

**TOPICS COVERED**

## Complex numbers

Cartesian form  $z = a + ib$ 

Algebra in cartesian form. Geometric representation

Modulus, conjugate. Properties. Triangle inequality

Polar form  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ Euler's formula, exponential form  $z = re^{i\theta}$ 

Algebra in exponential form (products, quotients, powers, roots)

Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

1. Compute  $\frac{5}{(1-i)(2-i)(3-i)}$ .
2. Prove that  $\overline{z_1 z_2} = \overline{z_1} \overline{z_2}$
3. Prove that  $|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|$
4. Show that  $||z_1| - |z_2|| \leq |z_1 + z_2|$  Hint: start from  $z_1 = z_1 + z_2 - z_2 = z_1 + z_2 + (-z_2)$  and use the triangle inequality. Repeat with  $z_2$ .
5. Use complex numbers to show that the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.
6. Let  $z_1 = 1 + i$ ,  $z_2 = -1 + \sqrt{3}i$ . For each of the following, find the cartesian and the exponential form, and state  $\text{Arg}(z)$ ,  $|z|$ ,  $\text{Re}(z)$ ,  $\text{Im}(z)$ .
  - (a)  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ ,
  - (b)  $z_1^{10}$ ,
  - (c)  $z_1 z_2$ ,
  - (d)  $z_1 / z_2$ .
7. Find each of the following complex numbers  $z$  in cartesian form by first writing the individual factors in exponential form, performing the needed operations, and finally changing back to cartesian coordinates. State  $\text{Arg}(z)$ ,  $|z|$ ,  $\text{Re}(z)$ ,  $\text{Im}(z)$ .
  - (a)  $z = \frac{-2}{1 + \sqrt{3}i}$ ,
  - (b)  $z = \frac{i}{-2 - 2i}$ ,
  - (c)  $z = (\sqrt{3} - i)^6$ ,
  - (d)  $z = i(1 - \sqrt{3}i)(\sqrt{3} + i)$ ,
  - (e)  $z = i(1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{-10}$ .
8. Show that
  - (a)  $|e^{i\theta}| = 1$ ,
  - (b)  $\overline{e^{i\theta}} = e^{-i\theta}$ ,
  - (c)  $(e^{i\theta})^2 = e^{2i\theta}$ ,
9. (a) Use 8(c) above to show that
 
$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta), \quad \cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta.$$
  - (b) Use  $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$  and your result in (a) to show that
 
$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}, \quad \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}.$$
10. In each case, find all the roots, exhibit them geometrically, and point out which is the principal root. Note that the roots  $z = (z_0)^{1/n}$  are all the  $n$  roots of the equation  $z^n = z_0$ .
  - (a)  $(2i)^{1/2}$ ,
  - (b)  $(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^{1/2}$ ,
  - (c)  $(-1)^{1/3}$ ,
  - (d)  $(-16)^{1/4}$ ,
  - (e)  $8^{1/6}$ ,
  - (f)  $(-4\sqrt{2} + 4\sqrt{2}i)^{1/3}$ .