

## SOLUTION EXERCISE SHEET 2

**Exercise 1. (1)** Since  $T$  is injective, we know that  $a := T(1) \neq 0$ . Define  $b = a^{-1}T(i)$ . Then, for all  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  we have that

$$T(z) = xa + aby = a(x + by).$$

by the  $\mathbb{R}$  linearity of  $T$ . Since  $T$  is angle preserving, we know that

$$|a|^2 \operatorname{Re}(\bar{b}) = \operatorname{Re}(T(1)\overline{aa^{-1}T(i)}) = \langle T(1), T(i) \rangle = |T(i)||T(1)|\langle 1, i \rangle = 0.$$

Hence,  $\operatorname{Re}(\bar{b}) = 0$  which implies the claim.

**(2)** Note that for  $z = x + iy$  we have

$$|T(1)||T(z)|\langle 1, z \rangle = |a|^2|x + yb|x$$

while

$$|z|\langle T(1), T(z) \rangle = |a|^2\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}x$$

which for non-zero  $x$  implies

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = |x + yb| = \sqrt{(x^2 + y^2|b|^2)}$$

and the claim follows by squaring this relation.

**(3)** Follows immediately by computing the determinant of the standard matrix representation of the function  $T$  viewed as a map on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

**Exercise 2.** We first show that  $p(z)$  has no zeros in the open unit disk. For this, we assume, for contradiction, that there exists  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|z_0| < 1$  such that  $p(z_0) = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 = |c_0 - (1 - z_0)p(z_0)| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{j-1} - c_j)z_0^j + c_n z_0^{n+1} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n |(c_{j-1} - c_j)|z_0|^j + c_n |z_0|^{n+1} \\ &< \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{j-1} - c_j) + c_n \\ &= c_0 \end{aligned}$$

which yields the contradiction  $c_0 < c_0$ . To show that there are no  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|z| = 1$  such that  $p(z) = 0$ , we note the following fact about the complex triangle inequality. For  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}^*$  one has that

$$|z_1 + z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2| \iff z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta}, z_2 = r_2 e^{i\theta}$$

i.e. if their “angles” are the same.

Assume now that there exists a  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|z_0| = 1$  such that  $p(z_0) = 0$ . Clearly  $p(1) \neq 0$ . As above, we compute

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 = |c_0 - (1 - z_0)p(z_0)| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{j-1} - c_j)z_0^j + c_n z_0^{n+1} \right| \\ &< \sum_{j=1}^n |(c_{j-1} - c_j)| |z_0|^j + c_n |z_0|^{n+1} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{j-1} - c_j) + c_n \\ &= c_0 \end{aligned}$$

where the strict inequality comes from the fact that for any complex number  $z$ ,  $z$  and  $z^2$  have the same angle if and only if  $z$  is a positive real number.

**Exercise 3.** First, we recall polynomial division: For two polynomials  $p$  and  $q$  with  $\deg(p) > \deg(q)$  there exist unique polynomials  $w$  and  $r$  with  $\deg(q) > \deg(r)$  and  $\deg(p) = \deg(w) + \deg(q)$  such that  $p = wq + r$ .

Now, if  $p$  is constant or of degree 1, then we are done. Hence, we can assume  $\deg(p) = n \geq 2$ . Then, by the fundamental theorem of algebra,  $p$  has at least one root  $z_0$ . Consider now the polynomial  $p_0 := (z - z_0)p$ . By polynomial division. We have that  $p = \tilde{p}p_0 + r$  for some polynomial  $\tilde{p}$  and  $r$ . Furthermore, since  $p_0$  is of degree 1, we know that  $r$  must be a constant. However, given that

$$0 = p(z_0) = \tilde{p}(z_0)p_0(z_0) + r = r$$

we see that necessarily  $r = 0$ , i.e.  $p = \tilde{p}(z - z_0)$  for some polynomial  $\tilde{p}$  of degree  $n - 1$ . By iterating this procedure inductively, we arrive at the desired formula.