

COMPLEX ANALYSIS

1. (a)  $(3 + 5i)^2 = 9 + 30i - 25 = -16 + 30i$ .  
(b)  $(-7 + 2i)(5 - 3i) = -35 + 21i + 10i + 6 = -29 + 31i$ .  
(c)  $|2 + i| = \sqrt{4 + 1} = \sqrt{5}$ , since  $|z|^2 = z\bar{z} = x^2 + y^2$  for  $z = x + iy$ .  
(d)

$$\frac{i - 1}{1 + i} = \frac{(i - 1)(1 - i)}{2} = \frac{i - i^2 - 1 + i}{2} = \frac{2i}{2} = i.$$

(e)

$$\frac{1 - 5i}{3i - 1} = \frac{(1 - 5i)(-3i - 1)}{10} = \frac{-3i - 1 - 15 + 5i}{10} = -\frac{8}{5} + \frac{1}{5}i.$$

(f)

$$\frac{1 - i}{1 + i} + 2 - i = -\frac{i - 1}{1 + i} + 2 - i = -i + 2 - i = 2 - 2i,$$

where we apply the solution of 1.(a) for second equality.

2. Every complex number  $z$  has a unique representation

$$z = re^{i\varphi} = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi),$$

for  $r \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $-\pi < \varphi \leq \pi$ .

- (a) We compute  $r = |z| = \sqrt{5^2 + 1} = \sqrt{26}$ , and thus by comparing real and imaginary parts,

$$\cos \varphi = -\frac{5}{\sqrt{26}} < 0, \quad \sin \varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{26}} > 0.$$

The angle  $\varphi$  is then given by  $\varphi = \pi + \arctan \frac{y}{x} = \pi + \arctan \frac{-1}{5}$ .

- (b) Similarly to the calculations above we find  $r = |z| = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$ , so

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} > 0, \quad \sin \varphi = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} < 0.$$

In particular,  $\varphi = \arctan \frac{y}{x} = \arctan \frac{-3}{2}$ .

3. (a) We may rewrite  $z^2 + 4z + 12 - 6i = 0$  as  $(z + 2)^2 = -8 + 6i$ ; after setting  $z + 2 = x + iy$  we compare real and imaginary parts to find

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - y^2 &= -8 \\ 2xy &= 6. \end{aligned}$$

The second equation gives  $y = \frac{3}{x}$  and thus the first one becomes

$$t^2 + 8t - 9 = 0,$$

where we have substituted  $x^2 = t$ . Solving this equation we find  $t = -9$  or  $t = 1$ . Since only real solutions are valid, we conclude that  $x = \pm 1$  and hence  $y = \pm 3$ . The final solutions of the original equation are therefore  $z = -1 + 3i$  and  $z = -3 - 3i$ .

- (b) In order to solve this equation, we first determine the polar representation  $re^{i\phi}$  of  $-4\sqrt{3} - 4i$ , with  $-\pi < \phi \leq \pi$ . Namely,

$$r = |-4\sqrt{3} - 4i| = \sqrt{16 \cdot 3 + 16} = \sqrt{64} = 8,$$

and using the same procedure as in q.2, we compute  $\phi$  to be

$$\phi = -\pi + \arctan \frac{-4}{-4\sqrt{3}} = -\pi + \arctan \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} = -\pi + \frac{\pi}{6} = -\frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

If now  $z = se^{i\vartheta}$  is a solution of the equation

$$z^6 = 8e^{-i\frac{5\pi}{6}},$$

it follows that

$$s = 8^{1/6} = \sqrt{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta = \frac{-5\pi}{36} + k \cdot \frac{2\pi}{6}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We conclude that there are in total six different solutions to the initial equation  $z^6 = -4\sqrt{3} - 4i$ :

$$\begin{array}{lll} z_0 \stackrel{k=0}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{-5i\pi/36} & z_1 \stackrel{k=1}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{7i\pi/36} & z_2 \stackrel{k=2}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{19i\pi/36} \\ z_3 \stackrel{k=3}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{31i\pi/36} & z_4 \stackrel{k=4}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{43i\pi/36} & z_5 \stackrel{k=5}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{55i\pi/36}; \end{array}$$

for  $k = 6$  we compute

$$z_6 \stackrel{k=6}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{67i\pi/36} = \sqrt{2}e^{67i\pi/36-2i\pi} = z_0.$$

- (c) As above, we proceed by first finding the polar representation  $re^{i\varphi}$  of the equation  $z^5 = (1+i)(-1+\sqrt{3}i)(\sqrt{3}-i)$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} z^5 &= (1+i)(-1+\sqrt{3}i)(\sqrt{3}-i) \\ &= (1+i) \cdot i \cdot (\sqrt{3}+i)(\sqrt{3}-i) \\ &= 4i \cdot (1+i) = 4i - 4. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$r = \sqrt{16+16} = \sqrt{32} = (\sqrt{2})^5,$$

and the argument  $\varphi$  is

$$\varphi = \pi + \arctan(-1) = \pi - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

If now  $z = se^{i\vartheta}$  is a solution of the equation

$$z^5 = (\sqrt{2})^5 e^{3i\pi/4},$$

we must have

$$s = \sqrt{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta = \frac{3\pi}{20} + k \cdot \frac{2\pi}{5}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We conclude that there are in total five different solutions to the initial equation  $z^5 = (1+i)(-1+\sqrt{3}i)(\sqrt{3}-i)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} z_0 &\stackrel{k=0}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{3i\pi/20} & z_1 &\stackrel{k=1}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{11i\pi/20} & z_2 &\stackrel{k=2}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{19i\pi/20} \\ z_3 &\stackrel{k=3}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{27i\pi/36} & z_4 &\stackrel{k=4}{=} \sqrt{2}e^{35i\pi/36}. \end{aligned}$$

4. (a) By writing  $z = x + iy$  we find  $\text{Re} = \{(x, y) \mid x > 2\}$ , which corresponds to a half plane.  
 (b) The condition  $|z| < 3$  is equivalent to  $x^2 + y^2 < 9$  for  $z = x + iy$ , and hence our set is an open disc of radius 3 centred at the origin.  
 (c) Write again  $z = x + iy$ ; then the condition  $|z - 1| < |z + 1|$  is equivalent to  $(x - 1)^2 + y^2 < (x + 1)^2 + y^2$ . After cancellations, we simply end up with the inequality  $x > 0$ , corresponding to an open half plane.
5. (a) We directly compute

$$\begin{aligned} z \cdot w &= rs(\cos \vartheta \cos \varphi - \sin \vartheta \sin \varphi + i(\sin \vartheta \cos \varphi + \cos \vartheta \sin \varphi)) \\ &= rs(\cos(\vartheta + \varphi) + i \sin(\vartheta + \varphi)), \end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $\arg(z \cdot w) = \arg z + \arg w$ .

- (b) De Moivre's theorem clearly holds for  $n = 1$ , and for  $n = 2$  the above computation immediately gives us  $\arg(z^2) = 2 \arg z$  for any complex number  $z$ . Suppose now that  $\arg(z^n) = n \arg z$ , for  $n \geq 2$ . Then

$$\arg(z^{n+1}) = \arg(z \cdot z^n) = \arg(z) + n \arg(z) = (n + 1) \arg z,$$

where we apply the induction hypothesis for the second equality. This in particular shows that  $\arg(z^n) = n \arg z$ , for any  $n \geq 1$ .

Set  $z = \cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi$  and notice that  $\arg z^n = n\varphi$ , since  $\arg z = \varphi$ . To complete the proof of De Moivre's Theorem, observe that  $|z| = \cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi = 1$ , thus also  $|z^n| = 1$ . In particular,  $z^n = \cos n\varphi + i \sin n\varphi$ .

- (c) Apply De Moivre's Theorem to the case  $n = 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)^3 &= \cos^3 \varphi + 3i \cos^2 \varphi \sin \varphi + 3i^2 \cos \varphi \sin^2 \varphi + i^3 \sin^3 \varphi \\ &= \cos 3\varphi + i \sin 3\varphi, \end{aligned}$$

By comparing real and imaginary parts, and using that  $i^2 = -1$ ,  $i^3 = -i$ , we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 3\varphi &= \cos^3 \varphi - 3 \cos \varphi \sin^2 \varphi = 4 \cos^3 \varphi - 3 \cos \varphi, \\ \sin 3\varphi &= 3 \cos^2 \varphi \sin \varphi - \sin^3 \varphi = 3 \sin \varphi - 4 \sin^3 \varphi. \end{aligned}$$

6. (a) Every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  has  $n$  distinct roots of order  $n$ , which correspond (in the complex plane) to the vertices of a regular  $n$ -gon inscribed in the circle of radius  $|z|^{1/n}$  centered at the origin. When  $z = \rho(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = \rho e^{i\theta}$ , then the roots of order  $n$  of  $z$  are

$$\rho^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \cos \left( \frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n} \right) \right) \text{ for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1.$$

The square roots of  $z = -1 - i = \sqrt{2}(\cos 5\pi/4 + i \sin 5\pi/4)$  are

$$z_1 = (2^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \cos \left( \frac{5\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{5\pi}{4} \right) \right) = 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{8} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{8} \right),$$

$$z_2 = (2^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \cos \left( \frac{5\pi + 2\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{5\pi + 2\pi}{4} \right) \right) = 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{13\pi}{8} + i \sin \frac{13\pi}{8} \right),$$

We could also have argued as follows: the equation  $(x + iy)^2 = -1 - i$  is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} x^2 - y^2 = -1, \\ 2xy = -1, \end{cases}$$

which admits solutions

$$z = \pm \left( \left( \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{i}{2} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{2} - 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

which coincide with  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ .

- (b) The trigonometric form of  $z = -8$ , is  $z = 8(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)$ . Then

$$z_1 = 8^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = 1 + i\sqrt{3},$$

$$z_2 = 8^{\frac{1}{3}} (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi) = -2,$$

$$z_3 = 8^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{3} \right) = 1 - i\sqrt{3},$$

7. If  $z = a + ib$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $z^2 \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $a^2 - b^2 + 2iab$  is a real number. That is, if and only if  $ab = 0$ . Hence  $z^2 \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $b = 0$ ) or if  $z$  is a pure imaginary number ( $a = 0$ ).