

Section 3.4: The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

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Goal: To find the zeros of a polynomial

$n \geq 1$

Theorem (FTA): Any polynomial of degree n with complex coefficients has exactly n zeros, counting multiplicities.

1) Find the zeros:

$$P(x) = x^4 - 3x^2 - 4$$

factors of -4 : $\pm \{1, 2, 4\}$

factors of 1 : ± 1

RZ's: $\pm \{1, 2, 4\}$ ← suspects

(we expect $n=4$ zeros by FTA)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \overline{) 1 \quad 0 \quad -3 \quad 0 \quad -4} \\
 \underline{ 2 \quad 4 \quad 2 \quad 4} \\
 -2 \overline{) 1 \quad 2 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 0} \\
 \underline{ -2 \quad 0 \quad -2} \\
 1 \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 0
 \end{array}$$

→ $x^2 + 1 = 0$

quotient contains remaining zeros

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm \sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = \pm i$$

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$$x = \pm i$$

Zeros: $x = \pm 2, \pm i$

Factor $P(x)$: $P(x) = (x-2)(x+2)(x-i)(x+i)$

b $P(t) = 4t^3 - 10t^2 + 4t + 5$

factors of 5: $\pm\{1, 5\}$

" " 4: $\pm\{1, 2, 4\}$

PRZ's: $\pm\{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, 5, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{4}\}$

There are 3 zeros, by FTA

4	-10	4	5
	-2	6	-5
4	-12	10	0

$$\frac{4t^2}{2} - \frac{12t}{2} + \frac{10}{2} = \frac{0}{2}$$

$$2t^2 - 6t + 5 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4(2)(5)}}{4}$$

$$t = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{4}$$

$$t = \frac{6 \pm 2i}{4}$$

$$t = \frac{2(3 \pm i)}{2^4}$$

$$t = \frac{3 \pm i}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{zeros: } \underbrace{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i, \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i}_{\text{complex conjugates}}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

complex
conjugates

$$P(t) = 4\left(t + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(t - \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right)\right)\left(t - \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i\right)\right)$$

conjugate Pairs Theorem

If $a+bi$ is a zero of $P(x)$,
and $P(x)$ has real coefficients,
then $a-bi$ is also zero.

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(ex) let $P(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - x^2 + 6x - 6$.

Given $1-i$ is a zero of $P(x)$,
find the rest.

$1-i$	1	$-2+0i$	-1	6	-6
		$1-i$	-2	$-3+3i$	6
$1+i$	1	$-1-i$	-3	$3+3i$	<u>0</u>
		$1+i$	0	$-3-3i$	

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 1 \quad 0 \quad -3 \quad | \quad 0 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 3$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

Zeros: $1 \pm i, \pm\sqrt{3}$

(ex) Given $1+2i$ and 3 are zeros of a cubic polynomial w/ real coefficients, find an equation for that polynomial.

Since the coefficients are real, by CPT, $1-2i$ is also a zero.

Zeros: $1+2i, 1-2i, 3$

$$P(x) = (x-3)[x-(1+2i)][x-(1-2i)]$$

$$= (x-3)[x^2 - x(1-2i) - x(1+2i) + (1+2i)(1-2i)]$$

$$= (x-3)(x^2 - x + 2ix - x - 2ix + 1 - 4i^2)$$

$$= (x-3)(x^2 - 2x + 5)$$

$$= x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x - 15$$

$$p(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 11x - 15$$

How would you find the zeros of

$$x^5 + 32 = 0 ?$$

$$\sqrt[5]{x^5} = \sqrt[5]{-32}$$

$$x = -2$$

Time-out (Back to trig land)

$$z = a + bi = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$$

$$= r \text{ cis } \theta$$

trig form of z ,
where $r = |z|$

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$$z^n = r^n \text{ cis}(n\theta)$$

Recall: $2^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{2}$, $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$

$$z^{\frac{1}{n}} = r^{\frac{1}{n}} \text{ cis}\left(\frac{\theta}{n}\right)$$

(ex) Find all ^{five} zeros of $x^{\textcircled{5}} + 32 = 0$

(i.e. find the five fifth roots of -32)

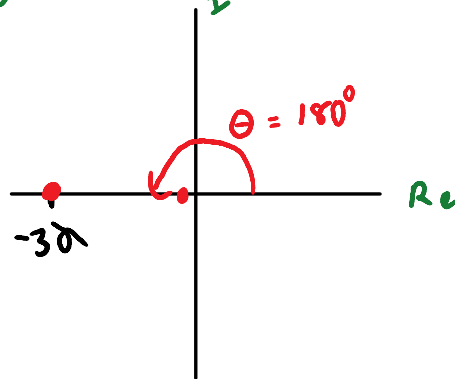
Write -32 in trig form. z

$$z = -32 + 0i$$

$$z = r \operatorname{cis} \theta$$

$$r = 32$$

$$z = 32 \operatorname{cis} 180^\circ$$



$$z^n = r^n \operatorname{cis}(n\theta)$$

$$z^{\frac{1}{n}} = r^{\frac{1}{n}} \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\theta}{n}\right)$$

$$w_k = r^{\frac{1}{n}} \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{360^\circ k}{n}}{1}\right)$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

$$z^{\frac{1}{5}} = 32^{\frac{1}{5}} \operatorname{cis} \frac{180^\circ}{5} = 2 \operatorname{cis} 36^\circ$$

In the lingo from above
what I just found is

$$w_0 = 2 \operatorname{cis} 36^\circ$$

$$w_1 = 2 \operatorname{cis} (36^\circ + 72^\circ) = 2 \operatorname{cis} 108^\circ$$

$$w_2 = 2 \operatorname{cis} 180^\circ$$

$$\frac{360^\circ}{n} = \frac{360^\circ}{5}$$

$$= 72^\circ$$

720 is not other

$$w_2 = 2 \operatorname{cis} 180^\circ$$

$$w_3 = 2 \operatorname{cis} 252^\circ$$

$$w_4 = 2 \operatorname{cis} 324^\circ$$

keep adding 72° to get other zeros (roots)

These are the zeros of $x^5 + 32 = 0$