

# Japanese High School Text "Mathematics B"

## $N$ -th power root

In general, a non-zero complex number,  $a = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$ , has the following  $n$  complex numbers as  $n$ -th power roots.

$$z_n = \sqrt[n]{r} \left\{ \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{360^\circ}{n} \times k\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{360^\circ}{n} \times k\right) \right\} \quad (k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1),$$

where  $\sqrt[n]{r}$  is a positive  $n$ -th power root of a positive number  $r$ .

## An angle made by two vectors

Suppose two vectors  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2)$  and  $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2)$  are non-zero vectors,  $\theta$  is the angle made by these two vectors, and  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$ . Since  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos\theta$ ,

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} \sqrt{b_1^2 + b_2^2}}$$

## A point that divides a segment into $m:n$

Suppose two points,  $A(\vec{a})$  and  $B(\vec{b})$ , are not identical,  $m + n \neq 0$ , and a point,  $P(\vec{p})$ , divides a segment  $AB$  into  $m : n$ . Then,

$$\vec{p} = \frac{n\vec{a} + m\vec{b}}{n + m}$$

Particularly, when the midpoint of a segment  $AB$  is  $M(\vec{m})$ ,

$$\vec{m} = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{2}$$

## Probability distribution

Suppose a random variable  $X$  can take the following  $n$  values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , and the probability of an event  $X = x_i$  is  $p_i$ . Then,

$$\text{Mean} \quad m = E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i p_i$$

$$\text{Variance} \quad V(X) = E((X - m)^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - m)^2 p_i$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - m^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 p_i - m^2$$

$$\text{Standard deviation} \quad \sigma(X) = \sqrt{V(X)}$$