
Homework 11

Exercise 1 For $z, z' \in \mathbb{C}$, is it true that $\Re(zz') = \Re(z)\Re(z')$, with $\Re(z)$ the real part of z ?

Exercise 2 Compute the following expressions:

(i) $(1 + 3i) + (1 - 2i)$ (ii) $(2 + 3i)(1 - 2i)$ (iii) i^{-1} (iv) $(1 + i)^{-1}$ (v) \sqrt{i} .

Recall that for any complex number $z = x + iy$ we define $r := |z| \equiv \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and set

$$z = r(\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))$$

with $x = r \cos(\theta)$ and $y = r \sin(\theta)$. This is called the polar coordinate representation of the complex number z . The number r is called the norm or the modulus of z , and θ its argument, i.e. $\theta = \arg(z)$.

Exercise 3 For any $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$, show that $|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|$ and that $\arg(z_1 z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2)$.

Exercise 4 Deduce from the previous exercise de Moivre's formula: for $z = r(\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))$ and for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$z^n = r^n (\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)).$$

Exercise 5 Deduce that for any complex number $z = r(\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta))$, the n -th roots of z are given by

$$z_j := \sqrt[n]{r} \left[\cos\left(\frac{\theta + 2\pi j}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta + 2\pi j}{n}\right) \right]$$

for $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$.

Recall now that for any $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$, we call $\bar{z} := x - iy$ the complex conjugate of z .

Exercise 6 Show the following properties:

$$(i) \overline{z_1 + z_2} = \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2 \quad (ii) \overline{z_1 z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2 \quad (iii) z \bar{z} = |z|^2$$

and also $z^{-1} = \bar{z}/|z|^2$ whenever $z \neq 0$, and that $\Re(z) = (z + \bar{z})/2$ and $\Im(z) = (z - \bar{z})/(2i)$, where $\Im(z)$ is the imaginary part of z .

Exercise 7 Show also that $|\bar{z}| = |z|$ and that $\arg(\bar{z}) = -\arg(z)$.

For $z = x + iy$, let us set

$$e^z = e^{x+iy} := e^x (\cos(y) + i \sin(y)).$$

Exercise 8 Show the following properties:

1. $e^{z_1+z_2} = e^{z_1} e^{z_2}$ for any $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$,
2. e^z is never equal to 0,
3. $|e^{x+iy}| = e^x$,
4. $e^{i\pi} = -1$ (Euler's identity, and "one of the most beautiful formula in mathematics").