

# Lecture 1: Introduction and Complex Number

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# 1. Introduction to QC



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# 1. Introduction to QC



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# 2. Complex Number

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# 2. Complex Number

## ■ Motivation

- Algebraic equation

$$x^2 + 1 = 0$$

- No solutions in the following number sets

- positive numbers,  $\mathbb{P} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$
- natural numbers,  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
- integers (or whole numbers),  $\mathbb{Z} = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
- rational numbers,  $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{m}{n} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{P} \right\}$
- real numbers,  $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q} \cup \left\{ \dots, \sqrt{2}, \dots, e, \dots, \pi, \dots, \frac{e}{\pi}, \dots \right\}$

(感谢弘毅学堂 2018级耿一洋同学指正此页  $\mathbb{Q}$  与  $\mathbb{Z}$  的符号错误)

# 2. Complex Number

## ■ Definitions

- Imaginary number  $i$  such that

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

- Complex number  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$c = a + b \times i = a + bi$$

- $a \in \mathbb{R}$  is the real part of  $c$
- $b \in \mathbb{R}$  is the imaginary part of  $c$
- $\mathbb{C}$  denotes the complex number set

# 2. Complex Number

## ■ Example

**Example 1.1.2** Let  $c_1 = 3 - i$  and  $c_2 = 1 + 4i$ . We want to compute  $c_1 + c_2$  and  $c_1 \times c_2$ .

$$c_1 + c_2 = 3 - i + 1 + 4i = (3 + 1) + (-1 + 4)i = 4 + 3i. \quad (1.6)$$

Multiplying is not as easy. We must remember to multiply each term of the first complex number with each term of the second complex number. Also, remember that  $i^2 = -1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 \times c_2 &= (3 - i) \times (1 + 4i) = (3 \times 1) + (3 \times 4i) + (-i \times 1) + (-i \times 4i) \\ &= (3 + 4) + (-1 + 12)i = 7 + 11i. \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

□



# 2. Complex Number

## ■ Proposition (命题)

**Proposition 1.1.1 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra).** Every polynomial equation of one variable with complex coefficients has a complex solution.

# 3. The Algebra Property

## ■ Ordered-Pair representation\*

$$c = a + bi \mapsto (a, b)$$

## ■ Examples

- Ordinary real number  $a = a + 0 \cdot i \mapsto (a, 0)$
- Imaginary number  $i = 0 + 1 \cdot i \mapsto (0, 1)$

\* It is not a vectorization. See its multiplication operation.

# 3. The Algebra Property

## ■ Addition

- It add pairs componentwise

$$c_1 + c_2 = (a_1, b_1) + (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2)$$

## ■ Multiplication

$$c_1 \times c_2 = (a_1, b_1) \times (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2, a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1)$$

## ■ Note

$$\begin{aligned} c = a + bi &= (a, b) = (a, 0) + (0, b) \\ &= (a, 0) + (b, 0) \times (0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

# 3. The Algebra Property

## ■ Example

**Example 1.2.1** Let  $c_1 = (3, -2)$  and  $c_2 = (1, 2)$ . Let us multiply them using the aforementioned rule:

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 \times c_2 &= (3 \times 1 - (-2) \times 2, -2 \times 1 + 2 \times 3) \\ &= (3 + 4, -2 + 6) = (7, 4) = 7 + 4i.\end{aligned}\tag{1.15}$$

□

## ■ Additive identity (加法单位元)

$$\forall c \in \mathbb{C}, c + (0, 0) = c$$

## ■ Multiplicative identity (乘法单位元)

$$\forall c \in \mathbb{C}, c \times (1, 0) = (1, 0) \times c = c$$

# 3. The Algebra Property

## ■ Commutativity

- Both operations are commutative

$$c_1 + c_2 = c_2 + c_1 \quad \text{and} \quad c_1 \times c_2 = c_2 \times c_1$$

## ■ Associativity

- Both operations are associative

$$(c_1 + c_2) + c_3 = c_1 + (c_2 + c_3) \quad \text{and} \quad (c_1 \times c_2) \times c_3 = c_1 \times (c_2 \times c_3)$$

## ■ Distributive property (try to prove)

- multiplication distributes over addition

$$c_1 \times (c_2 + c_3) = c_1 \times c_2 + c_1 \times c_3$$

# 3. The Algebra Property

## ■ Proof for distributive law

Let us verify this property: first we write the complex numbers as pairs  $c_1 = (a_1, b_1)$ ,  $c_2 = (a_2, b_2)$ , and  $c_3 = (a_3, b_3)$ . Now, let us expand the left side

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 \times (c_2 + c_3) &= (a_1, b_1) \times ((a_2, b_2) + (a_3, b_3)) \\ &= (a_1, b_1) \times (a_2 + a_3, b_2 + b_3) \\ &= (a_1 \times (a_2 + a_3) - b_1 \times (b_2 + b_3), \\ &\quad a_1 \times (b_2 + b_3) + b_1 \times (a_2 + a_3)) \\ &= (a_1 \times a_2 + a_1 \times a_3 - b_1 \times b_2 - b_1 \times b_3, \\ &\quad a_1 \times b_2 + a_1 \times b_3 + b_1 \times a_2 + b_1 \times a_3).\end{aligned}\tag{1.21}$$

Turning to the right side of Equation (1.20) one piece at a time gives

$$c_1 \times c_2 = (a_1 \times a_2 - b_1 \times b_2, a_1 \times b_2 + a_2 \times b_1)\tag{1.22}$$

$$c_1 \times c_3 = (a_1 \times a_3 - b_1 \times b_3, a_1 \times b_3 + a_3 \times b_1);\tag{1.23}$$

summing them up we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 \times c_2 + c_1 \times c_3 &= (a_1 \times a_2 - b_1 \times b_2 + a_1 \times a_3 - b_1 \times b_3, \\ &\quad a_1 \times b_2 + a_2 \times b_1 + a_1 \times b_3 + a_3 \times b_1),\end{aligned}\tag{1.24}$$

which is precisely what we got in Equation (1.21).

# 3. The Algebra Property

## ■ Subtraction

$$c_1 - c_2 = (a_1, b_1) - (a_2, b_2) = (a_1 - a_2, b_1 - b_2)$$

## ■ Division (try to prove)

$$\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{(a_1, b_1)}{(a_2, b_2)} = \left( \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2}{a_2^2 + b_2^2}, \frac{a_2 b_1 - a_1 b_2}{a_2^2 + b_2^2} \right)$$

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# 3. The Algebra Property

## ■ Partial proof for division equation

As for division, we have to work a little: If

$$(x, y) = \frac{(a_1, b_1)}{(a_2, b_2)}, \quad (1.26)$$

then by definition of division as the inverse of multiplication

$$(a_1, b_1) = (x, y) \times (a_2, b_2) \quad (1.27)$$

or

$$(a_1, b_1) = (a_2x - b_2y, a_2y + b_2x). \quad (1.28)$$

So we end up with

$$(1) \quad a_1 = a_2x - b_2y, \quad (1.29)$$

$$(2) \quad b_1 = a_2y + b_2x. \quad (1.30)$$



# 3. The Algebra Property

- Absolute value of a real number

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

- **Modulus** of a complex number

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

$$\Leftrightarrow |c|^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

- Property 1:  $\forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}, |c_1| |c_2| = |c_1 c_2|$
- Property 2:  $\forall c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}, |c_1 + c_2| \leq |c_1| + |c_2|$

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# 3. The Algebra Property

## ■ Conjugation

- Change the sign of the imaginary part

$$\text{original: } c = a + bi$$

$$\text{conjugate: } \bar{c} = a - bi$$

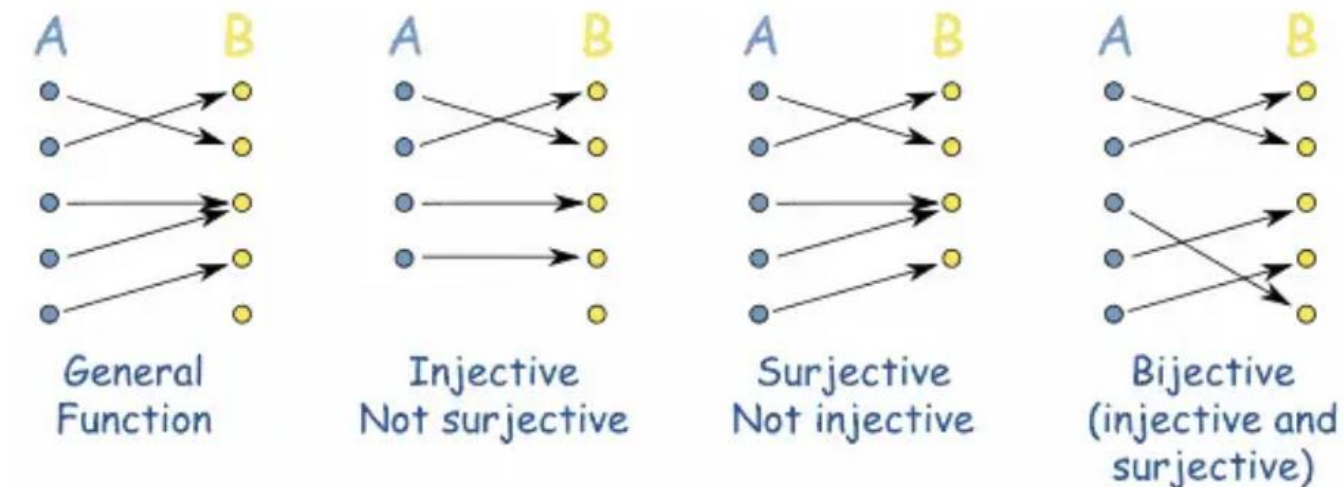
➤ Conjugate respects addition  $\overline{c_1 + c_2} = \bar{c}_1 + \bar{c}_2$

➤ Conjugate respects multiplication  $\overline{c_1 \times c_2} = \bar{c}_1 \times \bar{c}_2$

- Conjugation  $c \longmapsto \bar{c}$  is bijective

# Supplementary material

- Injective (单射) , surjective (满射) and bijective (双射)

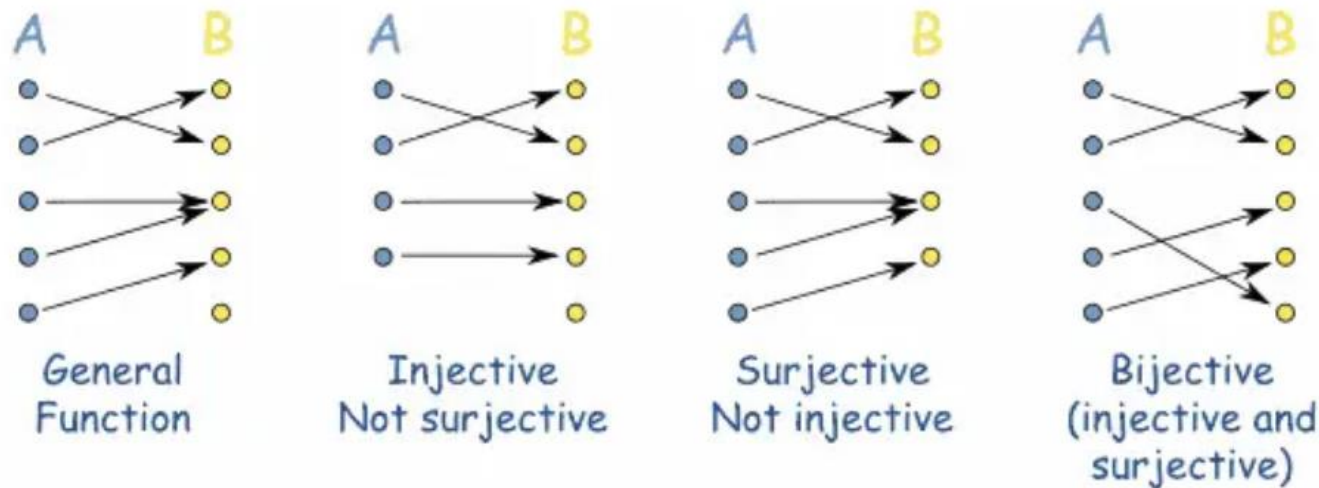


- Injective means **every** "A" has its own **unique** matching member in "B"
- Injective is strictly 1:1 (1:N and N:1 are NOT OK)

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# Supplementary material

- Injective (单射) , surjective (满射) and bijective (双射)



- Surjective means every "B" has at least one matching "A"
- Bijjective means both injective and surjective

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# 4. The Geometry Property

- Complex plane and parallelogram rule
  - The Cartesian representation

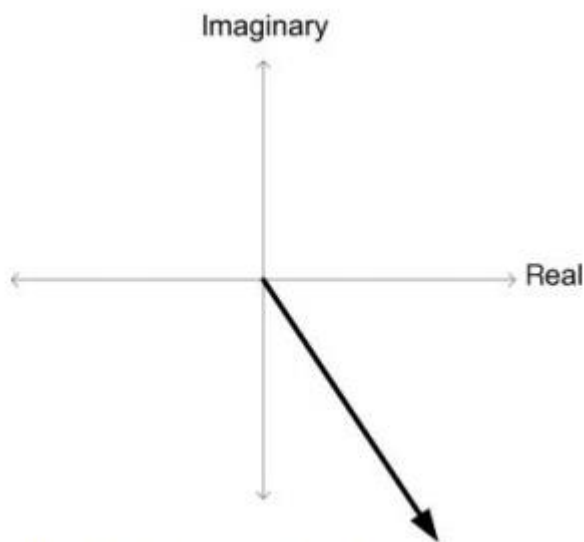


Figure 1.1. Complex plane.

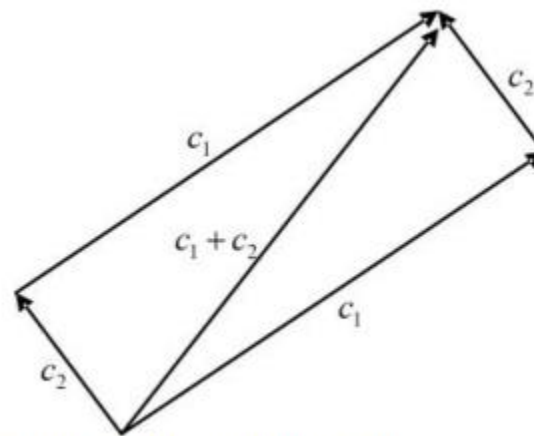


Figure 1.3. Parallelogram rule.

**Cartesian** 为什么翻译成笛卡尔?

<https://www.zhihu.com/question/23903885/answer/26029956>

# 4. The Geometry Property

## ■ From Cartesian-to-Polar representation

$$c = a + bi \mapsto (a, b) \mapsto (\rho, \theta)$$

where  $\rho = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)}$

and  $\theta = \text{atan2}(b, a) \in (-\pi, \pi]$

### ● Some alias

➤  $\rho$  : length, **magnitude**

➤  $\theta$  : time, **phase**

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# 补充说明

## ■ 关于atan2函数的说明

- atan2是一个函数，在C语言里返回的是指方位角，C语言中atan2的函数原型为 `double atan2(double y, double x)`，返回以弧度表示的  $y/x$  的反正切。 $y$  和  $x$  的值的符号决定了正确的象限。也可以理解为计算复数  $x+yi$  的辐角

$$\text{atan2}(y, x) = \begin{cases} \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) & x > 0 \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \pi & y \geq 0, x < 0 \\ \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \pi & y < 0, x < 0 \\ +\frac{\pi}{2} & y > 0, x = 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & y < 0, x = 0 \\ \text{undefined} & y = 0, x = 0 \end{cases}$$

参考资料：atan2, <https://baike.baidu.com/item/atan2/10931300?fr=aladdin>

# 4. The Geometry Property

## ■ Why Polar representation

- For fast multiplication and division

$$\text{multiplication: } c_1 \times c_2 = (\rho_1, \theta_1) \times (\rho_2, \theta_2) = (\rho_1 \rho_2, \theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$\text{division: } \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}, \theta_1 - \theta_2 \right)$$

- For fast power and root calculation

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ power: } c^n = (\rho^n, n\theta)$$

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ root: } c^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left( \rho^{\frac{1}{n}}, \frac{1}{n} (\theta + k2\pi) \right), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$$



# 4. The Geometry Property

## ■ Benefits of Polar representation

- Multiplication :  $c_1 \times c_2 = (\rho_1, \theta_1) \times (\rho_2, \theta_2) = (\rho_1 \rho_2, \theta_1 + \theta_2)$

## ■ Example

**Example 1.3.4** Let  $c_1 = 1 + i$  and  $c_2 = -1 + i$ . Their product, according to the algebraic rule, is

$$c_1 c_2 = (1 + i)(-1 + i) = -2 + 0i = -2. \quad (1.61)$$

Now, let us take their polar representation

$$c_1 = \left(\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \quad c_2 = \left(\sqrt{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right). \quad (1.62)$$

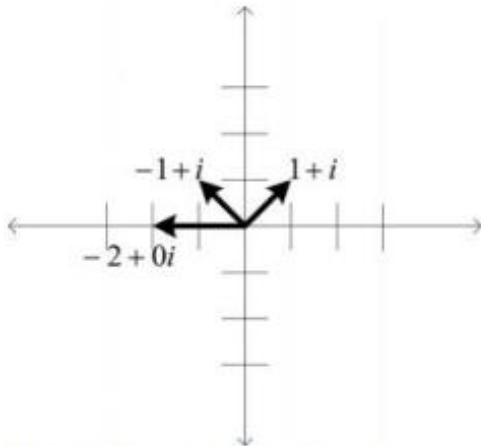
(Carry out the calculations!) Therefore, their product using the rule described earlier is

$$c_1 c_2 = \left(\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = (2, \pi). \quad (1.63)$$

If we revert to its Cartesian coordinates, we get

$$(2 \times \cos(\pi), 2 \times \sin(\pi)) = (-2, 0), \quad (1.64)$$

which is precisely the answer we arrived at with the algebraic calculation in Equation (1.61).



**Figure 1.7.** Two complex numbers and their product.

# 4. The Geometry Property

## ■ Benefits of Polar representation

- Division :  $\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}, \theta_1 - \theta_2 \right)$

## ■ Example

**Example 1.3.5** Let  $c_1 = -1 + 3i$  and  $c_2 = -1 - 4i$ . Let us calculate their polar coordinates first:

$$c_1 = \left( \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 3^2}, \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{-1} \right) \right) = (\sqrt{10}, \tan^{-1}(-3)) = (3.1623, 1.8925), \quad (1.70)$$

$$c_2 = \left( \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-4)^2}, \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{-4}{-1} \right) \right) = (\sqrt{17}, \tan^{-1}(4)) = (4.1231, -1.8158), \quad (1.71)$$

therefore, in polar coordinates the quotient is

$$\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \left( \frac{3.1623}{4.1231}, 1.8925 - (-1.8158) \right) = (0.7670, 3.7083). \quad (1.72)$$

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# 4. The Geometry Property

## ■ Benefits of Polar representation

- $n$ -th power :  $c^n = (\rho^n, n\theta)$

## ■ Example

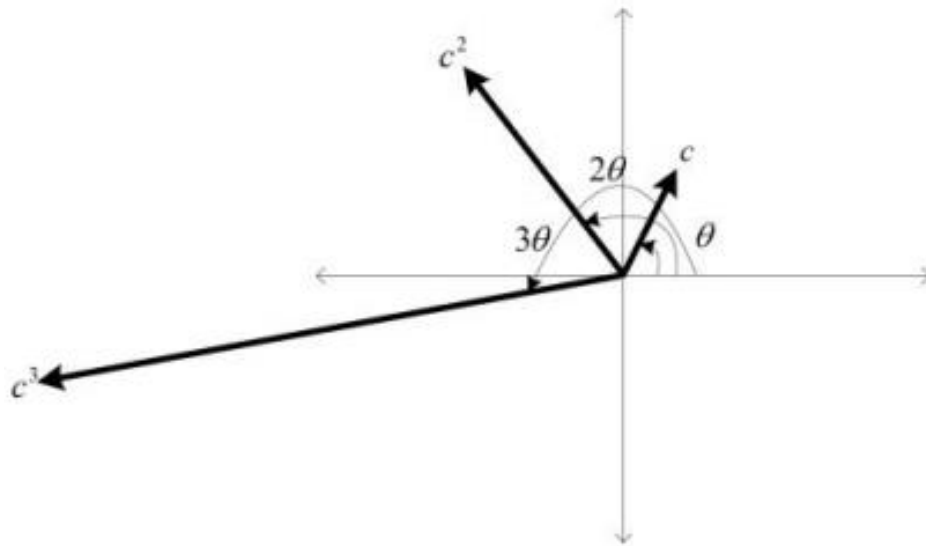


Figure 1.9. A complex number and its square and cube.

# 4. The Geometry Property

## ■ Benefits of Polar representation

- $n$ -th root:  $c^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left( \rho^{\frac{1}{n}}, \frac{1}{n} (\theta + k2\pi) \right), k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$

## ■ Examples

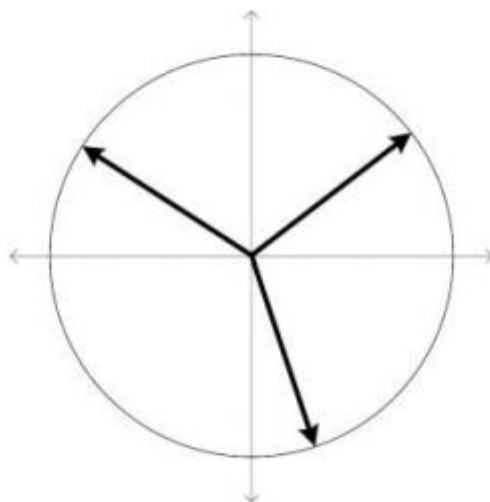


Figure 1.10. The three cube roots of unity.

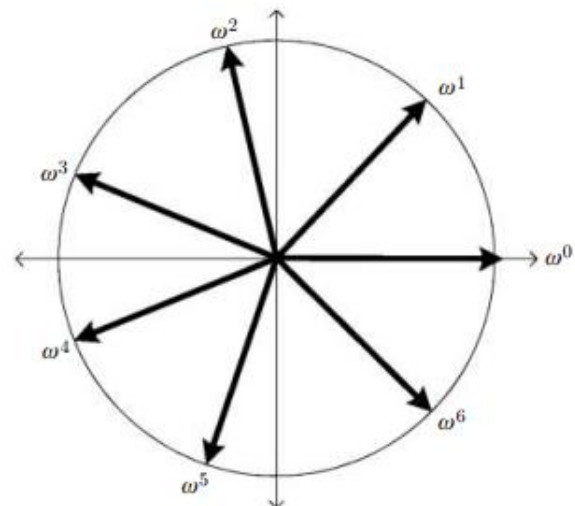


Figure 1.11. The seventh root of unity and its powers.

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# 4. The Geometry Property

- From Polar-to-Cartesian representation

$$c = \rho(\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))$$

- Euler Equation

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

- New Cartesian Representation

$$c = \rho e^{i\theta}$$

# Conclusion

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