

## Homework 2

Due 4/17/2019

1. Find all complex solutions (written in either standard form or polar form) of the following equations.

(a)  $z + 2\bar{z} = 1$

(b)  $2z^2 + (i - 1)z + 5i = 0$

(c)  $z^2 + 2z^{-2} = -2$

(d)  $z^3 + iz^2 + 7z - 5i = 0$

Hint: note that  $z = i$  is a root. Then factor the left hand side by long division.

2. Find all complex roots:

(a)  $\sqrt[3]{i+1}$

(b)  $\sqrt[4]{i}$

(c)  $\sqrt[5]{-1}$

(d)  $\sqrt{(1+2i)^3}$

3. Use de Moivre's formula  $\text{cis}^n(x) = \text{cis}(nx)$  to express  $\cos 3x$  and  $\sin 3x$  in terms of  $\cos x$  and  $\sin x$ .

4. Determine if each of the following statements is true. If it is, prove it. If it is not, give a counterexample.

(a)  $\overline{z+w} = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$

(b)  $\overline{z\bar{w}} = \bar{z}\bar{w}$

(c)  $|z+w| = |z| + |w|$

(d)  $|zw| = |z||w|$

(e)  $\text{Arg}(zw) = \text{Arg } z + \text{Arg } w \pmod{2\pi}$

(f)  $\text{Arg}(z\bar{w}) = \text{Arg } z + \text{Arg } w$

(g)  $\arg(z+w) = \arg z + \arg w \pmod{2\pi}$

The purpose of Problems 5, 6, 7 is to visualize complex-variable functions. You will need Mathematica. Supplemental material on how to use basic plotting commands on Mathematica can be found on the course website.

We know that the graph of a function  $f : D \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a curve (or “1 dimensional manifold”) on the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . And the graph of a function  $f : D \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a surface (or “2-dimensional manifold”) in the space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . How about the graph of a function  $f : D \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ? We know that  $\mathbb{C}$  can be represented geometrically as the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then the graph of such function  $f$  would be a “3-dimensional manifold” in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , which is not possible to visualize as a whole. However, there are a number of methods to visualize particular aspects of this graph. (This practice is somewhat similar to drawing many 2D pictures of a 3D object.) Below are two useful methods.

- Method 1: plot the real part, imaginary part, modulus, (principal) argument:  $\text{Re } f(z)$ ,  $\text{Im } f(z)$ ,  $|f(z)|$ ,  $\text{Arg } f(z)$ . For example, the function  $f(z) = z$  (the identity map) can be considered as  $f(x, y) = (x, y)$ . Then  $\text{Re } f(z) = x$ ,  $\text{Im } f(z) = y$ , etc. One can plot  $\text{Re } f(z)$  using the command **Plot3D** in Mathematica:

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Plot3D[x, {x,-1,1}, {y,-1,1}]
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- Method 2: plot the image of curves. In this respect, one is viewing  $f$  as a geometric transformation on the plane. For example, the function  $f(z) = z^2$  can be considered as  $f(x, y) = (x^2 - y^2, 2xy)$ . The line  $y = 1$  has parametric equation  $(x, y) = (t, 1)$ . Its image under  $f$  is a curve with parametric equation  $(u, v) = (t^2 - 1, 2t)$ . One can plot this curve using the command **ParametricPlot** in Mathematica:

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ParametricPlot[{t^2-1,2t}, {t,-3,3}]
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*In the following problems, make sure to write the Mathematica code you use, give explanation and some comments on the graph.*

5. Consider the function  $f(z) = 1/z$ . Plot  $\operatorname{Re} f(z)$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} f(z)$ ,  $|f(z)|$  and  $\operatorname{Arg} f(z)$ . Hint: the function  $\operatorname{Arg}$  is a built-in function in Mathematica. (Type, for example,  $\operatorname{Arg}[2+3*I]$  to test.)
6. Consider that function  $f(z) = z^2 - z$ .
  - (a) Plot the images under  $f$  of three curves:  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$ , the circle centered at  $(1, 1)$  with radius 2 on the same graph. Hint: write the parametric equation for each curve and use **ParametricPlot**.
  - (b) What do you notice about the angles made between the original curves and the angles made between their images?
7. The multi-valued function  $\arg z$  can be visualized by following the below steps:
  - (a) Write the complex number  $z$  in polar form. What are  $x = \operatorname{Re} z$  and  $y = \operatorname{Im} z$  in terms of  $r$  and  $\theta$ ?
  - (b) Plot the surface  $x = x(r, \theta)$ ,  $y = y(r, \theta)$ ,  $w = \theta$  using the command **ParametricPlot3D**. (For better visualization, choose the range of  $\theta$  to be wide, for example from 0 to  $10\pi$ , and the range of  $r$  to be relatively wider than  $2\pi$ , for example from 0 to 10.)