

Exponents in imaginary numbers different from i

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Abstract:

In this paper I show how it is possible to find the value of an exponent in the square root of a negative number. Using four formulas whose I have develop.

Introduction:

I started to ask myself in we can find a pattern to the negative integer numbers different than -1 inside a square root. I found a group of four formulas whose define the pattern. With this formulas you can develop an application method based in the idea of modulus.

Formulas:

$$(1.1) \quad x^{(2k)} \cdot (\sqrt{-x})$$

$$(1.2) \quad -x^{(2k+1)}$$

$$(1.3) \quad -x^{(2k+1)} \cdot (\sqrt{-x})$$

$$(1.4) \quad x^{(2(k-1)+2)}$$

We define k as the integer part of the result in the division of the exponent by 4. We define x as the number inside the root in positive.

The formulas 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 says to us which one we should apply following the modulus of the exponent:

- 1.1 if the exponent is congruent to 1 modulus 4.
- 1.2 if the exponent is congruent to 2 modulus 4.
- 1.3 if the exponent is congruent to 3 modulus 4.
- 1.4 if the exponent is congruent to 4 modulus 4.

Examples and applications of the method:

$$(2.1) \quad (\sqrt{-3})^0 = 1$$

(2.2) $(\sqrt{-3})^1$ $k=1 \div 4=0$ $1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.1:

$$3^{(2 \cdot 0)} \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 3^{(0)} \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 1 \cdot \sqrt{-3} = \sqrt{-3} \quad \text{As we can see the result is the same.}$$

(2.3) $(\sqrt{-3})^2$ $k=2 \div 4=0$ $2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.2:

$$-3^{(2 \cdot 0 + 1)} = -3^1 = -3 \quad \text{Without formula: } (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -3$$

(2.4) $(\sqrt{-3})^3$ $k=3 \div 4=0$ $3 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.3:

$$-3^{(2 \cdot 0 + 1)} \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = (-3)^1 \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -3 \cdot \sqrt{-3}$$

Without formula: $(\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -3 \cdot \sqrt{-3}$

(2.5) $(\sqrt{-3})^4$ $k=4 \div 4=1$ $4 \equiv 4 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.4:

$$3^{(2(1-1)+2)} = 3^{(2(0)+2)} = 3^2 = 9$$

Without formula: $(\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = (-3) \cdot (-3) = 9$

(2.6) $(\sqrt{-3})^5$ $k=5 \div 4=1$ $5 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.1:

$$3^{(2 \cdot 1)} \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 3^2 \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 9 \cdot \sqrt{-3} \quad \text{We check it without formula:}$$

$$(\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 9 \cdot \sqrt{-3}$$

(2.7) $(\sqrt{-3})^6$ $k=6 \div 4=1$ $6 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.2:

$$-3^{(2 \cdot 1 + 1)} = -3^{(2 \cdot 1 + 1)} = -3^3 = -27 \quad \text{We check without formula:}$$

$$(\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) = -27$$

(2.8) $(\sqrt{-3})^7$ $k=7 \div 4=1$ $7 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.3:

$$-3^{(2 \cdot 1 + 1)} \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -3^3 \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -27 \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \quad \text{Without formula:}$$

$$(\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -27 \cdot \sqrt{-3}$$

(2.9) $(\sqrt{-3})^8$ $k=8 \div 4=2$ $8 \equiv 4 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.4:

$$3^{(2(2-1)+2)} = 3^{(2+2)} = 3^4 = 81 \quad \text{We check it without formula:}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = \\
& = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) = 9 \cdot 9 = 81
\end{aligned}$$

(2.10) $(\sqrt{-3})^9$ $k=9 \div 4=2$ $9 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.1:

$$3^{(2 \cdot 2)} \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 3^4 \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 81 \cdot \sqrt{-3} \quad \text{Without formula:}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = \\
& = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 9 \cdot 9 \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 81 \cdot \sqrt{-3}
\end{aligned}$$

(2.11) $(\sqrt{-3})^{10}$ $k=10 \div 4=2$ $10 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.2:

$$-3^{(2 \cdot 2 + 1)} = -3^5 = -243 \quad \text{And again we check without the formula:}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = \\
& = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) = 9 \cdot 9 \cdot (-3) = -243
\end{aligned}$$

(2.12) $(\sqrt{-3})^{11}$ $k=11 \div 4=2$ $11 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.3:

$$-3^{(2 \cdot 2 + 1)} \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -3^5 \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -243 \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \quad \text{We check without the formula:}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = \\
& = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = 9 \cdot 9 \cdot (-3) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = -243 \cdot (\sqrt{-3})
\end{aligned}$$

(2.13) $(\sqrt{-3})^{12}$ $k=12 \div 4=3$ $12 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ We should apply the formula 1.4:

$$3^{(2(3-1)+2)} = 3^{(2 \cdot 2 + 2)} = 3^{(4+2)} = 3^6 = 729 \quad \text{We check without the formula:}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) \cdot (\sqrt{-3}) = \\
& = (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3) = 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 = 729
\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion:

We have seen as example the negative number 3 inside a root from the 0-th exponent to the 12-th exponent, but in my opinion this formulas work with any negative integer number and any exponent.