z^2 - 2z + 10 = 0$
- c)  $x^2 + 16 = 0$
- d)  $x^2 + 41 = 10x$
- e)  $5 = 2x - x^2$

## Complex Numbers Worksheet

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D)  $3-2i$

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f)  $3i(6-5i)$

g)  $i(2+i)$

h)  $(2+3i)(1-4i)$

i)  $(-3+7i)(1-2i)$

j)  $(3-2i)^2$

k)  $(2i)(1-4i)(1+i)$

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b)  $\frac{3-3i}{4i}$

c)  $\frac{-2-4i}{7i}$

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4. a)  $8$       b)  $1+3i$       c)  $1-5i$       d)  $-5-5i$       e)  $-1-4i$       f)  $15+18i$

g)  $-1+2i$       h)  $14-5i$  i)  $11+13i$       j)  $13-12i$       k)

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### Various Exercises

1. If  $z_1 = 2 - 3i$  and  $z_2 = -2 + i$ , express in the form  $a + bi$ :

- (i)  $z_1 + z_2$  (ii)  $2z_1 - z_2$  (iii)  $z_1 \cdot z_2$  (iv)  $iz_1$  (v)  $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$ .

2. If  $z_1 = 3 - 4i$  and  $z_2 = 2 + 3i$ , find

- (i)  $|z_1|$  (ii)  $|z_2|$  (iii)  $|z_1 + z_2|$  (iv)  $|z_1 \cdot z_2|$ .

Verify that  $|z_1| \cdot |z_2| = |z_1 \cdot z_2|$

Investigate if  $|z_1| + |z_2| = |z_1 + z_2|$

3. (a) If  $z = 2 - 3i$ , plot on an Argand diagram

- (i)  $2z$  (ii)  $-3z$  (iii)  $iz$  (iv)  $z^2$ .

(b) Write  $\frac{-1+3i}{4-3i}$  in the form  $x + iy$ ,  $y \in R$ .

(c) Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  the equation:

$$(x + iy) + (3 - i) = 2(1 - 3i) - (y - ix).$$

4. (a) Represent the complex numbers  $z = 2 - 3i$  and  $w = 1 + 2i$  on an Argand diagram.

What is (i)  $|z|$  (ii)  $|z + w|$ ?

(b) Express (i)  $zw$  (ii)  $\frac{1}{z}$  in the form  $a + ib$ ,  $a, b \in R$ .

(c) If  $(3 - 5i) - (x + yi) = (6 + i) + (y - xi)$ ,  $x, y \in R$ , find  $x$  and  $y$ .

5. (a) (i) Verify that  $z_1 = 2 + 3i$  is a root of the equation

$$z^2 - 4z + 13 = 0$$

(ii) Find the value of  $|z_1|$

(iii) On an Argand diagram illustrate  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , the image of  $z_1$  under central symmetry in the origin.

(b) If  $a + bi = \frac{5}{1+2i}$ , where  $a, b \in R$ , calculate the value of  $a$  and the value of  $b$ .

6. Verify that the complex number  $z_1 = 3 - 2i$  is a root of the equation

$$z^2 - 6z + 13 = 0$$

and find  $z_2$ , the other root of the equation.

On an Argand diagram plot the complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ .

$z_3$  is the image of  $z_1$  under central symmetry in  $z_2$ .

Express  $z_3$  in the form  $a + bi$  and plot it on an Argand diagram.

Investigate if  $|z_1 - z_2| = |z_1| - |z_2|$ .

**Q7 Express in the form a+bi (below)**

7. (a) If  $z_1 = 3 + 2i$  and  $z_2 = 3 - i$ , express in the form a+bi  
 (i)  $z_1^2$     (ii)  $z_1 - z_2$     (iii)  $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$   
 Find (iv)  $|z_1|$     (v)  $|z_2|$     (vi)  $\left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right|$   
 Verify that  $\left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}$
- (b) If  $2 - i$  is a root of the equation  $z^2 + tz + k = 0$ ,  $t, k \in R$ ,  
 find the value of  $t$  and the value of  $k$ .
8. Verify that  $5 - 3i$  is a root of the equation  
 $z^2 - 10z + 34 = 0$  and write down the other root.  
 Let  $z_1 = 5 - 2i$  and  $z_2 = 4 + i$ .  
 Find  $z_3$  such that  $z_1 - z_3 = z_2$ .  
 Plot the three complex numbers  $z_1$ ,  $iz_1$  and  $8 - z_3$  on an Argand diagram and  
 verify that  
 $|z_1 - 8 + z_3| = \sqrt{29}$ .  
 A circle is drawn on the Argand diagram having  $8 - z_3$  as centre and  $\sqrt{29}$  as  
 radius.  
 Show that this circle contains (passes through)  $iz_1$ .
9. (a) Solve the equation  $z^2 - 4z + 13 = 0$ ,  $z \in C$ , and plot the roots on an Argand  
 diagram.  
 (b) If  $z_1 = 3 - 4i$  and  $z_2 = 3 + 4i$ , show that  
 (i)  $|z_1 \cdot z_2| = |z_1|^2$     (ii)  $|z_1 + z_2| < 2|z_1|$   
 (c) Find  $x$  and  $y \in R$  such that  $(4 + 3i)(x + yi) = 1 + 7i$ .
10. (a) If  $-3 + 2i$  is a root of the equation  $z^2 + az + b = 0$ , where  $a, b \in R$ , find the  
 value of  $a$  and the value of  $b$ .  
 (b) Let  $z_1 = 1 + 3i$  and  $z_2 = 1 + i$ .  
 Let  $z_3 = z_2 + iz_1$  and  $z_4 = \frac{z_1}{z_2}$   
 Express  $z_3$  and  $z_4$  in the form  $x + yi$ .  
 Plot  $z_3$  and  $z_4$  on an Argand diagram and investigate if the image of  $z_3$  under  
 central symmetry in the origin is the same as the image of  $z_4$  under axial  
 symmetry in the real axis (i.e. x-axis).  
 11. Let  $z = 3 - 2i$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .  
 Express in the form  $a + bi$ ,  $z^2$  and  $\frac{13}{z}$ .  
 Plot  $i$ ,  $z$  and  $\frac{13}{z}$  on an Argand Diagram.

$z = 3 - 2i$  is a solution of the equation

$$z^2 + bz + c = 0, \quad b, c \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Find the value of  $b$  and the value of  $c$ .

Investigate if  $|z| = |iz|$ .

Give a geometrical interpretation for your answer.

12. (a) On the Argand diagram plot the point  $p$  which represents the complex number  $1 + 2i$ . What complex number in each of the following is represented by the image of  $p$  under

- (i) the central symmetry in the origin
- (ii) the axial symmetry in the real axis (i.e. the  $x$ -axis) *after* the central symmetry in the origin
- (iii) the axial symmetry in the imaginary axis (i.e. the  $y$ -axis)?

- (b) Find the values of  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$  such that

$$(x - iy) + (y + ix) = 1 - 5i \quad \text{where } i = \sqrt{-1}.$$

Using these values of  $x$  and  $y$  express  $\frac{x - iy}{y + ix}$

in the form  $a + ib$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$ , and hence, or otherwise, find the value of

$$\left| \frac{x - iy}{y + ix} \right|.$$

13. Represent the complex numbers  $z_1 = 2 + i$  and  $z_2 = 2 - i$  on an Argand diagram. Calculate  $\frac{1}{2}(z_1 + z_2)$ .

Verify that  $|z_1 \cdot z_2| = |z_1| \cdot |z_2|$

Express  $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$  in the form  $a + ib$  and find  $k$  such that  $|z_1| = k \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right|$ .

14. (a) Find the real part and the imaginary part of

$$\frac{2 + 4i}{3 - 2i}.$$

- (b) Find the value of  $x$  and the value of  $y$  if

$$x(3 + 4i) + 5 = y(1 + 2i).$$

- (c) If  $z_1 = 3 + 3i$  and  $z_2 = 2 - 2i$ , find the image of  $z_1$  under central symmetry in  $z_2$ .

If  $z_2 - tz_1 = ki$ , where  $t, k \in \mathbf{R}$ , find  $t$  and  $k$ .

## Modulus

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Let  $z = a + ib$  be a complex number. Then, the modulus of a complex number  $z$ , denoted by  $|z|$ , is defined to be the non-negative real number  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

modulus of a complex number  $z = |z| = \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(z)^2 + \operatorname{Im}(z)^2}$

where Real part of complex number =  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = a$  and

Imaginary part of complex number =  $\operatorname{Im}(z) = b$

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}.$$

Example :

(i)  $z = 5 + 6i$  so  $|z| = \sqrt{5^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{25 + 36} = \sqrt{61}$

(ii)  $z = 8 + 5i$  so  $|z| = \sqrt{8^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{64 + 25} = \sqrt{89}$

(iii)  $z = 3 - i$  so  $|z| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1} = \sqrt{10}$

(iv)  $z = 1 + \sqrt{5}i$  so  $|z| = \sqrt{1^2 + \sqrt{5}^2} = \sqrt{64 + 25} = \sqrt{89}$

(v)  $-6 + 2i$  so  $|z| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{36 + 4} = \sqrt{40}$

(vi)  $-8 + 6i$  so  $|z| = \sqrt{(-8)^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{64 + 36} = \sqrt{100} = 10$

(vii)  $12 - 5i$  so  $|z| = \sqrt{12^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{144 + 25} = \sqrt{169} = 13$

## Modulus and Argument of a Complex Number

In this unit you are going to learn about the **modulus** and **argument** of a complex number. These are quantities which can be recognised by looking at an Argand diagram. Recall that any complex number,  $z$ , can be represented by a point in the complex plane as shown in Figure 1.

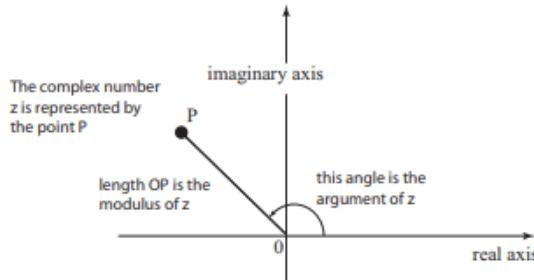


Figure 1. The complex number  $z$  is represented by point  $P$ . Its modulus and argument are shown.

We can join point  $P$  to the origin with a line segment, as shown. We associate with this line segment two important quantities. The length of the line segment, that is  $OP$ , is called the **modulus** of the complex number. The angle from the positive axis to the line segment is called the **argument** of the complex number,  $z$ .

The modulus and argument are fairly simple to calculate using trigonometry.

**Example.** Find the modulus and argument of  $z = 4 + 3i$ .

**Solution.** The complex number  $z = 4 + 3i$  is shown in Figure 2. It has been represented by the point  $Q$  which has coordinates  $(4, 3)$ . The modulus of  $z$  is the length of the line  $OQ$  which we can find using Pythagoras' theorem.

$$(OQ)^2 = 4^2 + 3^2 = 16 + 9 = 25$$

and hence  $OQ = 5$ .

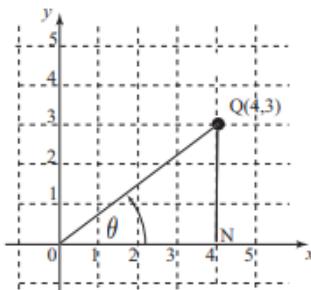


Figure 2. The complex number  $z = 4 + 3i$ .

Hence the modulus of  $z = 4 + 3i$  is 5. To find the argument we must calculate the angle between the  $x$  axis and the line segment  $OQ$ . We have labelled this  $\theta$  in Figure 2.

By referring to the right-angled triangle  $OQN$  in Figure 2 we see that

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

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4} = 36.97^\circ$$

To summarise, the modulus of  $z = 4 + 3i$  is 5 and its argument is  $\theta = 36.97^\circ$ . There is a special symbol for the modulus of  $z$ ; this is  $|z|$ . So, in this example,  $|z| = 5$ . We also have an abbreviation for argument: we write  $\arg(z) = 36.97^\circ$ .

When the complex number lies in the first quadrant, calculation of the modulus and argument is straightforward. For complex numbers outside the first quadrant we need to be a little bit more careful. Consider the following example.

**Example.**

Find the modulus and argument of  $z = 3 - 2i$ .

**Solution.** The Argand diagram is shown in Figure 3. The point  $P$  with coordinates  $(3, -2)$  represents  $z = 3 - 2i$ .

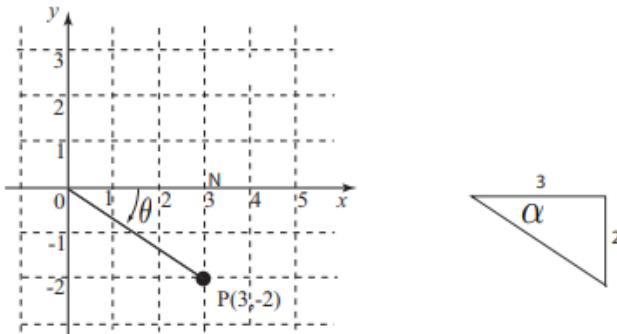


Figure 3. The complex number  $z = 3 - 2i$ .

We use Pythagoras' theorem in triangle  $ONP$  to find the modulus of  $z$ :

$$(OP)^2 = 3^2 + 2^2 = 13$$

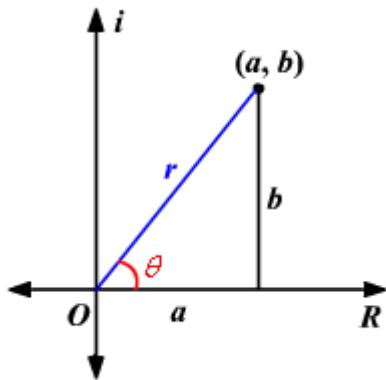
$$OP = \sqrt{13}$$

Using the symbol for modulus, we see that in this example  $|z| = \sqrt{13}$ .

We must be more careful with the argument. When the angle  $\theta$  shown in Figure 3 is measured in a clockwise sense convention dictates that the angle is negative. We can find the size of the angle by referring to the right-angled triangle shown. In that triangle  $\tan \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$  so that  $\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} = 33.67^\circ$ . This is not the argument of  $z$ . The argument of  $z$  is  $\theta = -33.67^\circ$ . We often write this as  $\arg(z) = -33.67^\circ$ .

**Complex Numbers in Polar Form**

$$r(\cos\theta, i\sin\theta)$$



**Example:**

Express the complex number in polar form.

$$5 + 2i$$

The polar form of a complex number  $z = a + bi$  is  $z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$ .

So, first find the absolute value of  $r$ .

$$\begin{aligned} r &= |z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \\ &= \sqrt{5^2 + 2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{25 + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{29} \\ &\approx 5.39 \end{aligned}$$

Now find the argument  $\theta$ .

Since  $a > 0$ , use the formula  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) \\ &\approx 0.38 \end{aligned}$$

Note that here  $\theta$  is measured in radians.

Therefore, the polar form of  $5 + 2i$  is about  $5.39(\cos(0.38) + i\sin(0.38))$ .

### Complex Numbers in General Polar Form

$$r(\cos(\theta + 2n\pi), i\sin(\theta + 2n\pi))$$

### Exercises

Write each of the following in Polar and General Polar

Express each of these complex numbers in the form  $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ :

- (i)  $-1 + i$       (ii)  $-\sqrt{3} - i$       (iii)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$       (iv)  $-6i$ .

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**Solution:**

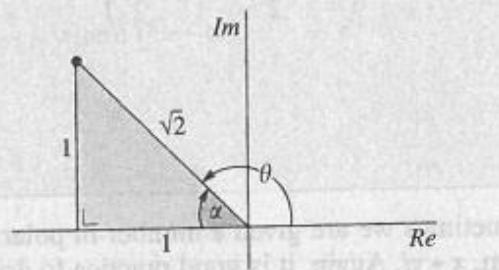
(i)  $-1+i = (-1, 1)$

$$r = |-1+i| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{1}{-1} = -1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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

$$\therefore -1+i = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right)$$



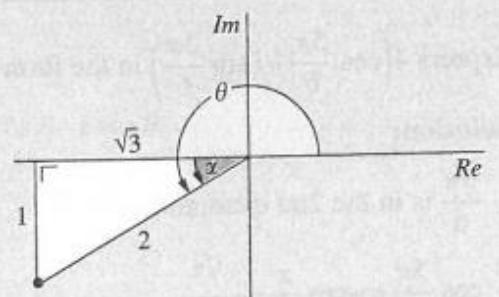
(ii)  $-\sqrt{3}-i = (-\sqrt{3}, -1)$

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

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{-1}{-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore -\sqrt{3}-i = 2 \left( \cos \frac{7\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{6} \right)$$

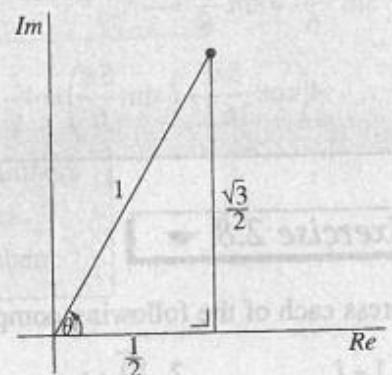


(iii)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i = \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$

$$r = \left| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \right| = \sqrt{\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}$$

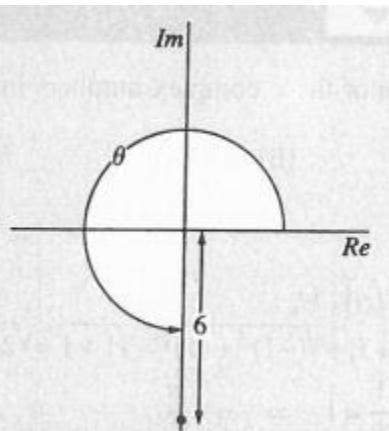


(iv)  $-6i = 0 - 6i = (0, -6)$

$$r = |0 - 6i| = \sqrt{0^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{0+36} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

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

$$\therefore -6i = 6 \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} \right)$$



### Exercise

Express  $4\left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$  in the form  $x + yi$ .

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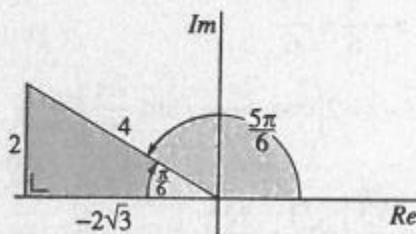
**Solution:**

$\frac{5\pi}{6}$  is in the 2nd quadrant, so:

$$\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} = -\cos \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin \frac{5\pi}{6} = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore 4\left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = 4\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i\right) = -2\sqrt{3} + 2i$$



### More Exercises

Express each of the following complex numbers in the form  $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ :

1.  $1+i$

2.  $\sqrt{3}+i$

3.  $-5$

4.  $3i$

5.  $-2i$

6.  $-1-\sqrt{3}i$

7.  $1-i$

8.  $2-2i$

9.  $-\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{2}i$

10.  $-3+\sqrt{3}i$

11.  $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$

12.  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i$

Express each of the following in the form  $a + bi$ :

13.  $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

15.  $6\left(\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$

16.  $2\sqrt{2}\left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$

17.  $10\left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$

18.  $2\left(\cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$