

1. (a) Consider the function defined by

$$f(x) = e^{-ix}(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))$$

for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Compute the derivative of f (the function $x \rightarrow e^{\lambda x}$ satisfies the same differentiation properties when $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ as in the case $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$). Show that f is constant and equal to 1 and, thus, verify Euler's formula.

- (b) Show that, for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta,$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \sin \beta + \sin \alpha \cos \beta.$$

(Hint: you might want to use Euler's formula for $e^{i(\alpha+\beta)}$.)

2. Calculate the real and imaginary parts of the following expressions:

(a) $(1 + 2i)(2 - 3i)$	(c) $(1 + i)^3 + (1 - i)^3$	(e) $\left(\frac{1}{i}\right)^{2025}$	(g) $\frac{2i^{19} - 10i^{12}}{1+i}$
(b) $\frac{1-3i}{1+i}$	(d) $\frac{1}{1+i} + \frac{2}{1-i}$	(f) $e^{-1025\pi i}$	(h) $(1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{10}$

3. Calculate the modulus and an argument of the following expressions:

(a) $5 + 5i$	(c) $\frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{1-i}$
(b) $(-1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{10}$	(d) 3^i

4. Determine all the complex solutions of the following equations:

(a) $z^5 = 1$	(c) $z^2 - z + 2 = 0$	(e) $\frac{1}{z-i} + \frac{1}{z^2-1} = 0$
(b) $z^4 = 4 + 4i$	(d) $z^4 - 2z^2 + i = 0$	(f) $ z - 1 = z + 1 $

5. Show that, for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, the complex number

$$z = \frac{x + i}{x - i}$$

lies on the unit circle. Show also that every point on the unit circle except for $z = 1$ can be expressed in the above form.

6. Characterize geometrically the following subsets of \mathbb{C} :

- (a) $\left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 1| = 1 \right\}$
- (b) $\left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{|z-1|}{|z-i|} = 1 \right\}$
- (c) $\left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 1| + |z + 1| = 3 \right\}$
- (d) $\left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : z = 1 + 2t + 4t^2i \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

7. Show the following equality between sets:

$$\left\{ z \in \mathbb{C}^* : z + \frac{1}{z} \in \mathbb{R} \right\} = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C}^* : \operatorname{Im}(z) = 0 \text{ or } |z| = 1 \right\}.$$

Solutions

1. (a) The derivative reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x} &= \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} e^{-ix} \right) (\cos(x) + i \sin(x)) + e^{-ix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\cos(x) + i \sin(x)) \\ &= -ie^{-ix} (\cos(x) + i \sin(x)) + e^{-ix} (-\sin(x) + i \cos(x)) \\ &= \sin(x) \cancel{\left(e^{-ix} e^{-ix} \right)^0} + i \cos(x) \cancel{\left(e^{-ix} e^{-ix} \right)^0} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So $f(x)$ is constant in x . Evaluating at $x = 0$, we have

$$f(0) = e^0 (\cos(0) + i \sin(0)) = 1,$$

so $f(x) = e^{-ix} (\cos(x) + i \sin(x)) \equiv 1$, which implies that

$$e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i \sin(x).$$

(b) By using Euler's formula, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= e^{i(\alpha+\beta)} = e^{i\alpha} e^{i\beta} = \{\cos(\alpha) + i \sin(\alpha)\} \cdot \{\cos(\beta) + i \sin(\beta)\} \\ &= \underbrace{\{\cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) - \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta)\}}_{\operatorname{Re}(z)} + i \underbrace{\{\cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta) + \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta)\}}_{\operatorname{Im}(z)} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that:

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ e^{i(\alpha+\beta)} \right\} = \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) - \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta)$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \operatorname{Im} \left\{ e^{i(\alpha+\beta)} \right\} = \cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta) + \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta)$$

2. (a) $z = (1 + 2i)(2 - 3i) = 2 - 3i + 4i + 6 = 8 + i$, $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 8$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 1$
 (b) $z = \frac{1-3i}{1+i} = \frac{1-3i}{1+i} \cdot \frac{1-i}{1-i} = \frac{1-i-3i-3}{2} = -1 - 2i$, $\operatorname{Re}(z) = -1$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = -2$
 (c) Instead of developing explicitly the power (which is also possible), we can alternatively write:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (1 + i)^3 + (1 - i)^3 = 2^{3/2} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^3 \right\} \\ &= 2^{3/2} \underbrace{\left\{ e^{i3\pi/4} - e^{-i3\pi/4} \right\}}_{2 \cdot \operatorname{Re}(e^{i3\pi/4})} = 2^{3/2} 2 \cos(3\pi/4) = 2^{5/2} (-2^{-1/2}) = -4 \end{aligned}$$

leading to $\operatorname{Re}(z) = -4$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 0$.

- (d) $z = \frac{1}{1+i} + \frac{2}{1-i} = \frac{1-i}{2} + \frac{2+2i}{2} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{i}{2}$, $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 3/2$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 1/2$
 (e) $z = \left(\frac{1}{i}\right)^{2025} = -(i^{2025}) = -((i^4)^{506} \cdot i) = -(1^{506} \cdot i) = -i$, $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 0$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = -1$
 (f) $z = e^{-i1025\pi} = e^{i(-1024\pi - \pi)} = e^{-i \cdot 0 \pmod{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-i\pi} = 1 \cdot (-1) = -1$, $\operatorname{Re}(z) = -1$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 0$
 (g) $z = \frac{2i^{19}-10i^{12}}{1+i} = \frac{2i^3-10}{1+i} = \frac{(-2i-10)(1-i)}{2} = \frac{-2i-10-2+10i}{2} = -6 + 4i$, $\operatorname{Re}(z) = -6$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 4$
 (h) It is preferable to use the exponential form:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{10} = 2^{10} \left(\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^{10} = 2^{10} e^{i10\pi/3} = 2^{10} e^{i(2\pi + 4\pi/3)} \\ &= 2^{10} \left(\cos\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \right) = -2^{10} \left(\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

hence $\operatorname{Re}(z) = -2^9$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = -2^9\sqrt{3}$.

3. Recall that the polar expression of a complex number $z = x + iy$ is $|z|e^{i\theta}$, where $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and θ is an argument, determined up to $2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ when $z \neq 0$; the principal argument $\operatorname{Arg}(z)$ is chosen to lie in the interval $(-\pi, +\pi]$. In view of the fact that $\frac{z}{|z|} = e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)$, θ is determined by solving the corresponding trigonometric equations.

- (a) $z = 5 + 5i = 5(1 + i) = 5\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 5\sqrt{2} e^{i\pi/4}$ so that $|z| = 5\sqrt{2}$ and $\operatorname{Arg}(z) = \pi/4$
 (b) $z = (-1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{10} = 2^{10} \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \right)^{10} = 2^{10} (e^{-i\pi/3})^{10} = 2^{10} e^{-i10\pi/3} = 2^{10} e^{-i4\pi + i2\pi/3} = 2^{10} e^{i2\pi/3}$ so that $|z| = 2^{10}$ and $\operatorname{Arg}(z) = 2\pi/3$.
 (c) We multiply the fraction by the conjugate of the denominator in order to make it real and identify the real and imaginary parts:

$$z = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{1 - i} \cdot \frac{1 + i}{1 + i} = \frac{1 + i + \sqrt{3}i - \sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Therefore, $|z| = \sqrt{2}$ and $\text{Arg}(z) = \arctan\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{1-\sqrt{3}}\right) = -\arctan(2 + \sqrt{3}) = -5\pi/12$.

(d) $z = 3^i = \left(e^{\ln(3)}\right)^i = e^{i\ln(3)}$ so that $|z| = 1$ and $\text{Arg}(z) = \ln(3)$.

4. We will use the fact that any number in the complex plane not equal to 0 can be expressed in polar coordinates as $z = |z|e^{i(\text{Arg}(z))}$, where $\text{Arg}(z) \in (-\pi, \pi]$ is unique.

(a) $z^5 = 1$ so $|z|^5 = 1 \Rightarrow |z| = 1$ and $e^{i5\text{Arg}(z)} = 1 \Rightarrow 5\text{Arg}(z) \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \text{Arg}(z) \in \left\{-\frac{4\pi}{5}, -\frac{2\pi}{5}, 0, \frac{2\pi}{5}, \frac{4\pi}{5}\right\}$ (we have 5 solutions).

(b) $z^4 = 4 + 4i = 4\sqrt{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 4\sqrt{2}e^{i(\pi/4)}$ so $|z|^4 = 4\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow |z| = (32)^{\frac{1}{8}}$ and $e^{i4\text{Arg}(z)} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \Rightarrow 4\text{Arg}(z) - \frac{\pi}{4} \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$, hence $\text{Arg}(z) \in \left\{\frac{\pi}{16} - \pi, \frac{\pi}{16} - \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{16}, \frac{\pi}{16} + \frac{\pi}{2}\right\}$ (we have 4 solutions).

(c) By completing the square in this expression, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 - z + 2 = 0 &\iff z^2 - z + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{7}{4} = \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{7}{4} = 0 \\ &\iff \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = -\frac{7}{4} = \frac{7}{4}e^{i\pi} \\ &\iff z_k = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}e^{i(\pi/2+k\pi)} \quad \text{with } k \in \{-1, 0\} \iff z_k = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{7}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Equivalently, one can directly use the quadratic formula with the definition $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

(d) By using the same method, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} z^4 - 2z^2 + i = 0 &\iff z^4 - 2z^2 + 1 - 1 + i = (z^2 - 1)^2 - 1 + i = 0 \\ &\iff (z^2 - 1)^2 = 1 - i = \sqrt{2}e^{i(-\pi/4)} \\ &\iff z_k^2 = 1 + \sqrt[4]{2}e^{i(-\pi/8+k\pi)} \quad \text{with } k \in \{0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

Since there is no compact form for the final answer, we just write $z_1^2 = 1 + \sqrt[4]{2}e^{-i\pi/8}$ and $z_2^2 = 1 + \sqrt[4]{2}e^{i7\pi/8}$, and see that the final answer can be written as $z_n = \sqrt{|z_1|}e^{i(\text{Arg}(z_1)/2+n\pi)}$ and $z_m = \sqrt{|z_2|}e^{i(\text{Arg}(z_2)/2+m\pi)}$ with $n \in \{0, 1\}$ and $m \in \{0, 1\}$ independently.

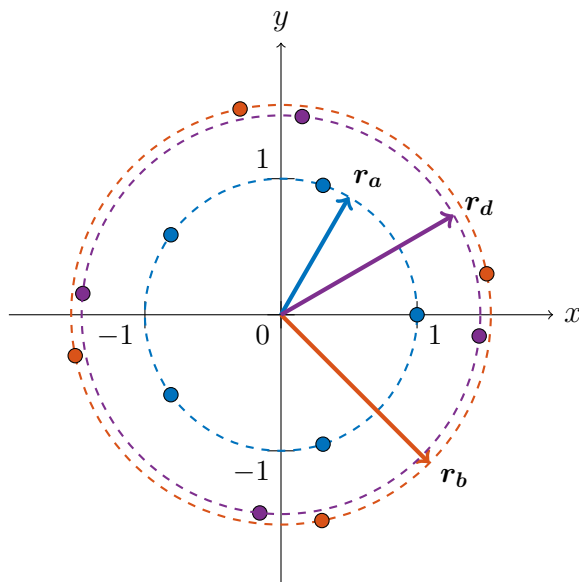
(e) Under the condition that $z \notin \{i, \pm 1\}$ (so that the fractions make sense), we write:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{z-i} + \frac{1}{z^2-1} = 0 &\iff \frac{z^2+z-1-i}{(z-i)(z^2-1)} = 0 \\ &\iff z^2+z-1-i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

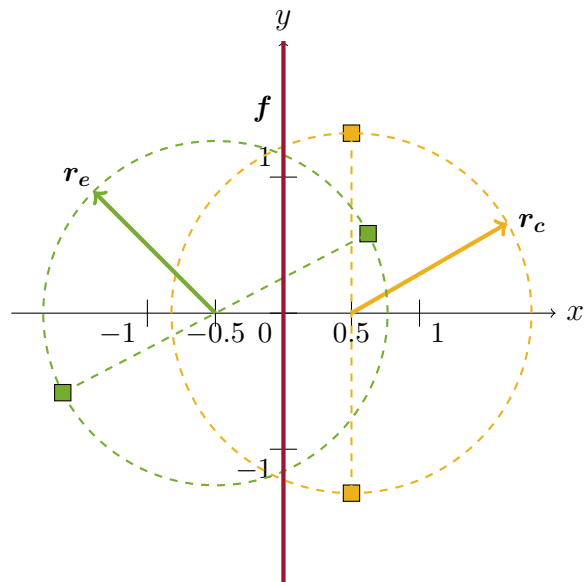
$$\iff \left(z + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{5}{4} + i = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{4} \left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{41}} + i \frac{4}{\sqrt{41}} \right)$$

There is no remarkable angle such that $\cos(\theta) = 5/\sqrt{41}$ and $\sin(\theta) = 4/\sqrt{41}$. We define $\theta = \arctan(4/5)$ such that the answer takes the form $z_k = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt[4]{41}}{2} e^{i(\theta/2+k\pi)}$ with $k \in \{0, 1\}$.

- (f) We write $z = x + iy$ with $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\sqrt{(x+1)^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2}$. This expression simplifies into $x = 0$. The solutions are the purely imaginary numbers. Equivalently, one could geometrically see the solution as the set of points in the complex plane with equal distances from $+1$ and -1 ; this set is the straight line passing vertically through the center of the segment connecting $+1$ and -1 , which is the imaginary axis.



Solutions of the equations (a), (b) and (d)



Solutions of the equations (c), (e) and (f)

The solutions of the form $z = ae^{i\theta}$ are equally spread over a circle centered at the origin with a radius $r = a$, while those of the form $z = a + be^{i\theta}$ sit a circle of radius b shifted by a on the x axis.

5. To show that a complex number belongs to the unit circle, it is sufficient to verify if its norm is unitary:

$$|z| = \left| \frac{x+i}{x-i} \right| = \frac{|x+i|}{|x-i|} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = 1, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Any number on the unit circle not equal to 1 can be represented in this form: Let $z \neq 1$ be on the unit circle (so $|z| = 1$), then we can solve:

$$z = \frac{a+i}{a-i} \iff z(a-i) = a+i \iff a(z-1) = (z+1)i$$

$$\iff a = \frac{z+1}{z-1}i = \frac{(z+1)(\bar{z}-1)}{|z-1|^2}i = \frac{|z|^2 + z - \bar{z} - 1}{|z-1|^2}i = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{|z-1|^2}i$$

which implies that a is a *real* number (since $z - \bar{z}$ is always imaginary).

ON the other hand, $z = 1$ can not be represented in this form: Assume, for the sake of contradiction, that this is not true, then

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{x+i}{x-i} = \frac{(x^2-1) + i2x}{x^2+1} = \frac{x^2-1}{x^2+1} + i\frac{2x}{x^2+1} \\ \implies \frac{2x}{x^2+1} &= 0 \iff x = 0 \\ \implies 1 &= \frac{0-1}{0+1} + i \cdot 0 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

which is obviously false. Hence, the number $z = 1$ is the only number in the unit circle that cannot be represented via this form.

6. To geometrically characterize these subsets, we write $z = x + iy$ with $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}$ and represent the corresponding equations on the plane \mathbb{R}^2 :

(a) $|z-1| = |x-1+iy| = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2} = 1 \iff (x-1)^2 + y^2 = 1$ which is the equation of a circle of radius $r = 1$ centered in $\mathcal{C}(1, 0)$.

(c) We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|z-1|}{|z-i|} &= 1 \iff |z-1| = |z-i| \\ &\iff (x-1)^2 + y^2 = x^2 + (y-1)^2 \\ &\iff x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 2y + 1 \\ &\iff x = y \end{aligned}$$

which is merely the line passing by the origin and cutting the first and third quadrants in half.

- (c) By squaring both sides of the equation and solving for the remaining square root, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} |z-1| + |z+1| &= 3 \iff \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x+1)^2 + y^2} = 3 \\ &\iff \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2} = 3 - \sqrt{(x+1)^2 + y^2} \\ &\iff (x-1)^2 + y^2 = 9 - 6\sqrt{(x+1)^2 + y^2} + (x+1)^2 + y^2 \\ &\iff \sqrt{(x+1)^2 + y^2} = \frac{9+4x}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (x+1)^2 + y^2 &= \frac{(9+4x)^2}{36} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^2}{9/4} + \frac{y^2}{5/4} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

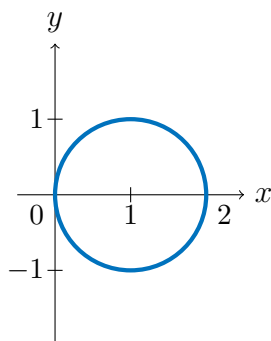
which is the standard expression for an ellipse centered at the origin with a major axis $M = 2a = 3$ and minor axis $m = 2b = \sqrt{5}$.

- (d) We directly see that $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 1 + 2t$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 4t^2$ which can be thought of as the parabolic trajectory of an object under constant positive acceleration along the y-axis. Indeed we have:

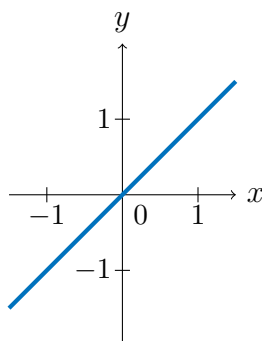
$$\vec{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2t \\ 4t^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{\mathbf{v}}(t) = \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{x}}(t)}{\partial t} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 8t \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{\mathbf{a}}(t) = \frac{\partial^2 \vec{\mathbf{x}}(t)}{\partial t^2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

The minimum of the parabola is at $t = 0$ and $(x, y) = (1, 0)$ for a constant positive speed along $x \sim \mathbb{R}$ and constant positive acceleration along $y \sim \mathbb{R}$.

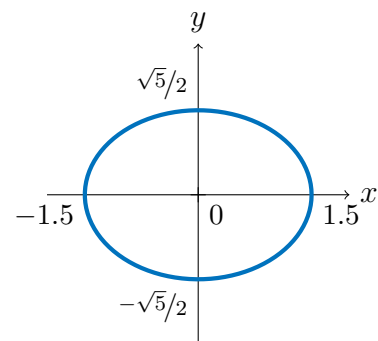
Each subset described above is graphically represented in the figures below.



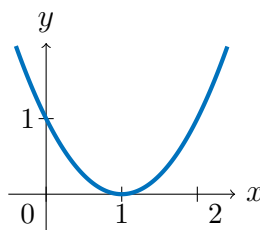
(a) $|z - 1| = 1$



(b) $|z - 1| = |z - i|$



(c) $|z - 1| + |z + 1| = 3$



(d) $z = 1 + 2t + 4t^2i, t \in \mathbb{R}$

7. As in the previous exercise, we use $z = x + iy$ and write:

$$z + \frac{1}{z} = x + iy + \frac{1}{x + iy} \cdot \frac{x - iy}{x - iy} = x + iy + \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(x + iy)(x^2 + y^2) + x - iy}{x^2 + y^2} \\
 &= \frac{x^3 + x(1 + y^2)}{x^2 + y^2} + i \frac{y(x^2 + y^2 - 1)}{x^2 + y^2} \in \mathbb{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

For this complex number to be purely real, its imaginary part must be equal to zero. In doing so, we can see that there are two solutions: $y = 0$ or $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. This is equivalent to the set $\{z \in \mathbb{C}^* : \text{Im}(z) = 0 \text{ or } |z| = 1\}$ that describes complex numbers that are either purely real or belong to the unitary circle centered at the origin. **Note:** the null solution $z = 0$ is discarded following the definition of the original set.

