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We discuss the $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ and $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ Casson invariants and their properties. We investigate the relationship between the associated knot invariant and the A-polynomial. We discuss vanishing of the invariants. (Received September 26, 2006)