

Theory of Complex Variables - MA 209
Problem Sheet - 2

- Write the given complex number in polar form first using an argument $\theta \neq \text{Arg}(z)$ and then using $\theta = \text{Arg}(z)$.
 - 2
 - $-3i$
 - $5 - 5i$
 - $\frac{12}{\sqrt{3}+i}$
- Use a calculator to write the given complex number in polar form first using an argument $\theta \neq \text{Arg}(z)$ and then using $\theta = \text{Arg}(z)$
 - $-\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{7}i$
 - $-12 - 5i$
- Find $z_1 z_2$ and $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$. Write the number in the form of $a + ib$
 - $z_1 = \sqrt{2}(\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}))$
 - $z_2 = \sqrt{3}(\cos(\frac{\pi}{12}) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{12}))$
- Write each complex number in polar form. Finally write the polar form in the form $a + ib$
 - $(3 - 3i)(5 + 5\sqrt{3}i)$
 - $\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}i}{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}$
- Compute the indicated powers.
 - $(2 - 2i)^5$
 - $(\sqrt{3}(\cos(\frac{2\pi}{9}) + i \sin(\frac{2\pi}{9})))^6$
- Write the complex number in polar form and then in the form of $a + ib$
$$\frac{[8(\cos(\frac{3\pi}{8}) + i \sin(\frac{3\pi}{8}))]^3}{[2(\cos(\frac{\pi}{16}) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{16}))]^6}$$
- Use De Moivre's formula with $n = 2$ to find trigonometric identities for $\cos 2\theta$ and $\sin 2\theta$
- Use De Moivre's formula with $n = 3$ to find trigonometric identities for $\cos 3\theta$ and $\sin 3\theta$
- Find a positive integer n for which the equality holds.
$$(\frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i)^n = -1$$
- Suppose that $z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$. Describe geometrically the effect of multiplying z by a complex number of the form $z_1 = \cos\alpha + i\sin\alpha$ when $\alpha > 0$ and when $\alpha < 0$.
- Suppose $z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$. If n is an integer, evaluate $z^n + \bar{z}^n$ and $z^n - \bar{z}^n$.
- Write an equation that relates $\arg(z)$ to $\arg(1/z)$, $z \neq 0$.
- Are there any special cases in which $\text{Arg}(z_1 z_2) = \text{Arg}(z_1) + \text{Arg}(z_2)$? Prove your assertions.
- How are the complex numbers z_1 and z_2 related if $\arg(z_1) = \arg(z_2)$?
- Describe the set of points z in the complex plane that satisfy $\arg(z) = \pi/4$.

16. Suppose z_1, z_2 , and $z_1 z_2$ are complex numbers in the first quadrant and that the points $z = 0, z = 1, z_1, z_2$, and $z_1 z_2$ are labeled O, A, B, C, and D, respectively. Discuss how the triangles OAB and OCD are related.
17. Suppose $z_1 = r_1(\cos\theta_1 + i\sin\theta_1)$ and $z_2 = r_2(\cos\theta_2 + i\sin\theta_2)$. If $z_1 = z_2$, then how are r_1 and r_2 related? How are θ_1 and θ_2 related?
18. Suppose z_1 is in the first quadrant. For each z_2 , discuss the quadrant in which $z_1 z_2$ could be located.
- (a) $z_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$ (b) $z_2 = -1$
19. Suppose z_1, z_2, z_3 , and z_4 are four distinct complex numbers. Interpret geometrically: $\arg\left(\frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1 - z_3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$
20. For the following problems compute all roots. Give the principal n th root in each case. Sketch the roots w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{n-1} on an appropriate circle centered at the origin.
- (a) $(8)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ (d) $(-1 - \sqrt{3}i)^{\frac{1}{4}}$
 (b) $(-125)^{\frac{1}{3}}$
 (c) $(-1 + i)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ (e) $\left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{3}+i}\right)^{(1/6)}$
21. Use the fact that $8i = (2 + 2i)^2$ to find all solutions of the equation $z^2 - 8z + 16 = 8i$.
22. Show that the n th roots of unity are given by
 $(1)^{(1/n)} = \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{2k\pi}{n}\right) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$
 (a) Find n th roots of unity for $n = 3, n = 4, n = 5$
 (b) Carefully plot the roots of unity found in part (a). Sketch the regular polygons formed with the roots as vertices.
23. Suppose ω is a cube root of unity corresponding to $k = 1$ in the last problem.
 (a) How are ω and ω^2 related?
 (b) Verify by direct computation that $1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$.
 (c) Explain how the result in part (b) follows from the basic definition that ω is a cube root of 1, that is, $\omega^3 = 1$. [Hint: Factor]
24. For a fixed n , if we take $k = 1$ in Problem 22, we obtain the root $\omega_n = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)$. Explain why the n th roots of unity can then be written $1, \omega_n, \omega_n^2, \dots, \omega_n^{n-1}$.
25. Consider the equation $(z + 2)^n + z^n = 0$, where n is a positive integer. By any means, solve the equation for z when $n = 1$. When $n = 2$.
26. Consider the equation in Problem 25.
 (a) In the complex plane, determine the location of all solutions z when $n = 5$. [Hint: Write the equation in the form $[(z + 2)/(-z)]^5 = 1$ and use part (a) of Problem 22.]
 (b) Reexamine the solutions of the equation in Problem 25 for $n = 1$ and $n = 2$.
27. Let n be a fixed natural number. Put $\omega_n = \text{cis}\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right)$. Show that $1 + \omega_n + \omega_n^2 + \omega_n^3 + \dots + \omega_n^{n-1} = 0$. [Hint: Multiply the sum $1 + \omega_n + \omega_n^2 + \omega_n^3 + \dots + \omega_n^{n-1}$ by $\omega_n - 1$.]
28. Suppose n denotes a nonnegative integer. Determine the values of n such that $z^n = 1$ possesses only real solutions. Defend your answer with sound mathematics.
29. Discuss: A real number can have a complex n th root. Can a nonreal complex number have a real n th root?
30. Suppose w is located in the first quadrant and is a cube root of a complex number z . Can there exist a second cube root of z located in the first quadrant? Defend your answer with sound mathematics.
31. Suppose z is a complex number that possesses a fourth root w that is neither real nor pure imaginary. Explain why the remaining fourth roots are neither real nor pure imaginary.
