

MATH-4101(3)-001 Assignment 2 Due: Jan 27, 2022 (before class)

1. Simplify

(a) $(1 + i\sqrt{3})^{99}$

(b) $(-\sqrt{3} + 3i)^{31}$

2. (a) Prove that for $z \in \mathbb{C}, z \neq 1$ we have $1 + z + \cdots + z^n = \frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z}$,
for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence deduce that

$$\frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} = \alpha^{n-1} + \alpha^{n-2}\beta + \cdots + \alpha\beta^{n-2} + \beta^{n-1}, \quad \text{for } \alpha \neq \beta.$$

Hint: Take $z = \alpha/\beta$ in the first part, if $\beta \neq 0$. If $\beta = 0$, the result is obvious.

(b) Use part a) to show that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \cos(k\theta) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin(n + \frac{1}{2}\theta)}{2 \sin(\theta/2)} \quad \& \quad \sum_{k=0}^n \sin(k\theta) = \frac{\cos(\theta/2) - \cos(\frac{n+1}{2}\theta)}{2 \sin(\theta/2)}.$$

- (c) Let $\omega := \text{cis}(2\pi/n)$ for an integer $n > 1$. Show that $\sum_{k=1}^n \omega^k = 0$.
Why is this geometrically clear if n is even?

Observe that the n -th roots of unity other than 1 satisfy the cyclotomic equation $z^{n-1} + z^{n-2} + \cdots + z + 1 = 0$.

3. (a) Solve the equation $z^3 + 8i = 0$, where $z \in \mathbb{C}$.
(b) Find all cube roots of $\sqrt{3} + i$.