

Aim: Aim: How do we solve polynomial equations using the n^{th} roots formula?

Do Now: 1) Solve: $x^4 + 16 = 0$

Development: >How can we do the "Do Now"?

<We can try to solve algebraically but as this is not factorable that could be somewhat problematic.

We start with $x^4 + 16 = 0$ then $x^4 = -16$. This means we're trying to find

${}^4\sqrt{-16 + 0i}$ This means that $r = \sqrt{(16)^2 + (0)^2} = 16$
and $\tan \theta = 0/16 = 0$ so $\theta = 0^\circ$ or since we're working with
-16 actually $\theta = 180^\circ$.

So we have ${}^4\sqrt{16}(\cos \frac{180 + 360k}{4} + i \sin \frac{180 + 360k}{4})$

And using $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ we get:

$$2(\cos \frac{180+360(0)}{4} + i \sin \frac{180+360(0)}{4}) = 2(\cos \frac{180}{4} + i \sin \frac{180}{4}) =$$

$$2(\cos 45 + i \sin 45) = 2(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}i}{2}) = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i$$

$$2(\cos \frac{180+360(1)}{4} + i \sin \frac{180+360(1)}{4}) = 2(\cos \frac{540}{4} + i \sin \frac{540}{4}) =$$

$$2(\cos 135 + i \sin 135) = 2(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}i}{2}) = -\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i$$

$$2(\cos \frac{180+360(2)}{4} + i \sin \frac{180+360(2)}{4}) = 2(\cos \frac{900}{4} + i \sin \frac{900}{4}) =$$

$$2(\cos 225 + i \sin 225) = 2(\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}i}{2}) = -\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i$$

$$2(\cos \frac{180+360(3)}{4} + i \sin \frac{180+360(3)}{4}) = 2(\cos \frac{1260}{4} + i \sin \frac{1260}{4}) =$$

$$2(\cos 315 + i \sin 315) = 2(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}i}{2}) = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i$$

Application:

2) Solve: $x^3 + 64i = 0$

Answer:

2) $x^3 = -64i$ $r = \sqrt{0 + (-64)^2} = 64$, $\tan \theta = -64/0$, $\theta = 270^\circ$

$$x = {}^3\sqrt{64}(\cos (270/3) + i \sin (270/3)) = 4(\cos 90 + i \sin 90) = 4(0 + 1i) = 4i$$

$$x = {}^3\sqrt{64}(\cos (630/3) + i \sin (630/3)) = 4(\cos 210 + i \sin 210)$$

$$= 4(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) + 4(-\frac{1}{2}i) = -2\sqrt{3} - 2i$$

$$x = {}^3\sqrt{64}(\cos (990/3) + i \sin (990/3)) = 4(\cos 330 + i \sin 330)$$

$$= 4(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}) + 4(-\frac{1}{2}i) = 2\sqrt{3} - 2i$$

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