

Complex Numbers (\mathbb{C})

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A complex number $z = (x, y) = x + iy$ where $i^2 = -1$.

$x = \text{Re}(z)$, the real part of z , $y = \text{Im}(z)$, the imaginary part of z .

$$(a + bi) \pm (c + di) = (a \pm c) + (b \pm d)i$$

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

$$\frac{a+bi}{c+di} = \frac{(a+bi)(c-di)}{(c+di)(c-di)} = \frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2} + \frac{bc-ad}{c^2+d^2}i$$

Argand diagram

$x + iy$ is represented by the point (x, y) in the plane

Modulus/Argument (polar form)

$z = x + iy = r \cos \theta + i \sin \theta = r \text{cis } \theta = re^{i\theta}$ where

$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = |z|$, the modulus of z and $\theta = \arctan(y/x)$, the argument of z .

Multiplication and division in polar form

$$(r_1 \text{cis } \theta_1)(r_2 \text{cis } \theta_2) = r_1 r_2 \text{cis } (\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

$$(r_1 \text{cis } \theta_1)/(r_2 \text{cis } \theta_2) = (r_1/r_2) \text{cis } (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$(r \text{cis } \theta)^n = r^n \text{cis } (n\theta)$$

$$|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2| \quad \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}$$

Complex conjugates

If $z = x + iy$, then $\bar{z} = x - iy$

$$\frac{z \pm w}{z \pm w} = \frac{\bar{z} \pm \bar{w}}{\bar{z} \pm \bar{w}} \quad \overline{\bar{z}} = z$$

$$z + \bar{z} = 2 \text{Re } z \quad z - \bar{z} = 2i \text{Im } z \quad z\bar{z} = |z|^2$$

Triangle inequality

$$|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$$

Roots of unity

Solutions of $z^n = 1$ are integer powers of ω , where $\omega = \text{cis}(2\pi/n)$.

Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Every non-constant polynomial over the complex numbers has a (complex) root.

For polynomials with real coefficients, complex roots occur in conjugate pairs.

Transformation Geometry ($z \rightarrow w$)

Translations: $w = z + a$

Rotation about origin: $w = z \text{cis } \theta$

Reflection about x-axis: $w = \bar{z}$

Dilation about origin: $w = kz$ (k real)

All rigid transformations and spiral symmetries can be derived from these.

0.1 Problems

1. Suppose $ABCD$, $BEFC$ and $EGHF$ are 3 touching unit squares. Prove that $\angle BDC = \angle EDF + \angle GDH$.
2. Show that the equation of a general line in the complex plane is given by $\bar{a}z + a\bar{z} + b = 0$ ($a \in \mathbb{C}, b \in \mathbb{R}$)
3. Using $\text{cis}(n\theta) = (\text{cis}\theta)^n$, derive formulae for $\cos 3\theta$ and $\sin 3\theta$ in terms of $\cos \theta$ and $\sin \theta$.
4. Let ABC be a square inscribed in a circle and let P be any point on the circle and R the circumradius.
 - (a) Show that $PA^2 + PB^2 + PC^2 + PD^2 = 8R^2$.
 - (b) Locate all points such that the product $PA \cdot PB \cdot PC \cdot PD$ is a maximum or a minimum.
5. Let $A_1A_2 \dots A_n$ be a regular n -gon with circumradius 1. Show that $\prod_{i=2}^n |A_1A_i| = n$. Hence evaluate the product $\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{i\pi}{n}$
6. A sequence of points z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots is defined from an arbitrary point z_0 by the transformations

$$z_n = c \cdot \overline{z_{n-1}} + c - 1$$

where $c = \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{5}$. Determine whether the sequence consists of repetitions of a finite set of points, and if so how many points there are in the set.

7. (Circle of Apollonius) Determine the locus of points $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\frac{|z-a|}{|z-b|} = k$, where k is a positive real constant and a and b are fixed complex numbers.
8. Let ABC be a triangle with equilateral triangles BDC , CEA and AFB constructed externally on its sides. Prove that
 - (a) $AD = BE = CF$
 - (b) AD , BE and CF are concurrent.
9. (1999 Selection Exam) Let ABC be an arbitrary triangle. Construct squares externally on sides AB and AC and let their centres be P and Q respectively. Let M be the midpoint of BC . Prove that PMQ is a right angled isosceles triangle.
10. Prove Ptolemy's inequality: In a quadrilateral $ABCD$, $AC \cdot BD \leq AB \cdot CD + BC \cdot DA$ with equality if and only if the quadrilateral is cyclic.
11. (IMO 1986/3) A triangle $A_1A_2A_3$ and a point P_0 are given in the plane. We define $A_s = A_{s-3}$ for $s \geq 4$. We construct a sequence of points P_1, P_2, \dots such that P_{k+1} is the image of P_k under the clockwise rotation with centre A_{k+1} through 120 degrees (for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$). Prove that if $P_{1986} = P_0$ then the triangle $A_1A_2A_3$ is equilateral.