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\pi & \text { if } x<0\end{cases}
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1. The complex number $z$ is plotted below.


Its modulus and angle are given by
A. $|z|=\sqrt{2}$ and $\angle z=\pi / 4$
B. $|z|=\sqrt{2}$ and $\angle z=-\pi / 4$
C. $|z|=2$ and $\angle z=-\pi / 4$
D. $|z|=2$ and $\angle z=-1$

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2. If the complex number $z$ has modulus $r$ and angle $\theta$, which of the following is true about the complex number

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w=-3 z ?
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A. $|w|=3|z|$ and $\angle w=-\theta$
B. $|w|=3|z|$ and $\angle w=\theta+\pi$
C. $|w|=-3|z|$ and $\angle w=\theta$
D. $|w|=9|z|$ and $\angle w=-\theta$
3. If $z_{1}$ and $z_{2}$ are as plotted below, what is the angle of the difference $z_{1}-z_{2}$ ?

A. 0
B. $\pi / 2$
C. $\pi$
D. $-\pi / 2$
4. If $z_{1}$ and $z_{2}$ are as plotted below, what is value of $\left|z_{1}+z_{2}\right|$ ?

A. $\sqrt{17}$
B. $\sqrt{21}$
C. $\sqrt{5}$
D. None of the above

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$\left|z-z_{0}\right|=c: \quad$ circle of radius $c$ centered at $z_{0}$
5. Which of the following equations describes the circle shown below?

A. $|z|=4$
B. $|z|=5$
C. $|z-3|=5$
D. $|z-3 j|=5$

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$\left|z-z_{1}\right|=\left|z-z_{2}\right|: \quad$ perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining $z_{1}$ and $z_{2}$
6. Which (one or more) of the following equations describe the line $\mathcal{L}$ shown below?

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