

Worksheet  
5/1/2020

1. Write each of the following complex numbers in standard form  $a + ib$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are numerical values. Round to 4 digits after the decimal point.

- (a)  $\text{Log}(e^{i\frac{19\pi}{4}})$
- (b)  $\left| \frac{(i+1)^{10}}{(2i+1)^8} \right|$
- (c)  $(2i - 1)^{i+1}$  (principal logarithm is used)
- (d)  $\text{Arg}(e^{i+\sqrt{2}})$

2. Find all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  that satisfy the equation

$$\tan z = 1$$

3. Show the following trigonometric identities:

- (a)  $\sin^2 z + \cos^2 z = 1$
- (b)  $\sin^2 z = \frac{1 - \cos(2z)}{2}$
- (c)  $\cos^2 z = \frac{1 + \cos(2z)}{2}$
- (d)  $\sin z + \cos z = \sqrt{2} \sin(z + \frac{\pi}{4})$

4. To each of the following functions, determine what curve(s) on the complex plane should be removed so that the function is continuous.

- (a)  $\frac{z+1}{z^3+i}$
- (b)  $\sqrt{z^2 - 1}$  (principal logarithm is used)
- (c)  $\sqrt{z+1}\sqrt{z-1}$  (principal logarithm is used)

5. Find the following limits:

(a) 
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\cos z}{\sin z + 1}$$

(b) 
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sin z}$$

(c) 
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \text{Log}(z^2 + 1)$$

6. Solve for all complex roots of the cubic equation

$$z^3 + 3z^2 - 6z - 1 = 0$$

How many real roots does it have?

(1) (a)  $\text{Log}\left(e^{i\frac{19}{4}\pi}\right) = \underbrace{\ln 1}_{=0} + i \underbrace{\text{Arg}\left(e^{i\frac{19}{4}\pi}\right)}_{=\frac{19\pi}{4} + k2\pi \text{ where } k \text{ is chosen such that } \frac{19\pi}{4} + k2\pi \in (-\pi, \pi]}$

The only integer  $k$  that satisfies this condition is  $k = -2$ .

$$\frac{19\pi}{4} + (-2)2\pi = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

Therefore,

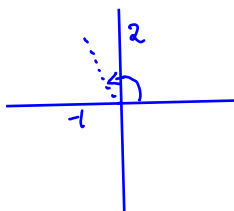
$$\text{Log}\left(e^{i\frac{19}{4}\pi}\right) = i\frac{3\pi}{4} \approx 0 + 2.3562i$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad \left| \frac{(i+1)^{10}}{(2i+1)^8} \right| &= \frac{|(i+1)^{10}|}{|(2i+1)^8|} = \frac{|i+1|^{10}}{|2i+1|^8} = \frac{(\sqrt{1^2+1^2})^{10}}{(\sqrt{2^2+1^2})^{10}} \\ &= \frac{(\sqrt{2})^{10}}{(\sqrt{5})^8} = \frac{2^5}{5^4} = \frac{32}{625} = 0.0512 + 0i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad (2i-1)^{i+1} &= e^{(i+1)\text{Log}(2i-1)} \\ &= e^{(i+1)(a+bi)} \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \ln|2i-1| = \ln\sqrt{5} \approx 0.8047$

$$b = \text{Arg}(2i-1) = \arctan\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + \pi \approx 2.6779.$$



Continue:

$$\begin{aligned} (2i-1)^{i+1} &= e^{a-b + i(a+b)} \\ &= e^{a-b} \cos(a+b) + i e^{a-b} \sin(a+b) \\ &\approx \dots + i \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \quad \text{Arg}(e^{i+\sqrt{2}}) = \text{Arg}(\underbrace{e^{\sqrt{2}} e^i}_{\text{polar form } re^{i\theta}}) = 1.$$

with  $r = e^{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\theta = 1$

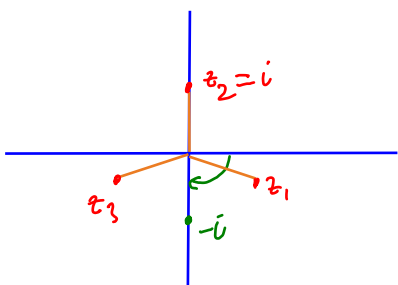
(4) (a)  $f(z) = \frac{z+1}{z^3+i}$

This function is a rational function (i.e. quotient of two polynomials). It is continuous everywhere except at points  $z$  where  $z^3+i=0$ .

We solve for these values of  $z$ :

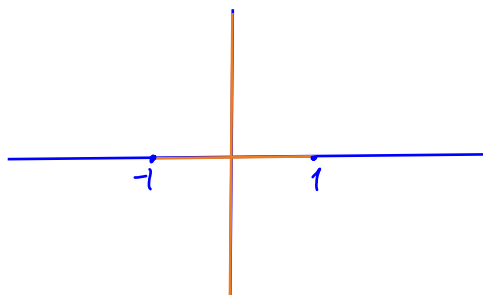
$$z^3 = -i$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \sqrt[3]{-i} = \sqrt[3]{1 \cdot e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}i}} = e^{(-\frac{\pi}{6} + k\frac{2\pi}{3})i} \quad \text{for } k=0,1,2.$$



The function  $f$  is continuous everywhere except at  $z_1, z_2, z_3$ .

(b) See solution on worksheet 4/29.



One should remove the orange lines.

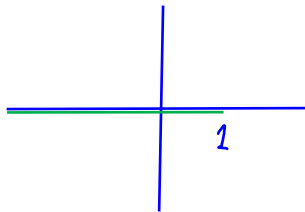
(c)  $f(z) = \sqrt{z-1} \sqrt{z+1}.$

$f$  is the product of

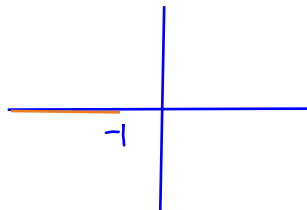
$$g(z) = \sqrt{z-1} = e^{\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Log}(z-1)},$$

$$h(z) = \sqrt{z+1} = e^{\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Log}(z+1)}.$$

$g$  is continuous everywhere except at those points  $z$  such that  $z-1 \in \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$ . To know where those points are, we write  $z-1 = t$  where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \leq 0$ . Then  $z = t+1$ , which is any real number  $\leq 1$ .



Similarly,  $h$  is continuous everywhere except at those points  $z$  such that  $z+1 \in \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$ . They are real numbers  $\leq -1$ .

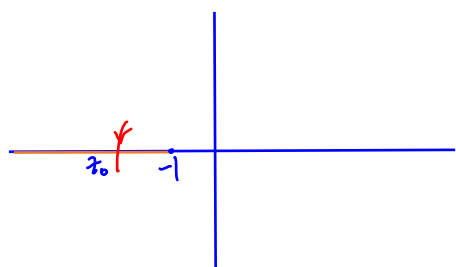


Take the union of the "bad"  $z$ 's (i.e. the points at which either  $g$  or  $h$  is discontinuous):  $\mathbb{R}_{\leq 1}$ .

Conclusion:  $f$  is continuous anywhere in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 1}$ .

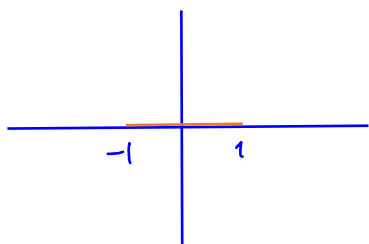
Note: It is possible that  $f$  is continuous at certain points on  $\mathbb{R}_{\leq 1}$  because the jump of  $g$  may be compensated by the jump of  $h$ . In

fact, one can check (geometrically) that: at any point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}_{<-1}$ ,



when one crosses the real axis,  $g$  is suddenly scaled by  $e^{i\pi} = -1$  and  $h$  is also suddenly scaled by  $e^{i\pi} = -1$ .

The product  $g(z)h(z)$  doesn't suddenly change its sign. One can conclude from here that  $f(z)$  is continuous anywhere on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1]$  (see picture below)



The problem only asks us to remove some curves to make  $f(z)$  continuous. It doesn't ask us to determine the region of continuity (i.e. the set of all points  $z$  where  $f$  is continuous), so the analysis written in green ink is not necessary.