

# Complex Numbers

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# Introduction

A complex number is a number expressed in the form  $a + bi$ , where

$$i = \sqrt{-1}, \text{ so } i^2 = -1$$

In the expression  $z = a + bi$ ,  $a$  is the coefficient of the real part, and  $b$  is the coefficient of the imaginary part.



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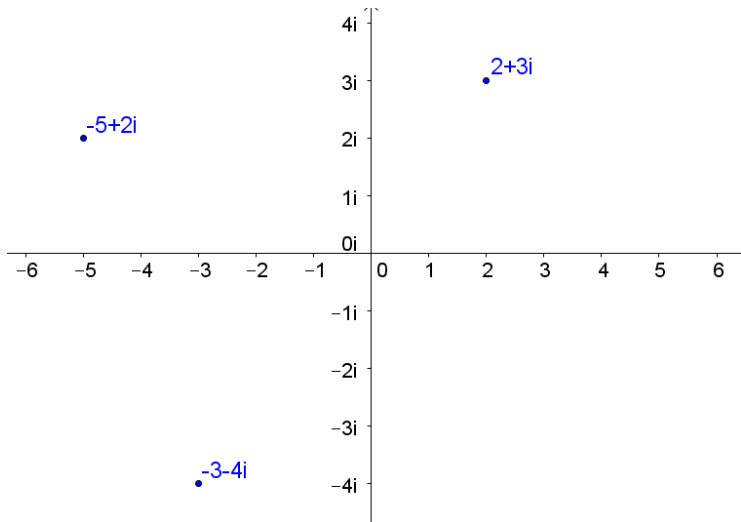


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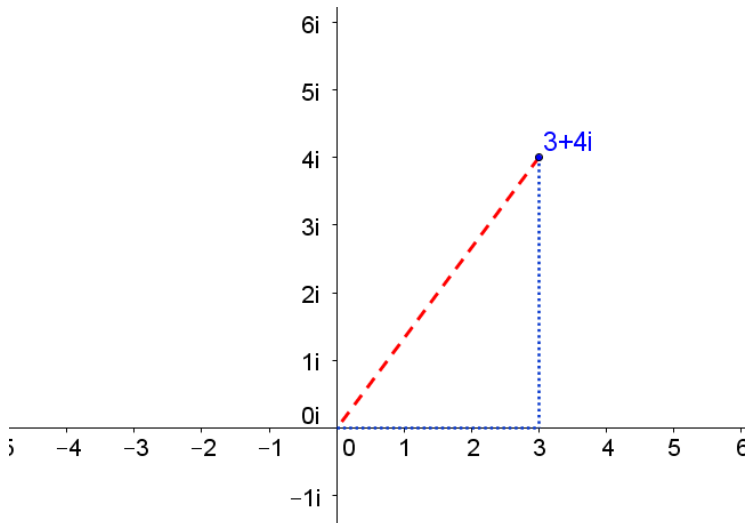
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# Argand Diagram



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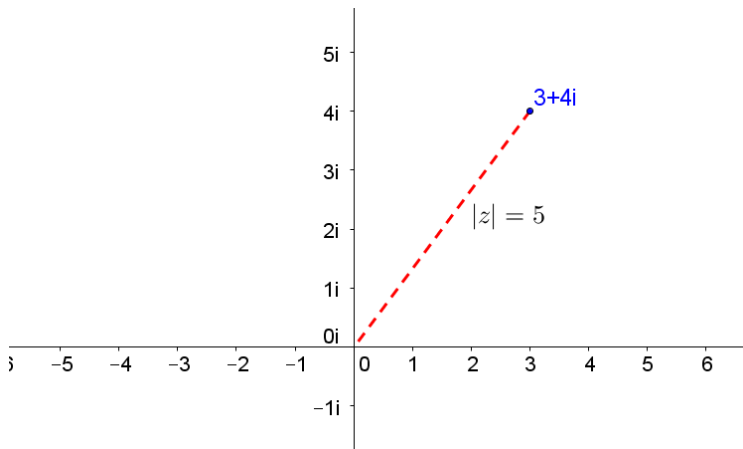
If  $z = a + bi$ , then

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

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When a complex number is multiplied by its conjugate, the product is a real number.



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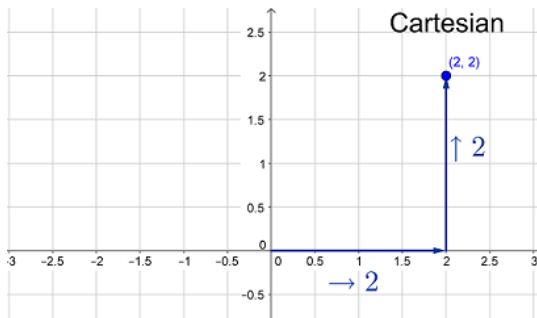
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**For any quadratic equation that has real coefficients and complex roots, the roots will always be a conjugate pair!**

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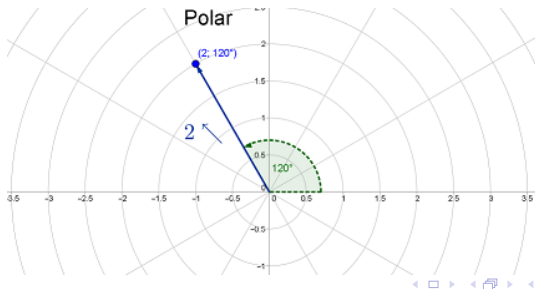
Polar form is another way to represent the position of a point on the plane, rather than describing the position of a point as so many units left or right of the origin ( $x$  coordinate), then as so many units above or below the origin ( $y$  coordinate)



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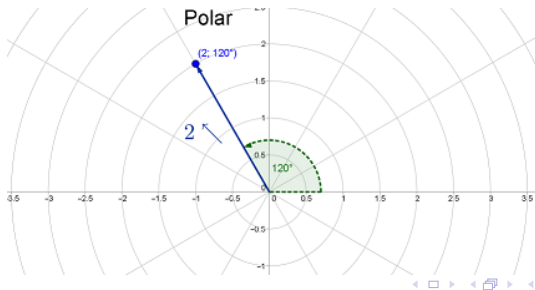




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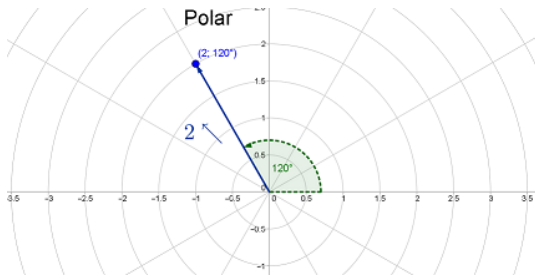




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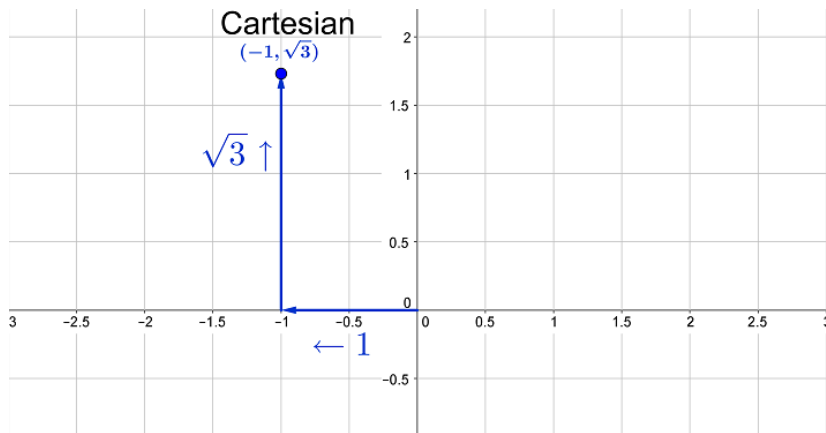
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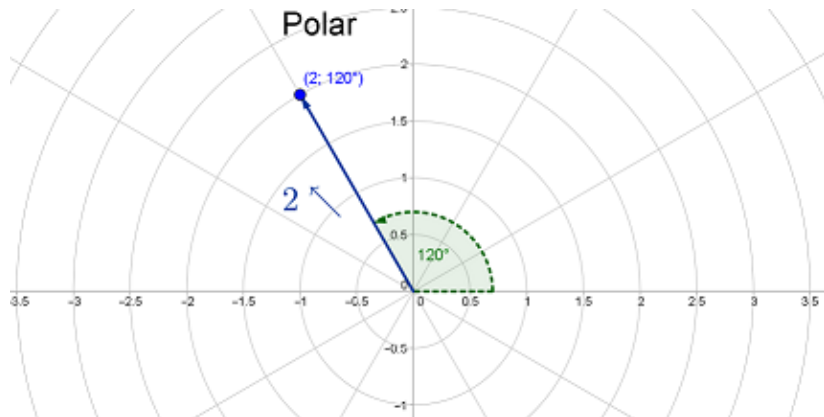




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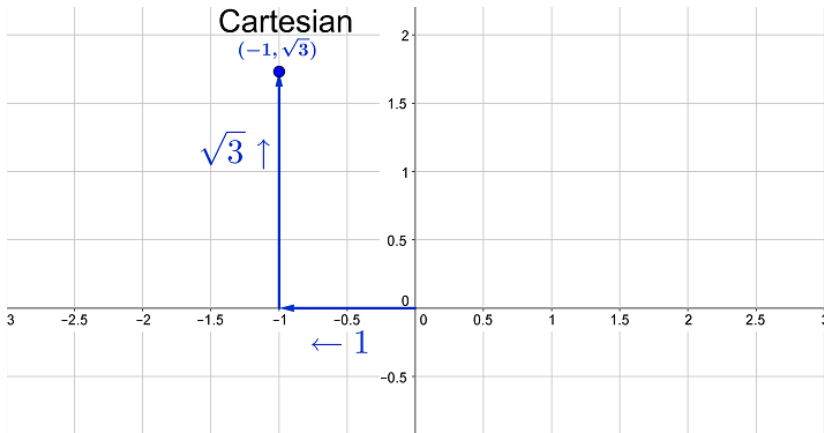
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# De Moivre's Theorem

De Moivre's Theorem tell us that if:

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then

$$z^n = r^n(\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta))$$

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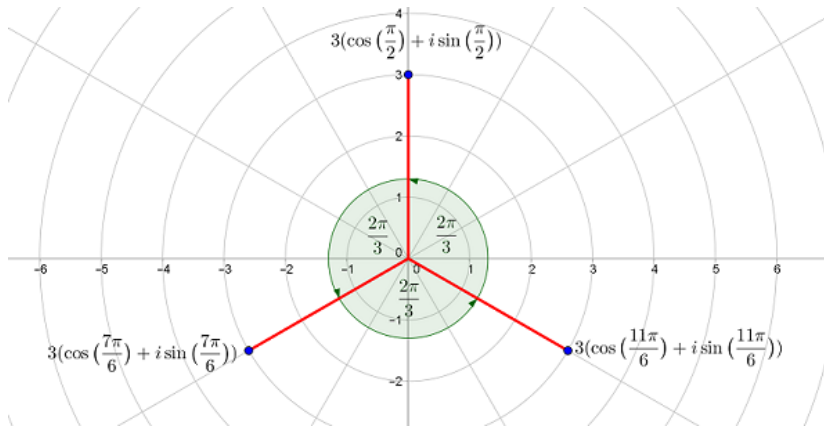
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