# Complex numbers - Exercises

- 1. Find the algebraic form of the complex number  $\frac{\overline{z}_1}{\overline{z}_2}$ , if  $z_1 = 3 2i$  and  $z_2 = 2 + i$ .
- 2. Find the algebraic form of the following complex numbers:

a) 
$$3\left(\cos\frac{2\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$
 b)  $\frac{2+i}{i(1-4i)}$ 

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3. Find the trigonometric form of the following complex numbers:

a) 
$$\sqrt{6} - i \sqrt{2}$$
 b)  $-4i$ 

4. Find the trigonometric and algebraic form of the following complex numbers:

a) 
$$\sqrt[3]{1}$$

b) 
$$\sqrt[4]{-16}$$

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 c)  $\sqrt[3]{1+i\sqrt{3}}$ 

5. Calculate the following powers:

a) 
$$(1+i\sqrt{3})^3$$
 b)  $(1+i)^8$  c)  $(1-i)^4$ 

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$$(1+i)^8$$

c) 
$$(1-i)^4$$

6. Solve the following equations on the set of complex numbers:

a) 
$$z^3 = 1 + i$$

b) 
$$|z| - z = 1 + 2i$$
 c)  $z^2 = \overline{z}$ 

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7. Solve the following equations on the set of complex numbers. Give the result in algebraic form.

a) 
$$z^2 + (1+i)\overline{z} + 4i = 0$$
 b)  $2iz^3 = (1+i)^8$ 

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8. Give the algebraic form of all complex solutions of the following equation whose real part is positive and whose imaginary part is negative.

$$\frac{7i+3}{7-3i}z^4 + 8(\sqrt{3}+i) = 0$$

- 9. Assume that the imaginary part of the complex number z is not zero, but the imaginary part of the complex number  $z + \frac{1}{z}$  is zero. Find |z|, the absolute value of z.
- 10. Give the algebraic form of all complex solutions of the following equation whose real and imaginary parts are both negative.

$$iz^6 = (7+i)^2 + \frac{2-30i}{1-i}$$

#### **Homework**

11. Solve the following equation on the set of complex numbers:

$$z^2 = z + 3\bar{z}$$

12. Find those solutions z of the following equation for which Re(z) > 0 and Im(z) < 0. Give these solutions in algebraic form.

$$z^6 + 7z^3 - 8 = 0$$

- 13. Find the algebraic form of  $\frac{z^2 |z^2|}{z^2}$  if  $z = \sqrt{3} + i$ .
- 14. Give all the solutions of the following equation in algebraic form:

$$iz^3 = \frac{1}{2}(1-i)^8$$
.

## **Solutions**

1. Find the algebraic form of the complex number  $\frac{\overline{z}_1}{\overline{z}_2}$ , if  $z_1 = 3 - 2i$  and  $z_2 = 2 + i$ .

**Solution.** 
$$\frac{\overline{Z}_1}{\overline{Z}_2} = \frac{\overline{3-2i}}{\overline{2+i}} = \frac{3+2i}{2-i} = \frac{3+2i}{2-i} \cdot \frac{2+i}{2+i} = \frac{6+4i+3i+2i^2}{4-i^2} = \frac{6+4i+3i+2(-1)}{4-(-1)} = \frac{4+7i}{5} = \frac{4+7i}{5}$$

2. Find the algebraic form of the following complex numbers:

a) 
$$3\left(\cos\frac{2\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

b) 
$$\frac{2+i}{i(1-4i)}$$

**Solution.** a) 
$$3\left(\cos\frac{2\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = 3\left(-\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -\frac{3}{2} + i\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

b) 
$$\frac{2+i}{i(1-4i)} = \frac{2+i}{i-4i^2} = \frac{2+i}{i-4(-1)} = \frac{2+i}{4+i} = \frac{2+i}{4+i} = \frac{4-i}{4-i} = \frac{8-i^2+4i-2i}{16-i^2} = \frac{8-(-1)+2i}{16-(-1)} = \frac{9+2i}{17} = \frac{9}{17} + \frac{2}{17}i$$

3. Find the trigonometric form of the following complex numbers:

a) 
$$\sqrt{6} - i \sqrt{2}$$

**Solution.** The trigonometric form of the complex number z = a + bi is

$$z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)$$
, where  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ .

a) 
$$z = \sqrt{6} - i\sqrt{2} \implies r = |z| = \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{6}\right)^2 + \left(-\sqrt{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$$
  

$$\implies z = 2\sqrt{2}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right)$$

$$\implies$$
 the argument is:  $\cos \varphi = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ ,  $\sin \varphi = -\frac{1}{2} \implies \varphi = \frac{11 \pi}{6}$ 

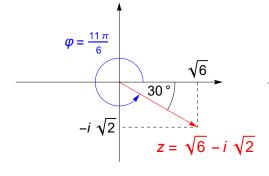
$$\implies z = 2 \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{11 \pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{11 \pi}{6} \right)$$

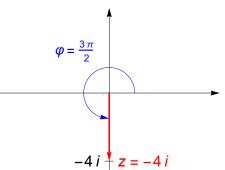
b) 
$$z = -4i = 4(0 + (-1) \cdot i) = 4\left(\cos\frac{3\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

c) 
$$z = 8 = 8 (1 + 0 \cdot i) = 8 (\cos 0 + i \sin 0)$$

a)







4. Find the trigonometric and algebraic form of the following complex numbers:

a) 
$$\sqrt[3]{1}$$

b) 
$$\sqrt[4]{-16}$$

c) 
$$\sqrt[3]{1+i\sqrt{3}}$$

#### Solution.

a) The values of  $\sqrt[3]{1}$  can be obtained from the equation  $z^3 = 1$ .

The trigonometric form of 1 is:  $1 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0$ 

$$\implies$$
  $z_k = \cos \frac{0 + k \cdot 2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{0 + k \cdot 2\pi}{3}$ , where  $k = 0, 1, 2$ .

The roots are:

If k = 0:  $z_0 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0 = 1 + i \cdot 0 = 1$ 

If 
$$k = 1$$
:  $z_1 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ 

If 
$$k = 2$$
:  $z_2 = \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ 

b) The values of  $\sqrt[4]{-16}$  can be obtained from the equation  $z^4 = -16$ .

The trigonometric form of -16 is:  $-16 = 16 (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)$ 

$$\implies z_k = \sqrt[4]{16} \left( \cos \frac{\pi + k \cdot 2\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi + k \cdot 2\pi}{4} \right), \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

The roots are:

If 
$$k = 0$$
:  $z_0 = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}$ 

If 
$$k = 1$$
:  $z_1 = 2\left(\cos\frac{3\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}$ 

If 
$$k = 2$$
:  $z_2 = 2\left(\cos\frac{5\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) = 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -\sqrt{2} - i\sqrt{2}$ 

If 
$$k = 3$$
:  $z_3 = 2\left(\cos\frac{7\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) = 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2} - i\sqrt{2}$ 

c) The values of  $\sqrt[3]{1+i\sqrt{3}}$  can be obtained from the equation  $z^3 = 1+i\sqrt{3}$ .

The trigonometric form of  $1+i\sqrt{3}$  is:  $1+i\sqrt{3}=2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3}+i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ 

$$\implies z_k = \sqrt[3]{2} \left( \cos \frac{\frac{\pi}{3} + k \cdot 2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\frac{\pi}{3} + k \cdot 2\pi}{3} \right), \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2.$$

The roots are:

If 
$$k = 0$$
:  $z_0 = \sqrt[3]{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{9} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{9} \right) \approx 1.18394 + 0.430918 i$ 

If 
$$k = 1$$
:  $z_1 = \sqrt[3]{2} \left( \cos \frac{7\pi}{9} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{9} \right) \approx -0.965156 + 0.809862 i$ 

If 
$$k = 2$$
:  $z_2 = \sqrt[3]{2} \left( \cos \frac{13 \pi}{9} + i \sin \frac{13 \pi}{9} \right) \approx -0.218783 - 1.24078 i$ 

### 5. Calculate the following powers:

a) 
$$\left(1+i\sqrt{3}\right)^3$$
 b)  $(1+i)^8$  c)  $(1-i)^4$ 

Solution.

a) 
$$1 + i \sqrt{3} = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$
  
 $\implies \left(1 + i \sqrt{3}\right)^3 = 2^3\left(\cos\frac{3\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{3}\right) = 8\left(\cos\pi + i\sin\pi\right) = 8\left(-1 + i\cdot 0\right) = -8$ 

b) 
$$1 + i = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$
  
 $\implies (1 + i)^8 = \left( \sqrt{2} \right)^8 \left( \cos \frac{8\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{8\pi}{4} \right) = 16 \left( \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi \right) = 16 \left( 1 + i \cdot 0 \right) = 16$ 
or:

$$(1+i)^2 = 1+2i+i^2 = 1+2i-1=2i$$
  
 $\implies (1+i)^8 = ((1+i)^2)^4 = (2i)^4 = 16 \cdot (i^2)^2 = 16 \cdot (-1)^2 = 16$ 

c) 
$$1 - i = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \left( -\frac{\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( -\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right)$$
  

$$\implies (1 - i)^4 = \left( \sqrt{2} \right)^4 \left( \cos \left( -\frac{4\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( -\frac{4\pi}{4} \right) \right) = 4 \left( \cos(-\pi) + i \sin(-\pi) \right) = 4 \left( -1 + i \cdot 0 \right) = -4$$
or:
$$(1 - i)^2 = 1 - 2i + i^2 = 1 - 2i - 1 = -2i$$

$$\implies (1 - i)^4 = \left( (1 - i)^2 \right)^2 = (-2i)^2 = 4 \cdot i^2 = 4 \cdot (-1) = -4$$

#### 6. Solve the following equations on the set of complex numbers:

a) 
$$z^3 = 1 + i$$
 b)  $|z| - z = 1 + 2i$  c)  $z^2 = \overline{z}$ 

**Solution.** a) The trigonometric form of 
$$1+i$$
 is:  $1+i=\sqrt{2}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{4}+i\sin\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ 

$$\Rightarrow z_k = \sqrt[3]{1+i} = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{2}} \left( \cos \frac{\frac{\pi}{4} + k \cdot 2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\frac{\pi}{4} + k \cdot 2\pi}{3} \right), \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2.$$

The arguments are: 
$$k = 0 \implies \arg(z) = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$k = 1 \implies \arg(z) = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{9\pi}{12} = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$k = 2 \implies \arg(z) = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{17\pi}{12}$$

The roots are:

If 
$$k = 0$$
:  $z_0 = \sqrt[6]{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) \right) \approx 1.08422 + 0.290515 i$   
If  $k = 1$ :  $z_1 = \sqrt[6]{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \right) \approx -0.793701 + 0.793701 i$   
If  $k = 2$ :  $z_2 = \sqrt[6]{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{17\pi}{12}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{17\pi}{12}\right) \right) \approx -0.290515 - 1.08422 i$ 

#### 6. b) |z| - z = 1 + 2i

**Solution.** b) Let z = x + yi, where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ , and thus the equation is:

$$|z| - z = 1 + 2i \iff \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - (x + yi) = 1 + 2i$$
  
$$\iff (\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x) - yi = 1 + 2i$$

Two complex numbers are equal if and only if their real and imaginary parts are respectively equal. Therefore, the equation above is equivalent with the following equation system:

(1) 
$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x = 1$$

(2) 
$$-y = 2$$

From here y = -2, and from the first equation  $\sqrt{x^2 + 4} - x = 1 \implies \sqrt{x^2 + 4} = x + 1$ . Since  $\sqrt{x^2 + 4} \ge 0$ , then  $x + 1 \ge 0$ , that is,  $x \ge -1$ . Taking the squares of both sides we have  $x^2 + 4 = x^2 + 2x + 1 \implies 2x = 3 \implies x = \frac{3}{2}$ , which satisfies the previous condition. The solution of the equation is:  $z = \frac{3}{2} - 2i$ .

## 6. c) $z^2 = \overline{z}$

**Solution.** c) Let z = x + yi, where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

• 
$$z^2 = (x + y i)^2 = x^2 + 2xyi + y^2i^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + 2xyi$$

• 
$$\overline{z} = x - vi$$

The equation can be written as

$$z^{2} = \overline{z} \iff (x^{2} - y^{2}) + 2xyi = x - yi$$
$$\iff (x^{2} - y^{2}) + 2xyi - x + yi = 0$$

A complex number is zero if and only if both the real and imaginary parts are zero.

Therefore, the equation above is equivalent with the following equation system:

(1) 
$$(x^2 - y^2) - x = 0$$

(2) 
$$2xy + y = 0$$

Writing equation (2) as a product: y(2x + 1) = 0

A product is equal to zero if and only at least one of the factors is zero, so we consider the following two cases.

**Case 1:** if y = 0, then substituting this into equation (1) we have:

$$(x^2 - y^2) - x = 0 \implies x^2 - x = x(x - 1) = 0$$

From here  $x_1 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 1$ , so in this case we obtain two complex solutions:  $z_1 = 0 + 0 \cdot i = 0$  and  $z_2 = 1 + 0 \cdot i = 1$ .

Case 2: if 2x + 1 = 0, then  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Substituting this into equation (1) we have:

$$(x^2 - y^2) - x = 0 \implies \frac{1}{4} - y^2 + \frac{1}{2} = 0 \implies y^2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

From here  $y_{1,2} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , so in this case we obtain two complex solutions:

$$z_3 = -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
 and  $z_4 = -\frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

The solution of the equation is:  $z_1 = 0$ ,  $z_2 = 1$ ,  $z_3 = -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ ,  $z_4 = -\frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

7. Solve the following equations on the set of complex numbers. Give the result in algebraic form.

a) 
$$z^2 + (1+i)\overline{z} + 4i = 0$$

b) 
$$2iz^3 = (1+i)^8$$

**Solution.** a) Let z = x + yi, where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

• 
$$z^2 = (x + yi)^2 = x^2 + 2xyi + y^2i^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + 2xyi$$

• 
$$(1+i)\overline{z} = (1+i)(x-yi) = x-yi^2 + xi - yi = (x+y) + (x-y)i$$

The equation can be written as

$$z^2 + (1+i)\overline{z} + 4i = 0 \iff (x^2 - y^2) + 2xyi + (x+y) + (x-y)i + 4i = 0$$

A complex number is zero if and only if both the real and imaginary parts are zero.

Therefore, the equation above is equivalent with the following equation system:

(1) 
$$(x^2 - y^2) + (x + y) = 0$$

(2) 
$$2xy + (x - y) + 4 = 0$$

Writing equation (1) as a product, we have: (x - y)(x + y) + (x + y) = 0(x + y)(x - y + 1) = 0

A product is equal to zero if and only at least one of the factors is zero, so we consider the following two cases.

**Case 1:** if x + y = 0, then y = -x. Substituting this into equation (2) we have:

$$2xy + (x - y) + 4 = 0 \implies 2x(-x) + (x + x) + 4 = 0$$
$$-2x^{2} + 2x + 4 = 0$$
$$x^{2} - x - 2 = 0$$
$$(x - 2)(x + 1) = 0$$

The roots of this quadratic equation are  $x_1 = 2$  and  $x_2 = -1$ , from where  $y_1 = -2$  and  $y_2 = 1$ , so in this case we obtain two complex solutions:  $z_1 = 2 - 2i$  and  $z_2 = -1 + i$ .

**Case 2:** if x - y + 1 = 0, then y = x + 1. Substituting this into equation (2) we have:

$$2xy + (x - y) + 4 = 0 \implies 2x(x + 1) + (x - (x + 1)) + 4 = 0$$
$$2x^{2} + 2x - 1 + 4 = 0$$
$$2x^{2} + 2x + 3 = 0$$

The discriminant of this quadratic equation is negative:  $D = 2^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = -20 < 0$ , so the equation doesn't have a real root. Since x is a real number, then in this case there is no solution.

The solution of the equation is:  $z_1 = 2 - 2i$  és  $z_2 = -1 + i$ .

7. b) 
$$2iz^3 = (1+i)^8$$

**Solution.** b) Let us express the value of  $z^3$ :

• 
$$(1+i)^2 = 1+2i+i^2 = 1+2i-1=2i \implies$$

• 
$$(1+i)^8 = ((1+i)^2)^4 = (2i)^4 = 2^4i^4 = 16(i^2)^2 = 16(-1)^2 = 16 \implies$$

• 
$$z^3 = \frac{(1+i)^8}{2i} = \frac{16}{2i} = \frac{8}{i} \cdot \frac{i}{i} = \frac{8}{i} \cdot \frac{i}{i} = \frac{8}{i} = -8i$$

The trigonometric form of -8i is:  $-8i = 8\left(\cos\frac{3\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$ 

$$\Rightarrow z_k = \sqrt[3]{-8i} = 2 \left( \cos \frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + k \cdot 2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + k \cdot 2\pi}{3} \right), \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2.$$

The arguments are: 
$$k = 0 \implies \arg(z) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$k = 1 \implies \arg(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

$$k = 2 \implies \arg(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

The roots are:

If 
$$k = 0$$
:  $z_0 = 2\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) = 2\left(0 + i \cdot 1\right) = 2i$   
If  $k = 1$ :  $z_1 = 2\left(\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}\right)\right) = 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = -\sqrt{3} - i$   
If  $k = 1$ :  $z_2 = 2\left(\cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{6}\right)\right) = 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = \sqrt{3} - i$ 

8. Give the algebraic form of all complex solutions of the following equation whose real part is positive and whose imaginary part is negative.

$$\frac{7i+3}{7-3i}z^4 + 8(\sqrt{3}+i) = 0$$

Solution. 
$$\frac{7i+3}{7-3i} = \frac{7i+3}{7-3i} \cdot \frac{7+3i}{7+3i} = \frac{58i}{58} = i$$

$$\implies i z^4 + 8\left(\sqrt{3} + i\right) = 0$$

$$\implies z^4 = \frac{-8\left(\sqrt{3} + i\right)}{i} \cdot \frac{i}{i} = \frac{-8\left(i\sqrt{3} - 1\right)}{-1} = 8\left(-1 + \sqrt{3}i\right) = 8\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) = 16\left(\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow z_k = 2 \left( \cos \left( \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + k \cdot 2\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + k \cdot 2\pi}{4} \right) \right), \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

The arguments are: 
$$\frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + k \cdot 2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{6} + k \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$$
, where  $k$  is an integer.

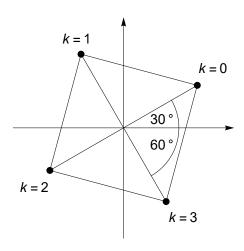
We have to find those roots whose real part is positive and whose imaginary part is negative, that is, the argument is in the 4th quadrant. The value of k can be determined algebraically:

$$\frac{3\pi}{2} < \frac{\pi}{6} + k \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} < 2\pi \iff \frac{3}{2} < \frac{1}{6} + k \cdot \frac{1}{2} < 2 \iff \frac{4}{3} < \frac{k}{2} < \frac{11}{6} \iff \frac{8}{3} \approx 2.67 < k < \frac{11}{3} \approx 3.67$$

Since k is an integer, then from here k = 3, and the argument is  $\frac{\pi}{6} + 3 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{5\pi}{3}$ .

The solution is: 
$$z_3 = 2\left(\cos\frac{5\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) = 2\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$$
.

**Remark:** the value of k can also be determined geometrically. The roots  $z_k$  are the vertices of a square in which the argument of one vertex is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  (if k = 0). The following figure shows that for the vertex in the 4th quadrant we have k = 3.



9. Assume that the imaginary part of the complex number z is not zero, but the imaginary part of the complex number  $z + \frac{1}{z}$  is zero. Find |z|, the absolute value of z.

**Solution.** Let z = x + yi, where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y \neq 0$ .

$$z + \frac{1}{z} = (x + yi) + \frac{1}{x + yi} = (x + yi) + \frac{1}{x + yi} \cdot \frac{x - yi}{x - yi} =$$

$$= (x + yi) + \frac{x - yi}{x^2 + y^2} = \left(x + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}\right) + i\left(y - \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}\right)$$

From here 
$$\text{Re}\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right) = x + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$
,  $\text{Im}\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right) = y - \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$ .

From the conditions 
$$\operatorname{Im}\left(z+\frac{1}{z}\right)=y-\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}=y\left(1-\frac{1}{x^2+y^2}\right)=0$$
. Since  $y\neq 0$ , then from here we have  $1-\frac{1}{x^2+y^2}=0$ , and thus the absolute value of  $z$  is:  $|z|=x^2+y^2=1$ .

10. Give the algebraic form of all complex solutions of the following equation whose real and imaginary parts are both negative.

$$i z^6 = (7 + i)^2 + \frac{2 - 30 i}{1 - i}$$

#### **Solution:**

Let us express 
$$z^6$$
: 
•  $\frac{2-30i}{1-i} = \frac{2-30i}{1-i} \cdot \frac{1+i}{1+i} = \frac{2-30i^2+2i-30i}{1-i^2} = \frac{32-28i}{2} = 16-14i$ 
•  $(7+i)^2 = 49+14i+i^2 = 48+14i$ 
 $\implies iz^6 = 48+14i+16-14i=64$ 

$$\implies z^6 = \frac{64}{i} = \frac{64i}{i^2} = -64i$$

The trigonometric form of -64i is:  $-64i = 64\left(\cos\frac{3\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$ 

$$\Rightarrow z_k = \sqrt[6]{-64i} = 2 \left( \cos \frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + k \cdot 2\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + k \cdot 2\pi}{6} \right), \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$$

The arguments are:  $\frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + k \cdot 2\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{4} + k \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$ , where k is an integer.

We have to find those roots whose real and imaginary parts are both negative, that is, the argument is in the 3rd quadrant. The value of k can be determined algebraically:

$$\pi < \frac{\pi}{4} + k \cdot \frac{\pi}{3} < \frac{3\pi}{2} \iff 1 < \frac{1}{4} + k \cdot \frac{1}{3} < \frac{3}{2} \iff \frac{3}{4} < \frac{k}{3} < \frac{5}{4} \iff \frac{9}{4} = 2.25 < k < \frac{15}{4} = 3.75$$

Since k is an integer, then from here k = 3, and the argument is  $\frac{\pi}{4} + 3 \cdot \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{5\pi}{4}$ .

The solution is: 
$$z_3 = 2\left(\cos\frac{5\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) = 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - i\cdot\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = -\sqrt{2} - i\sqrt{2}$$
.

**Remark:** the value of k can also be determined geometrically. The roots  $z_k$  are the vertices of a regular hexagon in which the argument of one vertex is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (if k = 0). The following figure shows that the vertex opposite to it is in the 3rd quadrant, from where k = 3.

11. Solve the following equation on the set of complex numbers:

$$z^2 = z + 3\overline{z}$$

**Solution.** Let z = x + yi  $(x, y \in \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $z^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + 2xyi$  and  $\overline{z} = x - yi$ .

We obtain the following equation system:

$$(1) x^2 - y^2 = 4x$$

(2) 
$$2xy = -2y$$

From the second equation  $2y(x+1) = 0 \implies y = 0$  or x = -1

If y = 0 then from the first equation x = 0 or x = 4

If x = -1 then from the first equation  $y = \pm \sqrt{5}$ 

The solutions are  $z_1 = 0$ ,  $z_2 = 4$ ,  $z_3 = -1 + i \sqrt{5}$ ,  $z_4 = -1 - i \sqrt{5}$ 

12. Find those solutions z of the following equation for which Re(z) > 0 and Im(z) < 0. Give these solutions in algebraic form.

$$z^6 + 7z^3 - 8 = 0$$

**Solution.**  $z^6 + 7z^3 - 8 = (z^3 + 8)(z^3 - 1) = 0 \iff z^3 = -8 \text{ or } z^3 = 1.$ 

a) If  $z^3 = -8 = 8 (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)$  then  $z_k = 2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi + k \cdot 2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi + k \cdot 2\pi}{3}\right)$ , where k = 0, 1, 2.

$$z_0 = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 1 + \sqrt{3} i$$

$$z_1 = 2(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi) = -2$$

$$z_3 = 2\left(\cos\frac{5\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$$

From here the condition Re(z) > 0, Im(z) < 0 holds for  $1 - \sqrt{3} i$ .

b) If  $z^3 = 1 = (\cos 0 + i \sin 0)$  then  $z_k = \cos \frac{k \cdot 2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{k \cdot 2\pi}{3}$ , where k = 0, 1, 2.

$$z_0 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0 = 1$$

$$z_1 = \cos\frac{2\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$z_3 = \cos\frac{4\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{4\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

From here no solutions are suitable.

13. Find the algebraic form of 
$$\frac{z^2 - |z^2|}{z - \overline{z}}$$
 if  $z = \sqrt{3} + i$ .

**Solution.** 
$$z = \sqrt{3} + i \implies \bullet z^2 = 2 + 2\sqrt{3} i$$
  
 $\bullet \mid z^2 \mid = \sqrt{2^2 + (2\sqrt{3})^2} = 4$   
 $\bullet z - \overline{z} = (\sqrt{3} + i) - (\sqrt{3} - i) = 2i$   
Then  $\frac{z^2 - |z^2|}{z - \overline{z}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{3} i - 4}{2i} = \frac{-2 + 2\sqrt{3} i}{2i} \cdot \frac{-i}{-i} = \frac{2\sqrt{3} + 2i}{2} = \sqrt{3} + i$ .

14. Give all the solutions of the following equation in algebraic form:

$$iz^3 = \frac{1}{2}(1-i)^8$$
.

**Solution.** First we simplify the right-hand side:

$$1 - i = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \Longrightarrow$$

$$(1 - i)^8 = \left( \sqrt{2} \right)^8 \left( \cos \frac{8\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{8\pi}{4} \right) = 16 \left( \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi \right) = 16 \left( 1 + i \cdot 0 \right) = 16$$

or in another way:

$$(1-i)^2 = 1-2i+i^2 = 1-2i-1 = -2i \Longrightarrow$$
  
 $(1-i)^8 = ((1-i)^2)^4 = (-2i)^4 = 16i^4 = 16(i^2)^2 = 16(-1)^2 = 16$ 

$$z^3 = \frac{1}{2i} \cdot 16 = 8 \cdot \frac{1}{i} \cdot \frac{-i}{-i} = -\frac{8i}{-(-1)} = -8i$$

In order to take the 3rd root, we find the trigonometric form of -8i:  $-8i = 8\left(\cos\frac{3\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$ ,

from where 
$$z_k = 2\left(\cos\frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2k\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2k\pi}{3}\right), k = 0, 1, 2.$$

The algebraic form of the solutions are:

$$k = 0: z_0 = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{2} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 2\cdot(0+i) = 2i$$

$$k = 1: z_1 = 2\left(\cos\frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi}{3}\right) = 2\left(\cos\frac{7\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{7\pi}{6}\right) = 2\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right) = -\sqrt{3} - i$$

$$k = 2: z_2 = 2\left(\cos\frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + 4\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\frac{3\pi}{2} + 4\pi}{3}\right) = 2\left(\cos\frac{11\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{11\pi}{6}\right) = 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right) = \sqrt{3} - i$$