

*Exercise 3*  
EXTRACTS FROM  
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**Geometrical Interpretation of  $kz$**

$$|kz| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\arg kz = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

The point corresponding to  $kz$  lies on the same            through  $z$  and the origin, i.e.,  $kz$ ,  $z$  and  $O$  are            points.

**Geometrical interpretation of  $i^n z$**

$$|iz| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \arg iz = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$|i^n z| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}, \arg i^n z = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$z$  and  $i^n z$  have the same            and lie on a           

The effect of multiplying a complex number by  $i$  is an anticlockwise rotation of           

**Geometrical Representation of a Complex Number as a Vector.**

Let the point  $Z$  represents  $z$  and  $O$  represents 0.

Consider the complex number  $z = 1+i\sqrt{3}$ . Then  $|z| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$  and  $\arg z = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

Thus we can represent  $z$  by the vector  $\overrightarrow{OZ}$  length            units which makes an angle of            with the positive  $x$ -axis.

**The Triangle Inequality**

1. T or F?  $\arg(z_1 + z_2) = \arg z_1 + \arg z_2$

What is the geometrical significance of  $|z_1 + z_2|$ ?

T or F?  $|z_1 + z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2|$

2.  $O, Z_1, Z_2$  collinear with  $Z_1$  between  $O$  and  $Z_2$ .

T or F?  $\arg(z_1 + z_2) = \arg z_1 + \arg z_2$

T or F?  $|z_1 + z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2|$

Complete:

$ z_1 + z_2  \underline{\hspace{1cm}}  z_1  +  z_2 $
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**HW (i)** If  $z_1 = 3 + 4i$  and  $z_2 = 13$ , find the maximum value of  $|z_1 + z_2|$ .

**(ii)** If  $|z_1 + z_2|$  has its greatest value, and also  $0 < \arg z_2 < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , express  $z_2$  in the form  $x + iy$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are real. (86 Catholic Trial)

### Subtraction of Vectors

T or F?  $\arg(z_1 - z_2) = \arg(z_2 - z_1)$

### Multiplication of Vectors

Given  $z_1 = 2 + i$ ,  $z_2 = -2 + 3i$ , use both evaluation and vectors to find

**(i)**  $z_3 = z_1 + z_2$  **(ii)**  $z_4 = z_1 - z_2$  **(iii)**  $z_5 = z_1 z_2$  **(iv)**  $z_6 = iz_1$

### Locus in the Complex Plane Q1-2

1. Let  $z = x + iy$  then  $|z| = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = r$  i.e.,  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = r^2$ .

The graph of  $|z| = r$  is a  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

2.  $|z - z_1| = r$  is a  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

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### Geometrical Interpretation of $kz$

$|kz| = |k||z|$ ,  $\arg kz = \arg k + \arg z = 0 + \arg z$  or  $\pi + \arg z$ .

The point corresponding to  $kz$  lies on the same line through  $z$  and the origin, i.e.,  $kz, z$  and  $0$  are collinear points.

### Geometrical Interpretation of $i^n z$

$|iz| = |i^n z| = |z|$ ,  $\arg iz = \frac{\pi}{2} + \arg z$ ,  $\arg i^n z = \frac{\pi}{2}(n \bmod 4) + \arg z$ .  $z$  and  $i^n z$  have the same modulus and lie on the same circle. The effect of multiplying a complex number by  $i$  is an anticlockwise rotation of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

### Geometrical representation of a complex number as a vector

$z = 1 + i\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow |z| = 2$  and  $\arg z = \frac{\pi}{3}$ . Thus we can represent  $Z$  by the vector  $\overrightarrow{OZ}$  length 2 units which makes an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with the positive  $x$ -axis.

### Triangle inequality

1. F.  $|z_1 + z_2|$  is the length of the diagonal of a parallelogram formed from vector addition of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ . F

2. F. T.

$$\boxed{|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|}$$

**HW (i)** 18 **(ii)**  $\frac{52}{5} + \frac{39}{5}i$

**Subtraction of vectors**

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**Multiplication of vectors**

**(i)**  $4i$  **(ii)**  $4 - 2i$  **(iii)**  $-7 + 4i$  **(iv)**  $-1 + 2i$

**Locus in the Complex Plane Q1-2**

1.  $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ . The graph of  $|z| = r$  is a circle of radius  $r$ , centre 0.
2.  $|z - z_1| = r$  is a circle, centre  $z_1$ , radius  $r$ .