

IB Math HL2: Euler's Form and De Moivre's Theorem

$$z = a + bi \Rightarrow r \operatorname{cis} \theta \Rightarrow r e^{i\theta}$$

$$r = |z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \operatorname{arg}(z) = \theta$$

Complex Number can be written as Euler's Form: $r \operatorname{cis} \theta = r e^{i\theta}$

Show the equality of $r \operatorname{cis} \theta = r e^{i\theta}$ using the series below:

Maclaurin Series:

$$\bullet \sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} \dots$$

$$\bullet \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \dots$$

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \dots$$

$$\operatorname{cis} x = \cos x + i \sin x = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} \dots \right) + i \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} \dots \right)$$

$$x = \theta$$

$$= \left(1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{ix^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - i \frac{x^5}{5!} \dots \right)$$

$$e^{ix} = 1 + ix + \frac{(ix)^2}{2!} + \frac{(ix)^3}{3!} + \frac{(ix)^4}{4!} + \frac{(ix)^5}{5!} \dots = \left(1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{ix^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \dots \right)$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{cis} x = e^{ix} \quad (\operatorname{cis} \theta = e^{i\theta})$$

Examples)

a) Write $e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}$ in Cartesian form



$$e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} = e^{i(-\frac{\pi}{4})} = \operatorname{cis}(-\frac{\pi}{4})$$

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

b) Write i^{-1} in Euler's form.

$$(i)^{-1} = \left(\operatorname{cis}(\frac{\pi}{2}) \right)^{-1} = \left(e^{i(\frac{\pi}{2})} \right)^{-1} = e^{-i^2(\frac{\pi}{2})}$$

$$= e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

Example) Using $\operatorname{cis} \theta = e^{i\theta}$, prove

a) $\operatorname{cis} \theta \operatorname{cis} \beta = \operatorname{cis}(\theta + \beta)$

$$\operatorname{cis} \theta \cdot \operatorname{cis} \beta$$

$$= e^{i\theta} \cdot e^{i\beta} = e^{i(\theta + \beta)} = \operatorname{cis}(\theta + \beta)$$

b) $\frac{\operatorname{cis} \theta}{\operatorname{cis} \beta} = \operatorname{cis}(\theta - \beta)$

$$\frac{\operatorname{cis} \theta}{\operatorname{cis} \beta} = \frac{e^{i\theta}}{e^{i\beta}} = e^{i(\theta - \beta)}$$

$$= \operatorname{cis}(\theta - \beta)$$

• De Moivre's Theorem: $[r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)]^n = r^n [\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)] \Rightarrow (r \text{cis } \theta)^n = r^n \text{cis } n\theta.$

* Validate $[r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)]^n = r^n [\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)]$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ by Math Induction

DMT

1) When $n=1 \Rightarrow r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = r^1 (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$

DMT is true for $n=1.$

2) When $n=k \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad$ Assume DMT is true.

$$[r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)]^k = r^k [\cos k\theta + i \sin k\theta]$$

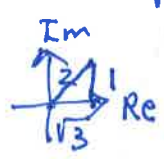
3) If $n=k+1.$

$$\begin{aligned} [r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)]^{k+1} &= r \cdot [r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)]^k (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \\ &= r \cdot r^k (\cos k\theta + i \sin k\theta) (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \\ &= r^{k+1} [\cos k\theta \cdot \cos \theta + i \cos k\theta \cdot \sin \theta + i \sin k\theta \cos \theta - \sin k\theta \sin \theta] \\ &= r^{k+1} \left[\left(\frac{\cos k\theta \cos \theta - \sin k\theta \sin \theta}{A} \right) + i \left(\cos k\theta \sin \theta + \sin k\theta \cos \theta \right) \right] \\ &= r^{k+1} (\cos(k\theta + \theta) + i \sin(k\theta + \theta)) \\ &= r^{k+1} (\cos \theta(k+1) + i \sin \theta(k+1)) \end{aligned}$$

using compound angle identities

4) \therefore DMT is true for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$

Example 1) Find the exact value of $(\sqrt{3} + i)^8.$



$$\sqrt{3} + i \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{3+1} = 2.$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\sqrt{3} + i = 2 \text{cis} \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (\sqrt{3} + i)^8 &= \left[2 \text{cis} \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right]^8 = 2^8 \text{cis} \left(8 \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 2^8 \text{cis} \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} \right) \\ &= 2^8 \left[\left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) + i \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \boxed{-2^7 - i 2^7 \sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$



- nth roots of $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ using De Moivre's Theorem

$$(a+bi)^{\frac{1}{n}} = [r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)]^{\frac{1}{n}} = r^{\frac{1}{n}} \left[\cos\left(\frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right) \right] \Rightarrow (r \text{cis } \theta)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

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

$$= r^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \text{Cis}\left(\frac{\theta}{n}\right)$$

Example 2) Given $z^4 - 81 = 0$,
 a) Solve the equation by factorization.

$$z^4 - 81 = 0$$

$$(z^2 + 9)(z^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$(z^2 + 9)(z + 3)(z - 3) = 0$$

$$z^2 = -9$$

$$z = \pm 3i, \quad z = -3, \quad z = 3$$

• $\text{Cis } \theta = \text{Cis}(\theta + 2n\pi)$

b) Solve the equation by De Moivre's theorem.

$$81 = 81 \text{cis}[0 + 2k\pi]$$

$$z^4 - 81 \Rightarrow z^4 = 81 = 81 \text{cis}[0 + 2k\pi] \Rightarrow z = [81 \text{cis}(0 + 2k\pi)]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

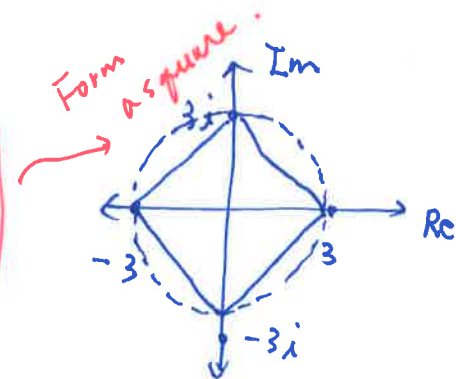
D.M.T. $z = (81)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left[\text{Cis}\left(\frac{0 + 2k\pi}{4}\right) \right]$

$k=0 \quad z = 3 \text{cis}(0) = 3(\cos 0 + i \sin 0) = 3$

$k=1 \quad z = 3 \left[\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{4}\right) \right] = 3i$

$k=2 \quad z = 3 [\cos(\pi) + i \sin(\pi)] = -3$

$k=3 \quad z = 3 \left[\cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{6\pi}{4}\right) \right] = -3i$



Example 3) Find the cubic roots of $8i$

$$8i = 8 \text{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow [8 \text{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k\right)]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= 8^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{cis}\left[\frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{2k\pi}{3}\right]$$

$k=0 \Rightarrow 2 \left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right] = \sqrt{3} + i$

$k=1 \Rightarrow 2 \left[\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) \right] = -\sqrt{3} + i$

$k=2 \Rightarrow 2 \left[\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \right] = -2i$

