

United States Air Force Academy  
Complex Analysis (Math 451), Writing Assignment #1  
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Use exponential notation to show that

- $(1 + i)^3 = -2 - 2i$ .
- $2i(\sqrt{3} + i)(1 + i\sqrt{3}) = -8$

**Solution**

By direct computation we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}(1 + i)^3 &= xxx \\ &= yyy \\ &\vdots \text{ blah, blah, blah} \\ &= -2 - 2i.\end{aligned}$$

Proceeding to the second part, we compute

etc.