

## Complex Numbers

### Preliminary

#### Exercise 1

We define  $\mathbb{C}$  as the set of all ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  of real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ . With vector addition and scalar multiplication and complex multiplication defined in  $\mathbb{C}$  by:

$$(a, b) \div (c, d) = (a \div c, b \div d),$$

$$a(b, c) = (ab, ac),$$

$$(a, b)(c, d) = (ac - bd, ad \div bc).$$

- Putting  $a = (a, 0)$  and  $i = (0, 1)$ , write  $bi$  and  $a \div ib$  and  $i^2$  in this representation.
- Use the  $z = a \div ib$  complex number representation, where  $\text{Re } z = a$  is the real part and  $\text{Im } z = b$  is the imaginary part, and where we define  $|z| = (x^2 \div y^2)^{1/2}$  to be the absolute value of  $z$  and  $z^* = a - ib$  the conjugate of  $z$ .
  - Verify that complex multiplication is commutative and associative and distributive.
  - Show that:
    - If  $z \neq 0$  then there exist  $z'$  such that  $zz' = 1$ , and that  $z'$  is uniquely determined.
    - $z'$  is the quotient of 1 by  $z$ :  $z' = z^{-1} = 1/z$ .
    - Consequently  $1/i = -i$ .
  - Verify the following properties of absolute values and conjugates:
    - $\text{Re } z = \frac{1}{2}(z \div z^*)$  and  $\text{Im } z = \frac{1}{2i}(z - z^*)$  and  $|z|^2 = zz^*$ .
    - $(z \div w)^* = z^* \div w^*$  and  $(zw)^* = z^*w^*$ .
    - $|zw| = |z||w|$  and  $|z/w| = |z|/|w|$  and  $|z| = |z^*|$ .

#### Exercise 2

Given the complex numbers  $z = x \div iy$  and  $w = a \div ib$ , with  $\{x, y, a, b\}$  real numbers.

- Find the real and imaginary parts of each of the following:

$$\frac{1}{z}; \frac{z+a}{z-b}; z^3; \frac{1}{z^2}; \frac{3+5i}{7i+1}; \left(\frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^3; i^n.$$

- Find the absolute value and conjugate of each of the following:

$$-2 \div i; -1; (2 \div i)(4 \div 3i); \frac{3-i}{\sqrt{2}+3i}.$$

- Prove the following equations:

$$d. |z \div w|^2 = |z|^2 \div 2 \text{Re } zw^* \div |w|^2.$$

$$e. |z - w|^2 = |z|^2 - 2 \text{Re } zw^* \div |w|^2.$$

$$f. |z \div w|^2 \div |z - w|^2 = 2(|z|^2 \div |w|^2).$$

- Solve the following equations for  $z$ :

$$z^2 \div i = 1; z^4 \div i = 1; z^4 - i = 1.$$

- Simplify the following expressions:

$$(1 \div i)^4; (-i)^{-1}; (1 - i)^{-1}; \frac{1-i}{1+i}; \sqrt{1 \div \sqrt{i}}.$$

### Exercise 3

We know that in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , every point  $z = x + iy$  has polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  such that  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ , where  $r = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} = |z|$  is called the modulus of  $z$  and  $\theta$  is called the argument of  $z$  and is denoted by  $\theta = \arg z$ .  $\theta$  is the angle between the positive real axis and the line segment from  $O$  to the point  $z$  with  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Thus, complex numbers, in polar coordinate representation, are written as:  $z = x + iy = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ . Show that:

1. The complex multiplication of  $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$  and  $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$  gives  $z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)]$ .
2. Generalize, by induction, the previous result to  $n$  complex numbers  $z_1 z_2 \cdots z_n$ .
3. Deduce de Moivre' formula  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$ .
4. Evaluate the cubic root of 1 and  $i$  and 8.

### Exercise 4

Use De Moivre's formula to reduce the power of  $\cos^3 x - \cos^2 x$ , then calculate its primitive. Do the same work to find antiderivative of  $\sin^4 x$ .

### Exercise 5

1. To calculate easily the integral

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^4 + 1}$$

we must, at first step, find all the roots of equation  $z^4 + 1 = 0$ .

2. Calculate

$$\int_0^\pi \cos[\ln(x)] dx$$

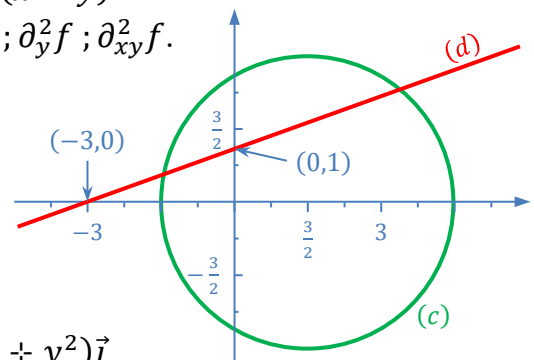
using complex numbers. (Do not use any other method studied in semester 3).

### Exercise 6

Let the function  $f$ , of two real variables, defined as

$$f(x, y) = x + xy^2 - \cos(x + y)$$

1. Calculate these derivatives of  $f$ :  $\partial_x f$ ;  $\partial_y f$ ;  $\partial_x^2 f$ ;  $\partial_y^2 f$ ;  $\partial_{xy}^2 f$ .
2. Deduce its total differential  $df$ .
3. Is  $f$  harmonic?



### Exercise 7

Let  $\vec{V}$  be a vector field in the plane defined as

$$\vec{V}(x, y) = y\vec{i} - (x^2 - 3x + y^2)\vec{j}$$

Choose a convenient scale and sketch  $\vec{V}$  at points  $A(1,0)$  and  $B(2,3)$  and  $C(0,4)$  and  $D(-3, -1)$ . Describe  $\vec{V}$  on the straight line  $(d)$  and the circle  $(c)$ .

Integrate the field  $\vec{V}$  over  $(d)$  from  $(-3,0)$  to  $(0,1)$  and over  $(c)$ .