

# wi4243AP: Complex Analysis

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# Definition

A *complex number* is an ordered pair  $(x, y)$  of real numbers.

We write

$$z = (x, y) = x(1, 0) + y(0, 1) = x + yi$$

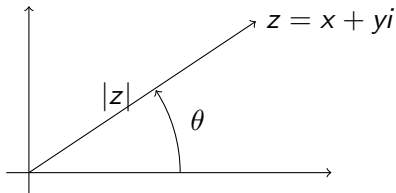
Note: we abbreviate  $(1, 0) = 1$  and  $(0, 1) = i$  and we shall define multiplication in such a way that  $(0, 1)^2 = -(1, 0)$ , i.e.,  $i^2 = -1$ .

Notation:

- $\operatorname{Re} z = x$  — real part
- $\operatorname{Im} z = y$  — imaginary part

# Representation

Every complex number,  $x + yi$ , corresponds to a point,  $(x, y)$ , in the plane.



- $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ; the modulus
- $\theta$ ; angle, the argument

# Representation

We introduce some geometry via polar coordinates.

Properties

- $x = |z| \cos \theta$
- $y = |z| \sin \theta$

There are infinitely many values for  $\theta$ .

Principal value:  $\text{Arg } z$ , chosen in interval  $(-\pi, \pi]$

Other values:  $\arg z = \text{Arg } z + 2k\pi$

# Addition and multiplication

Addition: coordinate-wise

$$z + w = x + yi + u + vi = (x + u) + (y + v)i$$

Multiplication (use distributive law and  $i^2 = -1$ ):

$$z \cdot w = (x + yi)(u + vi) = (xu - yv) + (xv + yu)i$$

for example:  $(2 + i)(3 + 4i) = (6 - 4) + (8 + 3)i = 2 + 11i$

# Division

The formula  $(x + iy)(x - iy) = x^2 + y^2$  helps with division:

$$\frac{1}{x + iy} = \frac{x - iy}{(x + iy)(x - iy)} = \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

For example

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{16 + 63i}{3 + 4i} &= \frac{16 + 63i}{3 + 4i} \cdot \frac{3 - 4i}{3 - 4i} \\ &= \frac{(48 + 252) + (-64 + 189)i}{9 + 16} \\ &= \frac{300 + 125i}{25} = 12 + 5i\end{aligned}$$

# Complex conjugate

We write  $\overline{x + yi} = x - yi$ , the *complex conjugate*.

- Geometrically: reflection in real axis.
- $|z| = |\bar{z}|$  and  $z \cdot \bar{z} = |z|^2$
- $\text{Arg } \bar{z} = -\text{Arg } z$  (except when  $z$  is real and negative)
- $z + \bar{z} = 2x = 2 \text{Re } z$
- $z - \bar{z} = 2iy = 2i \text{Im } z$
- $\overline{z \pm w} = \bar{z} \pm \bar{w}$ ,  $\overline{z \cdot w} = \bar{z} \cdot \bar{w}$ ,  $\overline{z/w} = \bar{z}/\bar{w}$



# Multiplication

Write  $z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)$  and  $w = s(\cos \psi + i \sin \psi)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}zw &= rs(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)(\cos \psi + i \sin \psi) \\ &= rs((\cos \varphi \cos \psi - \sin \varphi \sin \psi) + i(\sin \varphi \cos \psi + \cos \varphi \sin \psi)) \\ &= rs(\cos(\varphi + \psi) + i \sin(\varphi + \psi)).\end{aligned}$$

So *multiply moduli and add angles.*

# Multiplication: example

Set  $z = -1 + i$  en  $w = 1 + \sqrt{3}i$ .

Then

- $z = \sqrt{2}(\cos \frac{3}{4}\pi + i \sin \frac{3}{4}\pi)$
- $w = 2(\cos \frac{1}{3}\pi + i \sin \frac{1}{3}\pi)$
- $zw = (-1 - \sqrt{3}) + (1 - \sqrt{3})i$

And so ...

# Multiplication, example

... we find

$$\begin{aligned}(-1 - \sqrt{3}) + i(1 - \sqrt{3}) &= 2\sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{13}{12}\pi + i \sin \frac{13}{12}\pi \right) \\ &= 2\sqrt{2} \left( \cos -\frac{11}{12}\pi + i \sin -\frac{11}{12}\pi \right)\end{aligned}$$

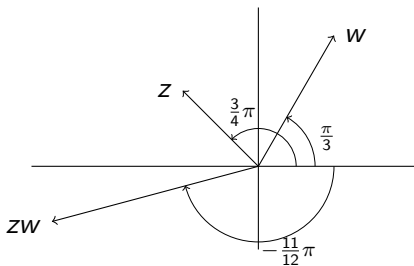
so we write

$$\arg zw = \arg z + \arg w$$

but **not**

$$\text{Arg } zw = \text{Arg } z + \text{Arg } w$$

# Multiplication, example



## Division

Write  $z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)$  and  $w = s(\cos \psi + i \sin \psi)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{z}{w} &= \frac{r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)}{s(\cos \psi + i \sin \psi)} \\ &= \frac{r}{s} \cdot \frac{\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi}{\cos \psi + i \sin \psi} \cdot \frac{\cos \psi - i \sin \psi}{\cos \psi - i \sin \psi} \\ &= \frac{r}{s} \cdot \frac{(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)(\cos \psi - i \sin \psi)}{\cos^2 \psi + \sin^2 \psi} \\ &= \frac{r}{s} (\cos(\varphi - \psi) + i \sin(\varphi - \psi)).\end{aligned}$$

So *divide moduli* and *subtract angles*.

# De Moivre's formula

For any angle  $\theta$  and any integer  $n$  we have

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

Application: easy formulas for  $\cos n\theta$  and  $\sin n\theta$ :

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

thanks to the binomial formula

# Chebyshev polynomials

Note

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 3\theta &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

So  $\cos 3\theta = T_3(\cos \theta)$ , where  $T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x$ .

$T_3$  is a *Chebyshev polynomial*; these are used in interpolation and approximation theory.

# Chebyshev polynomials

General definition:  $\cos n\theta = T_n(\cos \theta)$ .

Using De Moivre's identity and the binomial formula we get

$$T_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (-1)^k \binom{n}{2k} x^{n-2k} (1-x^2)^k$$

See Problem 1.18 for an other formula for  $T_n$ .



# Fractional exponents

What is  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^q$  if  $q$  is a (proper) fraction, say  $q = \frac{m}{n}$ ?

Remember: for **real positive**  $x$ , by definition,

$y = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$  is that **real positive number** with  $y^n = x^m$ .

In complex numbers: no such choice available, no positive/negative numbers.

# Fractional exponents

We solve  $z^n = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^m$ .

- write  $z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)$  ( $r = |z|$  and  $\varphi = \text{Arg } z$ )
- we get  $r^n(\cos n\varphi + i \sin n\varphi) = \cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta$
- so  $r = 1$  and  $\cos n\varphi = \cos m\theta$  and  $\sin n\varphi = \sin m\theta$
- we get  $n\varphi = m\theta + 2k\pi$  ( $k$  an integer)
- as  $-\pi < \varphi \leq \pi$  there are  $n$  suitable values for  $k$
- so:  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{m}{n}}$  has  $n$  values

# Fractional exponents, example

What are the values of  $(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}i)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ ?

We have  $\theta = \frac{1}{4}\pi$ , so we get

$$3\varphi = \frac{1}{2}\pi + 2k\pi \text{ or } \varphi = \frac{1}{6}\pi + \frac{2}{3}k\pi$$

with  $k = -1, 0, 1$ , to get  $-\pi < \varphi \leq \pi$ .

The values are  $-i$  ( $\varphi = -\frac{1}{2}\pi$ ),  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}i$  ( $\varphi = \frac{1}{6}\pi$ ) and  $-\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2}i$  ( $\varphi = \frac{5}{6}\pi$ )

# Fractional exponents

Difference between real and complex analysis:

many-valued functions

- $z \mapsto z^{\frac{1}{2}}$  a two-valued function
- $z \mapsto z^{\frac{2}{3}}$  a three-valued function
- $z \mapsto z^{-\frac{2}{5}}$  a five-valued function

# Euler's formula (one of the many)

We write (for now as an abbreviation):

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

thanks to angle-adding we know

$$e^{i\theta+i\varphi} = e^{i\theta} \cdot e^{i\varphi}$$

(as it should be).

Later we'll see further justification for this formula.

# Euler's formula, use

If  $|z| = r$  and  $\text{Arg } z = \theta$  we write  $z = re^{i\theta}$ .

We write the values of  $z^{\frac{m}{n}}$  as

$$r^{\frac{m}{n}} e^{i(\frac{m}{n}\theta + 2\frac{km}{n}\pi)} \quad (k = 0, \dots, n-1)$$

Note:  $r \geq 0$  so  $r^{\frac{m}{n}}$  is unambiguous.

Also note: the values form a regular  $n$ -gon with  $r^{\frac{m}{n}} e^{i\frac{m}{n}\theta}$  as its 'first' vertex.

# Square roots

Using Euler's formula (and because  $e^{i\pi} = -1$ ) the values of  $\sqrt{z}$  are

$$\sqrt{r}e^{i\frac{1}{2}\theta} \text{ and } -\sqrt{r}e^{i\frac{1}{2}\theta}$$

Direct calculation: look at  $(u + iv)^2 = x + iy$ . We get

- $u^2 - v^2 = x$  (real parts)
- $2uv = y$  (imaginary parts)
- $u^2 + v^2 = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  (moduli)

Now solve ...

# Square roots

... the first and third to get

- $u^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + x)$  or  $u = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + x)}$

- $v^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x)$  or  $v = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x)}$

Of the four combinations only two survive because of  $2uv = y$ .

Example:  $(u + iv)^2 = 5 + 12i$  gives  $u = \pm 3$  and  $v = \pm 2$ ;  
we get  $3 + 2i$  and  $-3 - 2i$  **because**  $2uv = 12 > 0$ .

**Don't** remember the formula but **do** remember the method.



# Modulus again

Useful formulas: with  $z = x + iy$  we have

- $|z|^2 = x^2 + y^2 = z \cdot \bar{z}$
- $|x|, |y| \leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = |z|$  or
- $|\operatorname{Re} z|, |\operatorname{Im} z| \leq |z|$

# Triangle inequality

## Theorem

Given two complex numbers  $z$  and  $w$  we have

$$||z| - |w|| \leq |z - w| \leq |z| + |w|$$

## Proof.

- $|z - w|^2 = (z - w)(\bar{z} - \bar{w}) = |z|^2 + |w|^2 - (z\bar{w} + \bar{z}w)$
- $(|z| + |w|)^2 = |z|^2 + |w|^2 + 2|zw|$
- $-(z\bar{w} + \bar{z}w) = -2 \operatorname{Re} z\bar{w} \leq 2|z\bar{w}| = 2|zw|$

This gives the second  $\leq$ . □

# Triangle inequality

## Theorem

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## Proof.

The first  $\leq$  follows from the second:

- $|z| = |z - w + w| \leq |z - w| + |w|$  so  $|z| - |w| \leq |z - w|$
- $|w| = |w - z + z| \leq |w - z| + |z|$  so  $|w| - |z| \leq |w - z|$

Now combine. □

# Triangle inequality, use

Useful in over- and underestimating moduli.

Example: we must often estimate the modulus of something like

$$\frac{1}{Re^{it} - z}$$

We know  $|Re^{it} - z| \geq ||Re^{it}| - |z|| = |R - |z||$ .

So, if  $R$  is large enough (as it usually is):

$$\left| \frac{1}{Re^{it} - z} \right| \leq \frac{1}{|R - |z||} = \frac{1}{R - |z|}$$

# What to do?

From the book: Sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3

Suitable exercises: 1.1 – 1.40

Recommended exercises: 1.1, 1.2, 1.6, 1.9, 1.12, 1.13, 1.23, 1.24,  
1.25, 1.30, 1.40