

# Revision Lectures

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CP3

- Complex Numbers and Ordinary Differential Equations

Lecture times:

Monday week 2 at 11 am

Tuesday week 2 at 11 am

Venue: Martin Wood Lecture Theatre

- Slides will be posted on lecture webpage: <http://>

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## I. Complex numbers

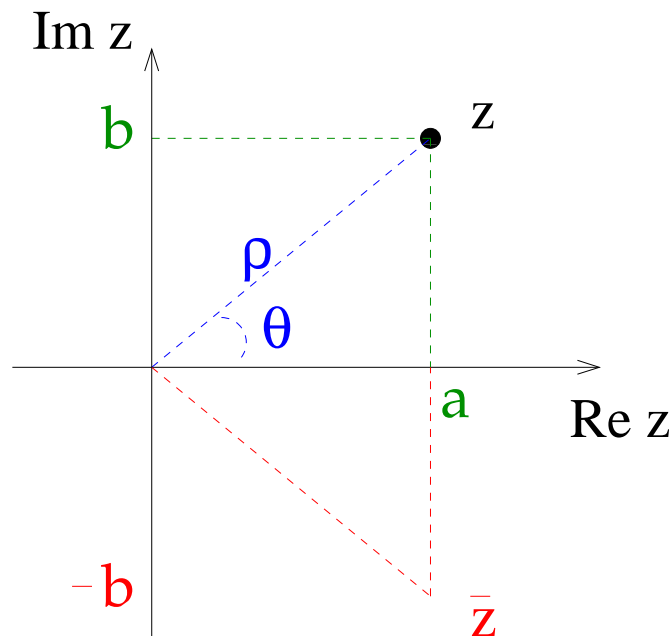
- 1 Basic algebra and geometry of the complex plane
- 2 Elementary functions of complex variable
- 3 De Moivre's theorem and applications
- 4 Curves in the complex plane
- 5 Roots of complex numbers and polynomials

# 1. THE COMPLEX PLANE

◇  $\mathbb{C}$  = set of complex nos with  $+$ ,  $\times$  operations

$$z = a + ib, \quad i^2 = -1$$

$$a = \operatorname{Re} z, \quad b = \operatorname{Im} z$$



$$\rho = \operatorname{mod}(z) = |z|$$

$$\theta = \operatorname{arg}(z)$$

$$z = a + ib = \rho e^{i\theta} = \rho(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$\bar{z} = a - ib = \rho e^{-i\theta} = \rho(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)$$

## 2. Elementary functions on $\mathbb{C}$

- Complex polynomials and rational functions defined by algebraic operations in  $\mathbb{C}$

- Complex exponential:  $e^z = e^{x+iy} = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y)$

→ complex trigon. and hyperb. fctns in terms of exp.

$$\text{e.g. } \sin z = (e^{iz} - e^{-iz})/(2i)$$

$$\sinh z = (e^z - e^{-z})/2$$

- Complex logarithm  $\ln z$ :  $e^{\ln z} = z$

$$\Rightarrow \ln z = \ln |z| + i(\theta + 2n\pi), \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \dots \quad (\leftarrow \text{multi-valued})$$

→ complex powers:  $z^\alpha = e^{\alpha \ln z}$  ( $\alpha$  complex)

### 3. DE MOIVRE'S THEOREM

de Moivre's theorem and trigonometric identities

$$z^n = (re^{i\theta})^n = r^n e^{in\theta} = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$$

For  $r=1$

$$(e^{i\theta})^n = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta.$$

De Moivre

e.g.  $n=2$  :

$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\sin 2\theta = 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

June 2006

**3. Express  $\tan 3\theta$  in terms of  $\tan \theta$ .**

$$\text{De Moivre} \Rightarrow \cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3$$

$$= \cos^3 \theta + 3i \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta - i \sin^3 \theta$$

$$\text{Then : } \tan 3\theta = \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\cos 3\theta} = \frac{3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta}{\cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta}$$

June 2008

**1. Prove that**

$$\sin^5 \theta = \frac{1}{2^4} (\sin 5\theta - 5 \sin 3\theta + 10 \sin \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^5 \theta &= \left( \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \right)^5 = [e^{5i\theta} - 5e^{3i\theta} + 10e^{i\theta} - 10e^{-i\theta} + 5e^{-3i\theta} - e^{-5i\theta}] / (i 2^5) \\ &= [\sin 5\theta - 5 \sin 3\theta + 10 \sin \theta] / 2^4 \end{aligned}$$

June 2008

9.a) Prove the identity

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos(nx) = \frac{\sin(Nx/2)}{\sin(x/2)} \cos((N-1)x/2) .$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \cos(nx) &= \operatorname{Re} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e^{inx} = \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{inx} - \underbrace{\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} e^{inx}}_{e^{iNx} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{inx}} \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 - e^{iNx}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{inx} \right] = \operatorname{Re} \frac{1 - e^{iNx}}{1 - e^{ix}} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \frac{e^{iNx/2} [-2i \sin(Nx/2)]}{e^{ix/2} [-2i \sin(x/2)]} = \frac{\sin(Nx/2)}{\sin(x/2)} \operatorname{Re} e^{i(N-1)x/2} \\ &= \frac{\sin(Nx/2)}{\sin(x/2)} \cos((N-1)x/2) \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{\ln z} = z = |z| e^{i\theta} = e^{\ln|z|} e^{i\theta} = e^{\ln|z| + i\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln z = \ln |z| + i \arg(z)$$

Need to know  $\theta$  including  $2\pi n$  phase ambiguity in  $z$

$$\ln z = \ln |z| + i(\theta + 2\pi n) , \quad n \text{ integer}$$

- different  $n \Rightarrow$  different “branches” of the logarithm
  - $n = 0$ : “principal” branch
- $\ln z \rightarrow$  example of “multi-valued” function



Note: It follows that the formula

$$\ln(z_1 z_2) = \ln z_1 + \ln z_2$$

is valid, once the branch of  $\ln z_1$  and  $\ln z_2$  is chosen, only for a given choice of the branch for  $\ln(z_1 z_2)$ . In general,

$$\ln(z_1 z_2) = \ln z_1 + \ln z_2 + 2\pi i k \quad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

June 2011 . 1. Prove the above formula.

Proof. Let  $\ln z_1 = w_1$ ,  $\ln z_2 = w_2$ , and  $\ln(z_1 z_2) = w_3$ . Then

$$e^{w_3} = e^{\ln(z_1 z_2)} = z_1 z_2 = e^{w_1} e^{w_2} = e^{w_1 + w_2}$$

which means  $w_3 = w_1 + w_2 + 2\pi i k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

that is,  $\ln(z_1 z_2) = \ln z_1 + \ln z_2 + 2\pi i k$ .

Example: evaluation of  $\ln(-1)$

$$\ln(-1) = \ln e^{i\pi} = \ln 1 + i(\pi + 2\pi n) = i\pi + 2\pi in, \quad n \text{ integer}$$

$$\ln(-1) = i\pi \text{ for } n = 0 \text{ (principal branch)}$$

Note: with  $z_1 = -1$ ,  $z_2 = -1$ , the formula

$$\ln(z_1 z_2) = \ln z_1 + \ln z_2$$

is satisfied, once the principal branch value  $\ln(-1) = i\pi$  is taken, only for the branch in which

$$\ln(-1)^2 = \ln 1 = 2\pi i .$$

June 2007

Find all possible values of  $\ln(z) - \ln(-z)$   
where  $z$  is a complex number.

$$z = |z|e^{i\theta}$$

$$\ln z = \ln |z| + i(\theta + 2\pi n) \quad , \quad n \text{ integer}$$

$$\ln(-z) = \ln |z| + i(\pi + \theta + 2\pi m) \quad , \quad m \text{ integer}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(z) - \ln(-z) = -i\pi + 2i(\underbrace{n - m}_k)\pi = i(2k - 1)\pi$$

## 4. CURVES IN THE COMPLEX PLANE

- locus of points satisfying constraint in complex variable  $z$

♠ Curves can be defined

▷ either directly by constraint in complex variable  $z$

$$\text{ex. : } |z| = R$$

▷ or by parametric form  $\gamma(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$

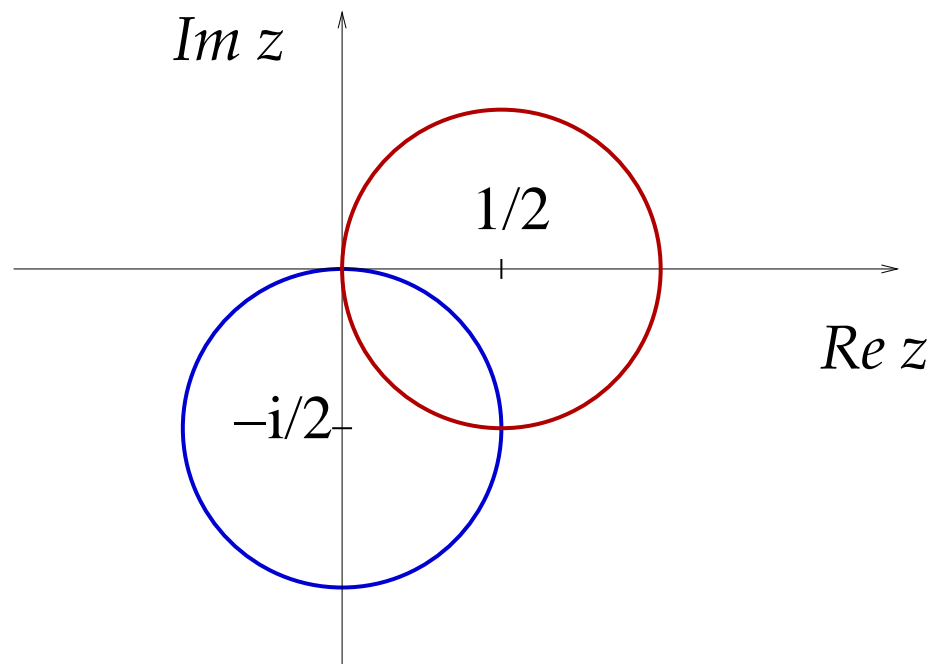
$$\text{ex. : } x(t) = R \cos t$$

$$y(t) = R \sin t, \quad 0 \leq t < 2\pi$$

September 2009

Sketch the loci in the complex plane representing the conditions

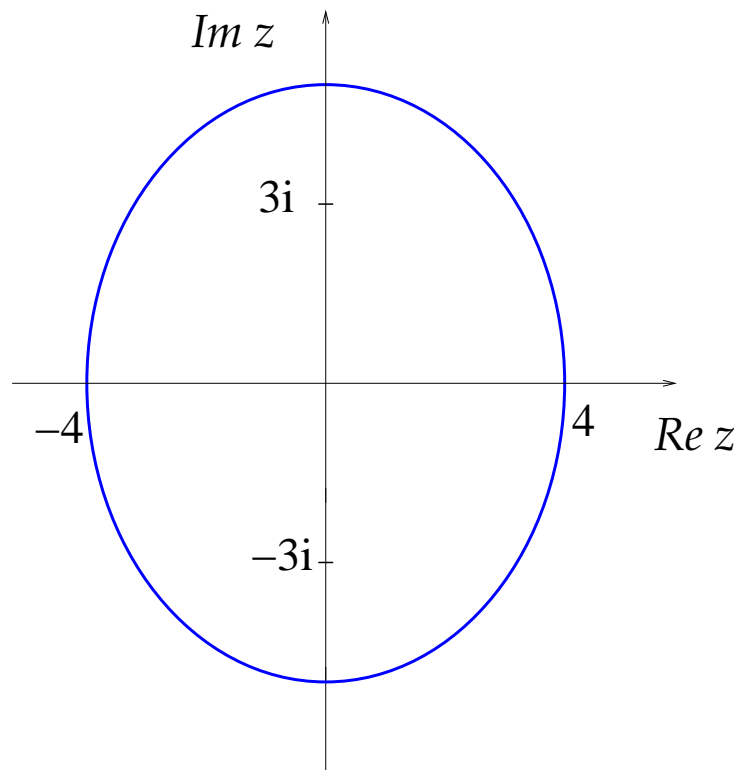
$$\operatorname{Re}(z^{-1}) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{Im}(z^{-1}) = 1.$$



September 2011

Draw the set of points in the complex plane such that

$$|z - 3i| + |z + 3i| = 10 .$$

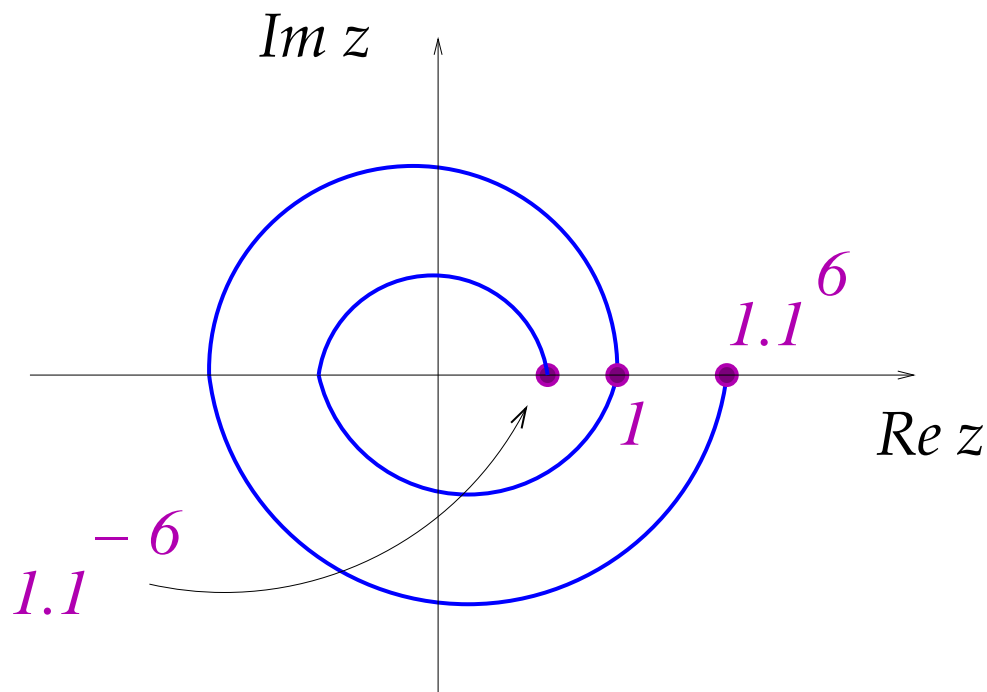


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Sketch the curve in the complex plane

$$z = a^t e^{ibt}, \quad -6 \leq t \leq 6$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are real constants given by  $a = 1.1$ ,  $b = \pi/3$ .



## 5. ROOTS OF COMPLEX NUMBERS

Def.:

- A number  $u$  is said to be an  $n$ -th root of complex number  $z$  if  $u^n = z$ , and we write  $u = z^{1/n}$ .

Th.:

- Every complex number has exactly  $n$  distinct  $n$ -th roots.

Let  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ ;  $u = \rho(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)$ . Then

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

$$\Rightarrow \rho^n = r, \quad n\alpha = \theta + 2\pi k \quad (k \text{ integer})$$

$$\text{Thus } \rho = r^{1/n}, \quad \alpha = \theta/n + 2\pi k/n.$$

$n$  distinct values for  $k$  from 0 to  $n - 1$ . ( $z \neq 0$ )

$$\text{So } u = z^{1/n} = r^{1/n} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2\pi k}{n} \right) \right], \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$



## Roots of polynomials

$$P(z) \equiv a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0.$$

$$P(z = z_i) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z_i \text{ is a root}$$

Characterising a polynomial by its roots

$$\begin{aligned} a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0 &= a_n (z - z_1)(z - z_2) \cdots (z - z_n) \\ &= a_n \left( z^n - z^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n z_j + \cdots + (-1)^n \prod_{j=1}^n z_j \right). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients of  $z^{n-1}$  and  $z^0$

$$\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} = -\sum_j z_j \quad ; \quad \frac{a_0}{a_n} = (-1)^n \prod_j z_j$$

June 2011

2. Determine the real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  which satisfy

$$\sum_{k=0}^{100} e^{i\pi k/3} = x + iy .$$

Observe that  $e^{i\pi k/3} = e^{2i\pi k/6}$  are the sixth roots of unity for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, 5$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^5 e^{i\pi k/3} = 0$$

The same applies for subsequent sets of 6 values of  $k$ .

Thus the first  $6 \times 16 = 96$  terms of the sum give zero, and the last five must equal minus the root with  $k = 5$ , so that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{100} e^{i\pi k/3} = \sum_{k=96}^{100} e^{i\pi k/3} = -e^{i\pi 5/3} = e^{i\pi 2/3} = -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2} , \quad y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Alternatively :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{100} e^{i\pi k/3} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{i\pi k/3} - \underbrace{\sum_{k=101}^{\infty} e^{i\pi k/3}}_{e^{i\pi 101/3} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{i\pi k/3}} = (1 - e^{i\pi 101/3}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{i\pi k/3} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{i5\pi/3}}{1 - e^{i\pi/3}} = \frac{e^{i5\pi/6} \sin(5\pi/6)}{e^{i\pi/6} \sin(\pi/6)} = e^{i\pi 2/3} = -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

June 2008

9.b) Find all the solutions of the equation

$$\left( \frac{z+i}{z-i} \right)^n = -1,$$

and solve  $z^4 - 10z^2 + 5 = 0$ .

$$\left( \frac{z+i}{z-i} \right)^n = -1 = e^{i(\pi+2N\pi)}, \quad N \text{ integer}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{z+i}{z-i} = e^{i(\pi/n+2N\pi/n)}, \quad N = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

$$\text{Then : } z = i \frac{e^{i(\pi/n+2N\pi/n)} + 1}{e^{i(\pi/n+2N\pi/n)} - 1} = i \frac{\cos[\pi(1+2N)/(2n)]}{i \sin[\pi(1+2N)/(2n)]} = \cotg \frac{\pi(1+2N)}{2n}.$$

For  $n = 5$  :  $(z+i)^5 = -(z-i)^5 \Rightarrow z(z^4 - 10z^2 + 5) = 0$ . Then the 4 roots of  $z^4 - 10z^2 + 5 = 0$

$$\text{are } \cotg \frac{\pi}{10}, \cotg \frac{3\pi}{10}, \cotg \frac{7\pi}{10}, \cotg \frac{9\pi}{10}.$$

10. (a) State de Moivre's theorem.

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(b) Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos 6\theta = 4 \cos^3 2\theta - 3 \cos 2\theta.$$

Hence find all the solutions to the cubic equation

$$4x^3 - 3x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

[9]

(c) Solve the equation

$$\left(\frac{z+1}{z-1}\right)^n = i$$

for  $n$  an integer. Hence solve the equation

$$z^3 + 3iz^2 + 3z + i = 0.$$

[9]

September 2010

a) De Moivre :  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = e^{in\theta} = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$

b)  $\cos 6\theta + i \sin 6\theta = e^{i6\theta} = (e^{i2\theta})^3 = (\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)^3$

$\Rightarrow \cos 6\theta = \cos^3 2\theta - 3 \cos 2\theta \sin^2 2\theta = 4 \cos^3 2\theta - 3 \cos 2\theta$

$$4x^3 - 3x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Then :  $x = \cos 2\theta \Rightarrow \cos 6\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$6\theta = \pi/6 \Rightarrow x = \cos 2\theta = \cos(\pi/18)$

$6\theta = 11\pi/6 \Rightarrow x = \cos 2\theta = \cos(11\pi/18)$

$6\theta = 13\pi/6 \Rightarrow x = \cos 2\theta = \cos(13\pi/18)$

c)  $\left(\frac{z+1}{z-1}\right)^n = i \Rightarrow \frac{z+1}{z-1} = e^{i(\pi/(2n)+2N\pi/n)}$  ,  $N = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

Then  $z = \frac{e^{i(\pi/(2n)+2N\pi/n)} + 1}{e^{i(\pi/(2n)+2N\pi/n)} - 1} = \frac{\cos[\pi(1+4N)/(4n)]}{i \sin[\pi(1+4N)/(4n)]} = -i \operatorname{cotg} \frac{\pi(1+4N)}{4n}$

For  $n = 3$  :  $(z+1)^3 = i(z-1)^3 \Rightarrow z^3 + 3iz^2 + 3z + i = 0$  . Then the 3 roots

of  $z^3 + 3iz^2 + 3z + i = 0$  are  $-i \operatorname{cotg} \frac{\pi}{12}$  ,  $-i \operatorname{cotg} \frac{5\pi}{12}$  ,  $-i \operatorname{cotg} \frac{3\pi}{4}$  .

September 2003

2. Solve the equation

$$z^6 + z^3 + 1 = 0.$$

$$u = z^3, \quad u^2 + u + 1 = 0, \quad u = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2} = e^{i(2\pi/3+n\pi)}, \quad n = 0, 1$$

$$z = u^{1/3} = e^{i(2\pi/9+n\pi/3+2m\pi/3)}, \quad n = 0, 1, \quad m = 0, 1, 2$$

2b. Solve the equation  $z^6 - 15z^4 + 15z^2 - 1 = 0$

$(x+y)^0$							1
$(x+y)^1$						1	1
$(x+y)^2$					1	2	1
$(x+y)^3$				1	3	3	1
$(x+y)^4$			1	4	6	4	1
$(x+y)^5$	1	5	10	10	5	1	

$$(z+i)^6 = z^6 + 6iz^5 - 15z^4 - 20iz^3 + 15z^2 + 6iz - 1$$

$$(z+i)^6 + (z-i)^6 = 2(z^6 - 15z^4 + 15z^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{(z+i)^6}{(z-i)^6} \equiv u^6 = -1 = e^{i\pi}$$

$$u = e^{i(\pi/6+2\pi n/6)}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$$

$$z - i = u(z + i) \Rightarrow z = \frac{i(1+u)}{(1-u)}$$