

Lecture 11

Recall: for any complex numbers z and w ,

we know that $\text{Arg}(zw) = \text{Arg}(z) + \text{Arg}(w)$
 and $|zw| = |z| \cdot |w|$.

It follows that $\text{Arg}(z^2) = \text{Arg}(z \cdot z) = \text{Arg}(z) + \text{Arg}(z) = 2 \text{Arg}(z)$.

So if $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$,
 then $\text{Arg}(z^2) = 2\theta$.

Further, $\text{Arg}(z^3) = \text{Arg}(z^2 \cdot z) = \text{Arg}(z^2) + \text{Arg}(z) = 2\theta + \theta = 3\theta$

$\text{Arg}(z^n) = n\theta$

i.e. $\text{Arg}(z^n) = n \text{Arg}(z)$.

Finally, $|z^2| = |z| \cdot |z| = |z|^2$

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$|z^n| = |z|^n$

de Moivre's Theorem extends the above result to all integers (\mathbb{Z}):

for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $|z^n| = |z|^n$

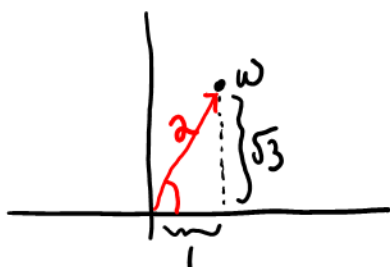
and $\text{Arg}(z^n) = n \text{Arg}(z)$.

Example: Evaluate $\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{1-\sqrt{3}i}\right)^{10}$.

Let $w = 1 + \sqrt{3}i$, $z = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$.

Need to calculate $\left(\frac{w}{z}\right)^{10}$
 $= (w \cdot z^{-1})^{10}$
 $= w^{10} \cdot z^{-10}$

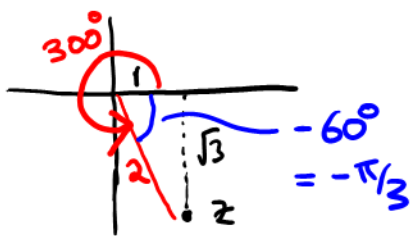
Could turn it into form $(x + iy)^{10}$
 $\leftarrow r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
 $\theta \dots$
 $z^{10} = r^{10} (\cos 10\theta + i \sin 10\theta)$



$|w| = \sqrt{1^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$

$\text{Arg}(w) = 60^\circ = \pi/3$

$w^{10} = 2^{10} \left(\cos \frac{10\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{10\pi}{3} \right)$



$$|z| = 2, \quad \text{Arg}(z) = -\pi/3$$

$$\therefore z^{-10} = 2^{-10} \left(\cos \frac{10\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{10\pi}{3} \right)$$

Finally, $\omega^{10} \cdot z^{-10} = 2^{10} \left(\cos \frac{10\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{10\pi}{3} \right) \cdot 2^{-10} \left(\cos \frac{10\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{10\pi}{3} \right)$

$$= \cos \frac{20\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{20\pi}{3}$$

$\uparrow \frac{10\pi}{3} + \frac{10\pi}{3}$ $\uparrow 3$
 (applying de Moivre)

$$= \cos (18+2)\pi/3 + i \sin (18+2)\pi/3$$

$$= \cos \frac{20\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{20\pi}{3}$$

$$= -\cos \pi/3 + i \sin \pi/3$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{1-\sqrt{3}i} \right)^{10} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

