

# Week 2, 1.5-1.7 and 2.1-2.2

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- ▶ **Proof:** Let  $z = \rho e^{i\theta}$ , with  $\rho \geq 0$  and  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ . By inserting this in (1) we get

$$\left(\rho e^{i\theta}\right)^n = re^{iv} \text{ and thus } \rho^n e^{in\theta} = re^{iv}$$

The two sides of this equation are polar forms of the same number. Therefore  $\rho^n = r$  and  $n\theta = v + p2\pi$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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- ▶  $\omega_n^p$  (where  $1 \leq p \leq n-1$ ) is a primitive root of unity iff  $\gcd(p, n) = 1$ , i.e. iff  $p$  and  $n$  are relatively prime.

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- ▶ Thus the roots of  $az^2 + bz + c = 0$  are given by

$$z = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

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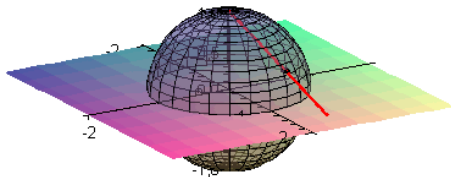
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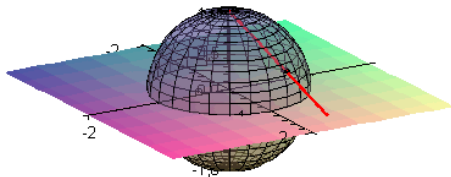
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- ▶ In Maple's *conformal3d* the sphere is placed on top of the complex plane.

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- ▶ The stereographic projection of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  onto the unit sphere is given by (see Maple worksheet for Ch. 1)

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \left( \frac{2 \operatorname{Re} z}{|z|^2 + 1}, \frac{2 \operatorname{Im} z}{|z|^2 + 1}, \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|^2 + 1} \right)$$

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