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Overview

This problem set is designed to strengthen your mathematical foundations. In particular, you will get practice with complex numbers and their arithmetic and complex variables and their algebra; you will also tiptoe into the realm of complex-valued functions (with more to come later).

Getting comfortable with the geometry of the complex plane and developing fluency with using a graphical approach to solve problems that involve complex numbers, variables, and functions should be among your main achievements this week.

Reading

Our course has *no* official textbook; however, as a prelude to this problem set, we recommend that you read Appendix B of the book *Structure and Interpretation of Signals and Systems* by Edward Lee & Pravin Varaiya (<http://leearaiya.com/>).

The authors—emeriti faculty of our EECS Department—provided the download link to a free PDF file of their book. Roots of unity, a topic central to this assignment, is also mentioned in Example B.2.

HW1.1 Two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 are described below:

$$z_1 = 1 + i\sqrt{3} \qquad z_2 = \exp\left(i \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) .$$

Throughout this problem, express each of your answers in Cartesian form ($a + ib$), in polar form ($re^{i\theta}$, where $r > 0$), as a real number, as an imaginary number, or graphically in a well-labeled complex-plane diagram.

- (a) Identify each of the following complex numbers as points (or vectors) on the complex plane, using a well-labeled sketch: z_1 , z_2 , z_1^* , z_2^* , $1/z_1$, and $1/z_2$.

$$z_1 = 1 + i\sqrt{3} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = 2 \exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$z_2 = \exp\left(i\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

See Figure 1.

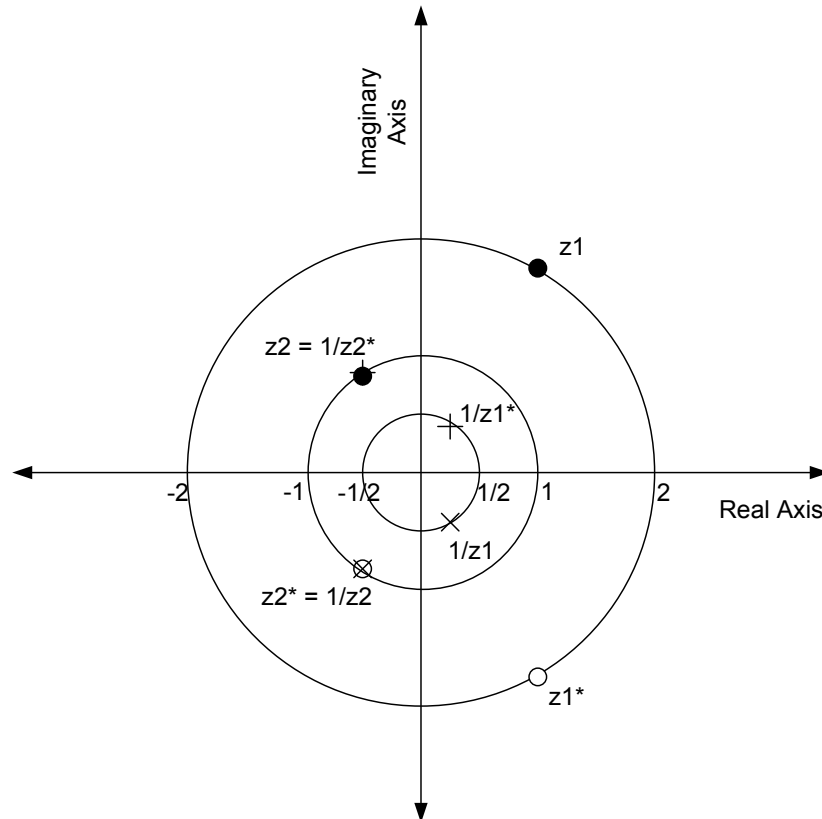


Figure 1: Problem 1.2a

(b) Determine a reasonably simple expression or value for each of the following powers of z_1 and z_2 :

(i) z_1^2

$$z_1^2 = -2 + i2\sqrt{3} = 4 \exp\left(i\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = 4z_2 \text{ (all answers reasonable)}$$

(ii) z_1^3

$$z_1^3 = \left(2 \exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right)^3 = 8 \exp\left(i\frac{3\pi}{3}\right) = -8$$

(iii) z_1^6

$$z_1^6 = \left(2 \exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right)^6 = 64 \exp\left(i\frac{6\pi}{3}\right) = 64 \exp(i2\pi) = 64$$

(iv) z_2^4

$$z_2^4 = \left(\exp\left(i\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right)^4 = \exp\left(i\frac{8\pi}{3}\right) = \exp\left(i\left(2\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\right) = \exp\left(i\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = z_2$$

HW1.2 Consider a pair of complex numbers $z = a + bi$ and $v = c + di$, where $a, b, c, d \in \mathcal{R}$. Also let $z = r_1 e^{i\theta_1}$, and $v = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$ for appropriate nonnegative values of r_1, r_2 and appropriate real values for θ_1, θ_2 . Prove the following statements.

(a) $z + z^* = 2a$.

$$z + z^* = (a + bi) + (a - bi) = 2a.$$

(b) $z z^* \geq 0$, with equality if, and only if, $z = 0$.

Positivity (recall $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$):

$$z z^* = (a + ib)(a - ib) = a^2 + b^2 \rightarrow a^2 + b^2 \geq 0$$

Equality if and only if $z = 0$:

$$z z^* = r_1 e^{i\theta_1} r_1 e^{-i\theta_1} = r_1^2 e^{i\theta_1 - i\theta_1} = r_1^2 = 0 \iff r_1^2 = 0 \iff r_1 = 0 \iff z = 0$$

(c) z is real if, and only if, $z = z^*$.

$$z \in \mathbb{R} \iff z = a + 0i = a - 0i = z^*$$

(d) $(z v)^* = z^* v^*$.

$$(z v)^* = (r_1 e^{i\theta_1} r_2 e^{i\theta_2})^* = (r_1 r_2 e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)})^* = r_1 r_2 e^{-i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} = r_1 e^{-i\theta_1} r_2 e^{-i\theta_2} = z^* v^*$$

HW1.3 Consider the following sixth-order equation:

$$z^6 - 2\sqrt{3}z^4 + 4z^2 = 0.$$

Determine the six solutions (roots) of the equation, and express each root in a simple rectangular form. Explain your work succinctly, but clearly and convincingly.

Since the polynomial has powers z^2, z^4, z^6 , let us first factor this in terms of z^2 :

$$\begin{aligned} z^6 - 2\sqrt{3}z^4 + 4z^2 &= z^2 (z^4 - 2\sqrt{3}z^2 + 4) \\ &= z^2 [z^2 - (\sqrt{3} + i)] [z^2 - (\sqrt{3} - i)] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The last step comes from the quadratic equation. For the product to be zero, at least one of the factors must be zero. Let us take each term in turn:

$$z^2 = 0 \implies z = 0 \text{ (double root)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 - (\sqrt{3} + i) &= 0 \\ z^2 &= \sqrt{3} + i = 2e^{i\pi/6} \\ \implies z &= \sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/12}, \sqrt{2}e^{i13\pi/12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 - (\sqrt{3} - i) &= 0 \\ z^2 &= \sqrt{3} - i = 2e^{-i\pi/6} \\ \implies z &= \sqrt{2}e^{-i\pi/12}, \sqrt{2}e^{i11\pi/12} \end{aligned}$$

The six roots are: $0, 0, \sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/12}, \sqrt{2}e^{i13\pi/12}, \sqrt{2}e^{-i\pi/12}, \sqrt{2}e^{i11\pi/12}$ (see Figure 2).

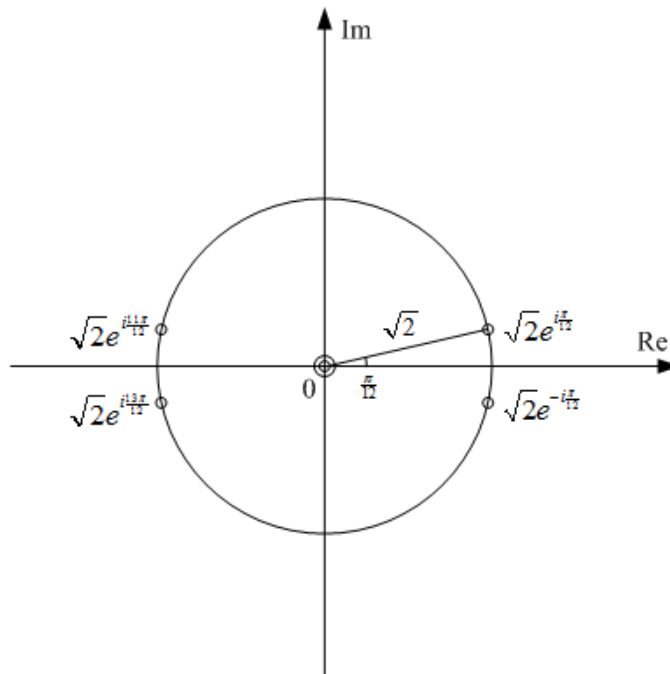


Figure 2: Problem 1.3.

Converting these roots to rectangular form, we have: $(0, 0)$, $(0, 0)$, $(\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\pi}{12}, \sqrt{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{12})$, $(\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{13\pi}{12}, \sqrt{2} \sin \frac{13\pi}{12})$, $(\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{-\pi}{12}, \sqrt{2} \sin \frac{-\pi}{12})$, $(\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{11\pi}{12}, \sqrt{2} \sin \frac{11\pi}{12})$.

HW1.4 Consider a complex number $z = e^{i\theta}$.

(a) Show that

$$\sum_{n=0}^N z^n = \begin{cases} N+1 & \text{if } \theta = 0 \\ \frac{\sin \left[\frac{(N+1)\theta}{2} \right]}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \exp \left(i \frac{N\theta}{2} \right) & \text{if } \theta \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

For $\theta = 0$ we have:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N z^n = \sum_{n=0}^N 1 = N+1$$

For $\theta \neq 0$:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N z^n = \sum_{n=0}^N (e^{i\theta})^n$$

Now, using the following relationship:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \alpha^n = \frac{1 - \alpha^{(N+1)}}{1 - \alpha}$$

We have:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N z^n = \sum_{n=0}^N (e^{i\theta})^n = \frac{1 - e^{i\theta(N+1)}}{1 - e^{i\theta}} = \frac{e^{i\theta \left(\frac{N+1}{2} \right)} \left(e^{-i\theta \left(\frac{N+1}{2} \right)} - e^{i\theta \left(\frac{N+1}{2} \right)} \right)}{e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \left(e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} - e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} \right)}$$

Now using Euler's identity, we can write the numerator and the denominator as follows:

$$e^{-i\theta \left(\frac{N+1}{2} \right)} - e^{i\theta \left(\frac{N+1}{2} \right)} = (-2i) \sin \left[\theta \left(\frac{N+1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$e^{-i\frac{\theta}{2}} - e^{i\frac{\theta}{2}} = (-2i) \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

By substituting these values and after simplification we get:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N z^n = \frac{\sin \left[\left(\frac{N+1}{2} \right) \theta \right]}{\sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)} \exp \left(i \frac{N\theta}{2} \right)$$

(b) With little algebraic manipulation, determine each of the following sums:

$$(i) \sum_{n=0}^N \cos(n\theta)$$

From euler's formula, we know that

$$\sum_{n=0}^N z^n = \sum_{n=0}^N e^{i\theta n} = \sum_{n=0}^N \cos(n\theta) + i \sum_{n=0}^N \sin(n\theta)$$

We only need to equate the real parts of first part:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \cos(n\theta) = \begin{cases} N+1 & \text{if } \theta = 0 \\ \frac{\sin\left[\frac{(N+1)\theta}{2}\right]}{\sin\frac{\theta}{2}} \cos\left(\frac{N\theta}{2}\right) & \text{if } \theta \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \sum_{n=1}^N \sin(n\theta)$$

Similarly, we only need to equate the imaginary parts of the first part:

$$\sum_{n=0}^N \sin(n\theta) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta = 0 \\ \frac{\sin\left[\frac{(N+1)\theta}{2}\right]}{\sin\frac{\theta}{2}} \sin\left(\frac{N\theta}{2}\right) & \text{if } \theta \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

The index on this identity starts from $(n = 1)$ because for $(n = 0)$ it evaluates to zero.

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HW1.5 For each set defined below, provide a well-labeled diagram identifying all the points on the *complex plane* that belong to it. The symbol $\mathbb{C}$ refers to the set of complex numbers, $\mathbb{R}$ to the set of real numbers, and $\mathbb{Z}$ to the set of integers.

(a) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - i| = |z + i|\}$

$\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - i| = |z + i|\}$ is the set of all complex numbers that are equidistant from i and $-i$, which is equivalent to the real axis (Figure 3a).

(b) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Im}(z) > \operatorname{Re}(z)\}$

$\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \operatorname{Im}(z) > \operatorname{Re}(z)\}$ is the half of the complex plane above the line $\operatorname{Im}(z) = \operatorname{Re}(z)$ (Figure 3b).

(c) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < \angle z < \pi/4\}$

$\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < \angle z < \pi/4\}$ is a wedge of the complex plane (Figure 3c).

(d) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z + z^* = 0\}$

Note that $z + z^* = 2\text{Re}(z)$, so $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z + z^* = 0\}$ is the set of points whose real part is 0. In other words, the imaginary axis (Figure 3d).

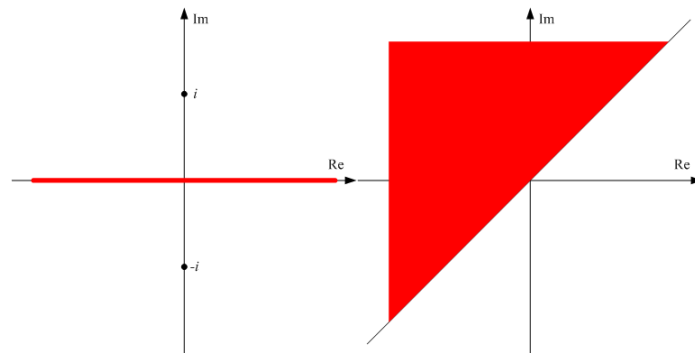
(e) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z = e^{i(2\pi/3)t}, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z = e^{i(2\pi/3)t}, t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is the unit circle. The $2\pi/3$ can be replaced by any non-zero angular frequency, and it would still be the unit circle (Figure 3e).

(f) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z = e^{i(2\pi/3)n}, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

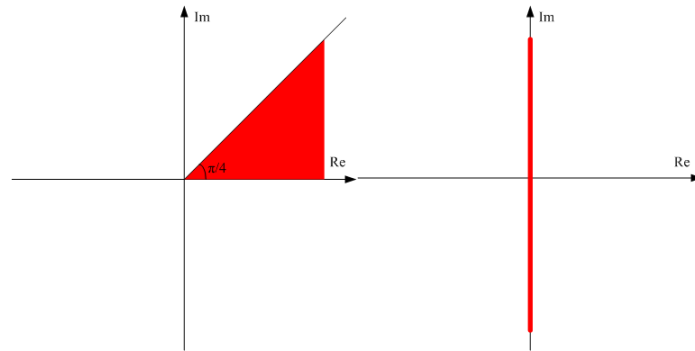
$\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z = e^{i(2\pi/3)n}, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a set consisting of 3 distinct points (Figure 3f).

Note that all strict inequalities, i.e., $<$ as opposed to $\leq$, should be represented by dotted lines.



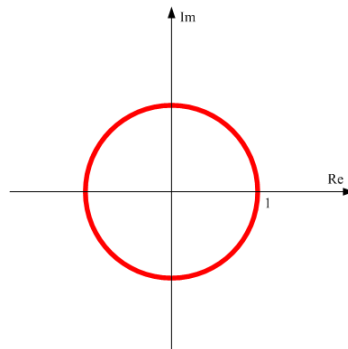
(a) Problem 1.5a.

(b) Problem 1.5b.

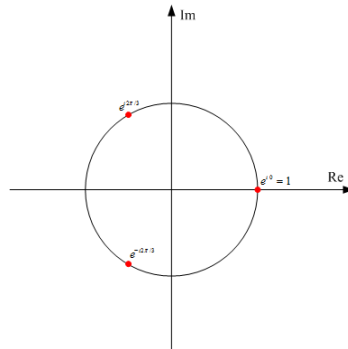


(c) Problem 1.5c.

(d) Problem 1.5d.



(e) Problem 1.5e.



(f) Problem 1.5f.

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HW1.6 This problem explores some consequences of Euler's Formula

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \cos \theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \\ \cos \theta &= \cos \theta + i \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta - i \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta = \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{2} + \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin -\theta}{2} = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \sin \theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \\ \sin \theta &= \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2i} \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2i} \cos \theta = \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{2i} + \frac{-\cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{2i} = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Derive De Moivre's Theorem, where for all integers n ,

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta).$$

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

(d) Using Euler's Formula with a strategically chosen value of θ , derive what American mathematician Benjamin Peirce referred to as the "mysterious formula"¹,

$$\pi = \frac{2}{i} \ln(i).$$

$$e^{i(\frac{\pi}{2})} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = i$$

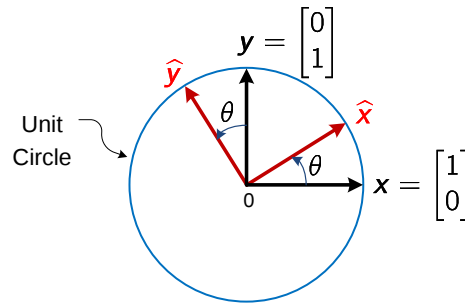
$$\ln\left(e^{i(\frac{\pi}{2})}\right) = i\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \ln(i)$$

$$\pi = \frac{2}{i} \ln(i)$$

¹For more on this, read the wonderful book by Paul J. Nahin, *An Imaginary Tale: The Story of $\sqrt{-1}$* , Princeton University Press, 1998, ISBN: 0-691-12798-0

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HW1.7 (Multiplication by i) In this problem, we show that multiplying a complex number by i rotates its vectorial representation *counterclockwise* by the angle $\pi/2$. Consider the figure below, which shows the rotation of the canonical vectors x and y through an angle θ .



- (a) Determine reasonably simple forms for each of the rotated vectors $\hat{x}$ and $\hat{y}$.

We can project $\hat{x}$ and $\hat{y}$ onto the real and imaginary axes, giving us

$$\hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \hat{y} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Determine reasonably simple forms for each of the products

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_x \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_y.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

- (c) Suppose $\mathbf{R}_\theta$ is the 2×2 -matrix that rotates every vector in the two-dimensional plane by a counterclockwise angle θ . Let

$$\mathbf{R}_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then it must be that

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{R}_\theta \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{R}_\theta \mathbf{y}.$$

Determine the matrix $\mathbf{R}_\theta$, where each entry of the matrix is a reasonably simple expression in terms of θ .

$$\mathbf{R}_\theta \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

so $a = \cos \theta$ and $c = \sin \theta$. Similarly,

$$\mathbf{R}_\theta \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

so $b = -\sin \theta$ and $d = \cos \theta$.

- (d) Let z have the Cartesian representation $z = a + ib$, and a corresponding vectorial representation

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then $\tilde{z} = iz = -b + ia$, and its vectorial representation is $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} = \begin{bmatrix} -b \\ a \end{bmatrix}$.

Show that $\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{R}_{\pi/2} \mathbf{z} = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}$. This establishes the result that we set out to prove.

$$\mathbf{R}_{\pi/2} \mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \pi/2 & -\sin \pi/2 \\ \sin \pi/2 & \cos \pi/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -b \\ a \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}$$