Know representations and arithmetic conventions for complex numbers in Cartesian and polar forms

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Learning target: Know representations and arithmetic conventions for complex numbers in Cartesian and polar forms.

Cartesian form makes real and imaginary parts explicit, while polar form displays modulus and argument. Multiplication adds arguments and multiplies moduli; division subtracts arguments and divides moduli. Argand diagrams provide a geometric check. State any argument convention, and recognise that angles differing by a full turn represent the same direction.

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Task 1. For $z=1+i$ and $w=\sqrt{3}-i$, find their moduli and principal arguments in $(-\pi,\pi]$. Compute zw and z/w in polar form and interpret the geometry.

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