

Theory of Complex Variables - MA 209
Problem Sheet - 3

Polar Form of Complex Numbers

- 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 $z = neq1$, verify the statement

$$1 + z + z^2 + \cdots + z^n = \frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z}.$$

21. Use part 20 and appropriate results to establish that

$$1 + \cos\theta + \cos 2\theta + \cdots + \cos n\theta = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin((n+1/2)\theta)}{(2\sin(\theta/2))}$$

for $0 < \theta < 2\pi$. The foregoing result is known as **Lagrange's identity**.
