

# Complex Numbers

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# Imaginary Numbers

- ▶ What is the square root of  $-1$  i.e.  $\sqrt{-1}$
- ▶ It is clear that no real number can satisfy this since any real number squared is positive
- ▶ So we made up a number to satisfy is:

$i$

- ▶ We say that  $i$  is imaginary because there is no real number that satisfies the equation  $x^2 = -1$

# Complex Numbers - The Basics

- ▶ It has one key property

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

- ▶ A complex number is just a point on a graph
- ▶ Instead of using the  $x$ -axis and  $y$ -axis, we use the real and imaginary axis

# The Basics - Examples

► Find  $x + y$ ,  $x - y$  and  $x.y$ :

1.  $x = -3 + i4$ ,  $y = 6 - i8$

2.  $x = -12 - i16$ ,  $y = 15 + i20$

3.  $x = 6 + 3i$ ,  $y = -5 + 2i$

# Complex Conjugate Method

- ▶ For any given complex number  $z = a + ib$ , its complex conjugate,  $\bar{z}$ , is given by  $\bar{z} = a - ib$
- ▶ To divide by a complex number, we multiply by the complex conjugate:

$$\frac{a + ib}{c + id} \rightarrow \frac{a + ib}{c + id} \cdot \frac{c - id}{c - id} \rightarrow \frac{(ac + bd) + i(bc - ad)}{c^2 + d^2}$$

$$\frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2} + i \frac{bc - ad}{c^2 + d^2}$$

# Complex Conjugate Method - Examples

► Find  $x/y$  and express in the form  $a + ib$

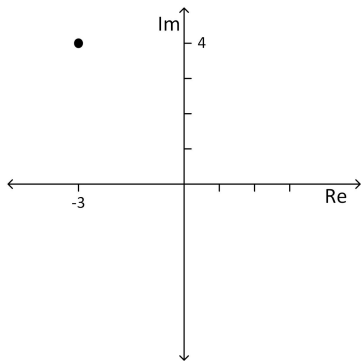
1.  $x = -3 + i4, y = 6 - i8$

2.  $x = -12 - i16, y = 15 + 20i$

3.  $x = 5 + i\sqrt{5}, y = 5 - i\sqrt{5}$

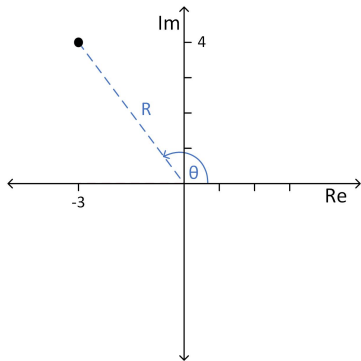
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- ▶ Consider a complex number of the form  $z = -3 + 4i$



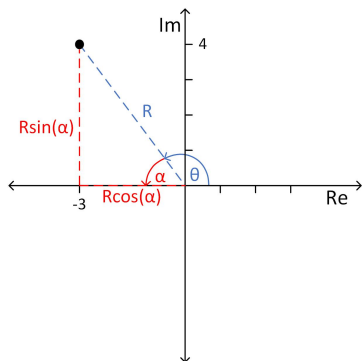
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- ▶ Why not represent the complex co-ordinate as the distance from  $(0,0)$  and angle to the  $x$ -axis?





# NB\*\*\* The Steps: Polar to Rectangular \*\*\*NB



$$R = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

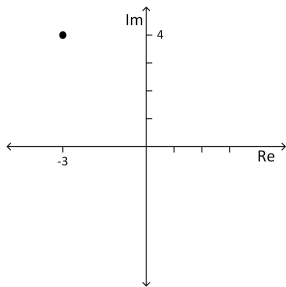
$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}(4/3) = 0.927$$

$$\theta = \pi - 0.927 = 2.214$$

$$-3 + i4 = 5 \angle 2.214$$

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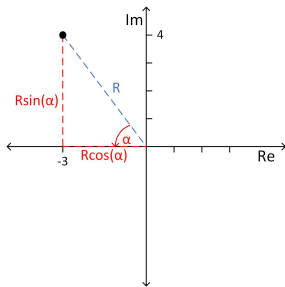
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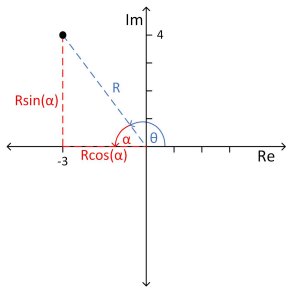
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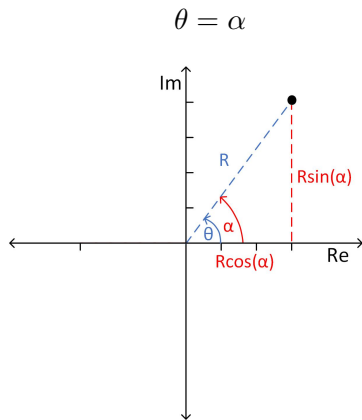
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**Step 3:** Find angle  $\theta$

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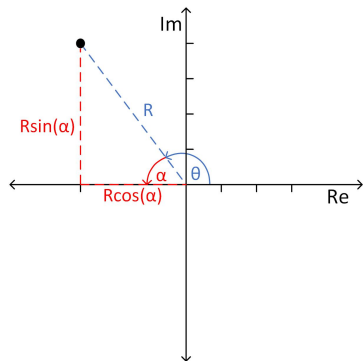
- ▶ If you are in the **first quadrant**



# What is $\theta$ ?

- ▶ If you are in the **second quadrant**

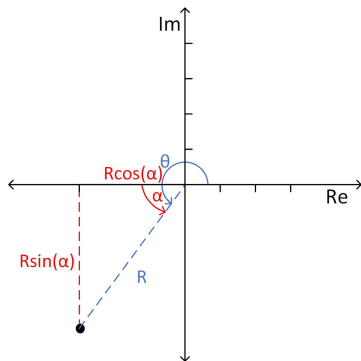
$$\theta = \pi - \alpha$$



# What is $\theta$ ?

- ▶ If you are in the **third quadrant**

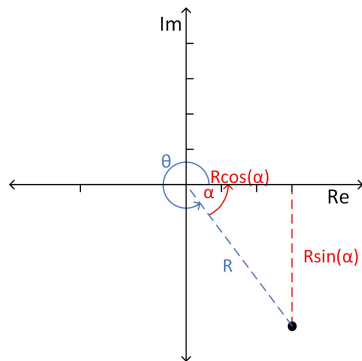
$$\theta = \pi + \alpha$$



# What is $\theta$ ?

- ▶ If you are in the **forth quadrant**

$$\theta = 2\pi - \alpha$$





## NB\*\*\* Polar to Rectangular \*\*\*NB

► Express the following in the form  $R\angle\theta$

1.  $6 - i8$

2.  $-12 - i16$

3.  $15 + i20$

## Rectangular to Polar

- ▶ Converting back is much easier:

$$R\angle\theta = R(\cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta))$$

- ▶ To express in rectangular co-ordinates  $a + ib$ :

$$a = R\cos(\theta) \text{ and } b = R\sin(\theta)$$

# Rectangular to Polar

► Express the following in the form  $a + ib$ :

1.  $25\angle 0.927$

2.  $30\angle 4.088$

3.  $2(\cos(\pi/6) + i \sin(\pi/6))$

# Phasor Format

- ▶ Why is this useful?
- ▶ There is a third representation, the exponential representation (also known as Phasors)
- ▶ Polar co-ordinates  $R\angle\theta$  are written as:

$$R(\cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta))$$

- ▶ Eulers formula states:

$$Re^{j\theta} = R(\cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta))$$

- ▶ This makes multiplication and division **much** easier

# Phasor Multiplication

- ▶ Given the two complex numbers  $z_1 = 45\angle\frac{3\pi}{4}$  and  $z_2 = 5\angle\frac{\pi}{4}$ . Find  $z_1 \cdot z_2$
- ▶ We know  $z_1 = 45e^{3\pi/4}$  and  $z_2 = 5e^{\pi/4}$
- ▶ We know:  $e^A \cdot e^B = e^{(A+B)}$

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 \cdot z_2 &= (45)(5)e^{(3\pi/4)+(\pi/4)} \\ &= 225e^{4\pi/4} \\ &= 225e^\pi\end{aligned}$$

# Phasor Division

- ▶ Given the two complex numbers  $z_1 = 45\angle\frac{3\pi}{4}$  and  $z_2 = 5\angle\frac{\pi}{4}$ .  
Find  $z_1/z_2$
- ▶ We know  $z_1 = 45e^{3\pi/4}$  and  $z_2 = 5e^{\pi/4}$
- ▶ We know:  $e^A/e^B = e^{(A-B)}$

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 \cdot z_2 &= (45/5)e^{(3\pi/4)-(\pi/4)} \\ &= 9e^{2\pi/4} \\ &= 9e^{\pi/2}\end{aligned}$$

# Phasor Examples 1

- ▶ Convert the following complex numbers to polar co-ordinates and find  $x.y$

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## Phasor Examples 2

- ▶ Convert the following complex numbers to polar co-ordinates and find  $x/y$ :

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