

Operations with Complex Numbers

Let $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$ and $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$. To find the product, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 \cdot z_2 &= [r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)][r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)] \\ &= r_1 \cdot r_2 (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2) \\ &= r_1 \cdot r_2 (\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_1 i \sin \theta_2) \\ &= r_1 \cdot r_2 (\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) \\ &= r_1 \cdot r_2 [(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) + i(\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2)] \\ &= r_1 \cdot r_2 (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)) = r_1 \cdot r_2 \operatorname{cis}(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{aligned}$$

Rule 1: If the trigonometric forms of two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 are $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$ and $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$ then to **multiply** two complex numbers, we **multiply** the moduli and **add** the arguments

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = r_1 \cdot r_2 [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)]$$

Example 1: Let $z_1 = 3(\cos 50 + i \sin 50)$ and $z_2 = 4(\cos 10 + i \sin 10)$ find $z_1 z_2$

$$z_1 z_2 = 3(\cos 50 + i \sin 50) \cdot 4(\cos 10 + i \sin 10)$$

$$z_1 z_2 = 3 \cdot 4 [\cos(50 + 10) + i \sin(50 + 10)]$$

$$z_1 z_2 = 12 [\cos 60 + i \sin 60]$$

Let $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$ and $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$. To find the quotient, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)}{r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)} \\ &= r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1) \cdot \frac{1}{r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)} \\ &= r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1) \cdot \frac{1}{r_2}(\cos(-\theta_2) + i \sin(-\theta_2)) \\ &= r_1 \cdot \frac{1}{r_2}(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)(\cos(-\theta_2) + i \sin(-\theta_2)) \\ &= \frac{r_1}{r_2}(\cos \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2) + i \sin \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2) + i \sin \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2) + i \sin \theta_1 i \sin(-\theta_2)) \\ &= \frac{r_1}{r_2}((\cos \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2) + i \sin \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2)) + i(\sin \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2) - \sin \theta_1 \sin(-\theta_2))) \\ &= \frac{r_1}{r_2}[(\cos \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2) - \sin \theta_1 \sin(-\theta_2)) + i(\sin \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2) + \sin \theta_1 \cos(-\theta_2))] \\ &= \frac{r_1}{r_2}(\cos(\theta_1 + (-\theta_2)) + i \sin(\theta_1 + (-\theta_2))) \\ &= \frac{r_1}{r_2}(\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)) \\ &= \frac{r_1}{r_2} \operatorname{cis}(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \end{aligned}$$

Rule 2: If the trigonometric forms of two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 are $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$ and $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$ then to divide two complex numbers, we divide the moduli and subtract the arguments

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} [\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)], \text{ for } z_2 \neq 0$$