

## DeMOIVRE'S THEOREM AND NTH ROOTS

If  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  is a complex number and n is a positive integer, then...

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

Example

Find  $(-1 + i\sqrt{3})^{12}$

$$\text{Find } \left(2\sqrt{3} + 2i\right)^4$$

## Nth ROOTS

Find the 6<sup>th</sup> roots of -729.

$$x^6 = -729$$

$$x^6 + 729 = 0$$

This must have 6 roots!

$$(x^2)^3 + (9)^3 = 0$$

$$\text{sum of cubes } a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$(x^2 + 9)(x^4 - 9x^2 + 81) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -9$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-9}$$

$$x = \pm 3i$$

$$x^4 - 9x^2 + 81 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } A = x^2$$

$$A^2 - 9A + 81 = 0$$

$$A = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$A = \frac{-(-9) \pm \sqrt{(-9)^2 - 4(1)(81)}}{2(1)}$$

## The nth root of a Complex Number

For every positive integer  $n$ , the complex number  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  has exactly  $n$  distinct roots given by...

$$\sqrt[n]{z} = \sqrt[n]{r} \left( \cos \frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n} + i \sin \frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n} \right)$$

where  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots n-1$

### Example

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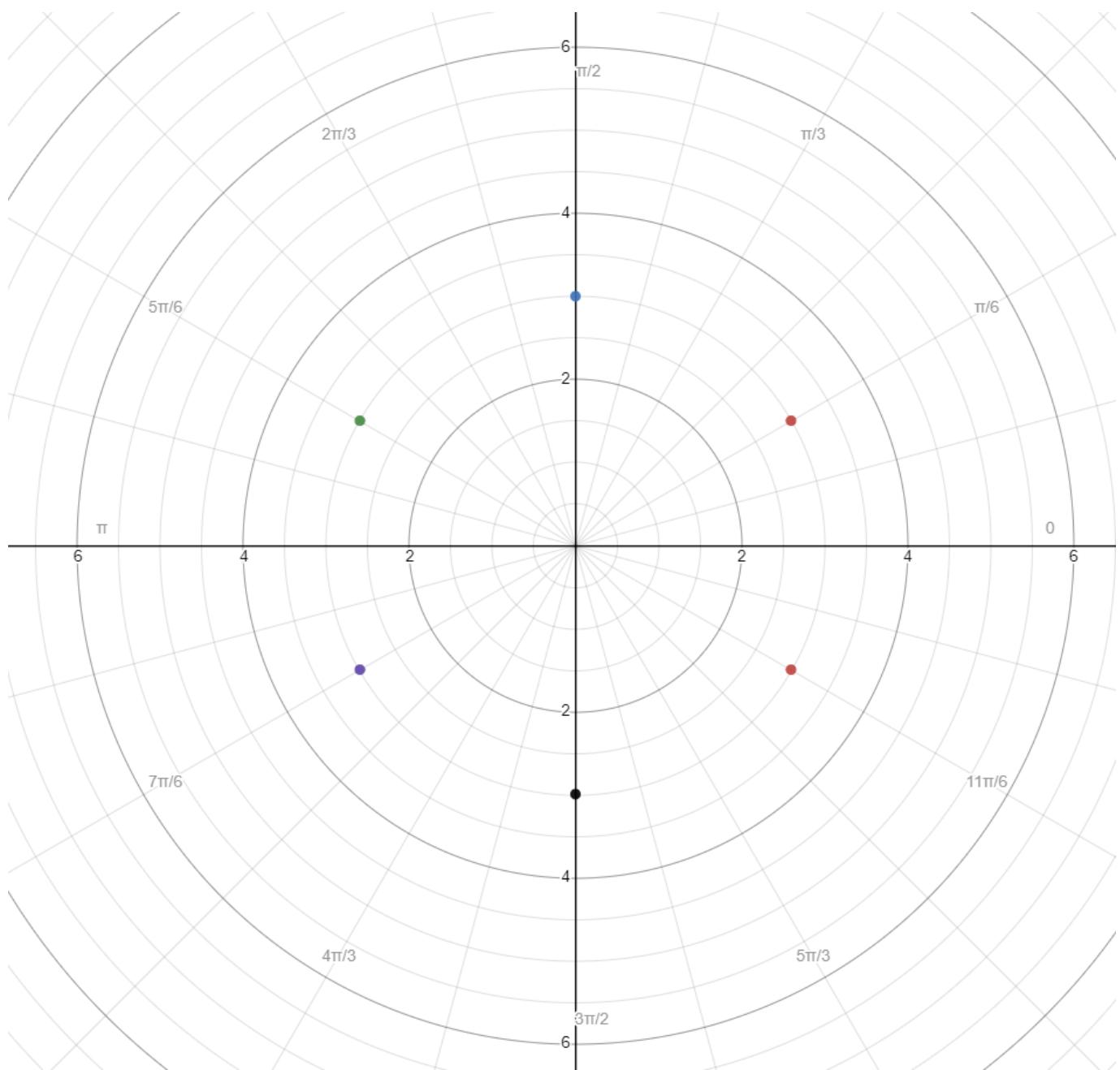
Now we need  $\sqrt[6]{729(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)}$

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$k = 0$	$\sqrt[6]{729} \left( \cos \frac{\pi + 2\pi(0)}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi + 2\pi(0)}{6} \right) =$		
$k = 1$	$\sqrt[6]{729} \left( \cos \frac{\pi + 2\pi(1)}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi + 2\pi(1)}{6} \right) =$		
$k = 2$	$\sqrt[6]{729} \left( \cos \frac{\pi + 2\pi(2)}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi + 2\pi(2)}{6} \right) =$		
$k = 3$	$\sqrt[6]{729} \left( \cos \frac{\pi + 2\pi(3)}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi + 2\pi(3)}{6} \right) =$		
$k = 4$	$\sqrt[6]{729} \left( \cos \frac{\pi + 2\pi(4)}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi + 2\pi(4)}{6} \right) =$		
$k = 5$	$\sqrt[6]{729} \left( \cos \frac{\pi + 2\pi(5)}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi + 2\pi(5)}{6} \right) =$		



**Example**

**Find all roots of:**  $\sqrt[5]{6\left(\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)}$

$k = 0$	$\sqrt[5]{6} \left( \cos \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} + i \sin \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} \right) =$		
$k = 1$	$\sqrt[5]{6} \left( \cos \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} + i \sin \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} \right) =$		
$k = 2$	$\sqrt[5]{6} \left( \cos \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} + i \sin \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} \right) =$		
$k = 3$	$\sqrt[5]{6} \left( \cos \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} + i \sin \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} \right) =$		
$k = 4$	$\sqrt[5]{6} \left( \cos \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} + i \sin \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi( )}{5} \right) =$		