

Linear Algebra MATH 325: Assignment 1

(Due in class, January 16)

Problem 1: Let $z_1 = 2 - 5i$ and $z_2 = -1 - i$. Compute

$$z_1 - z_1 z_2; \quad (z_1 + 3z_2)^2; \quad i z_2 - z_1^2.$$

Problem 2: Use polar forms of the complex numbers

$$z_1 = 1 + \sqrt{3}i \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = \sqrt{3} + i$$

to compute $z_1 \cdot z_2$ and $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$.

Problem 3: Compute AB and BA for the matrices A and B where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 2i \\ 2 & 3i \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -i & 3 \\ 2+i & 4i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Problem 4: Find all eigenvalues for the following matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(It might help to know that -7 is an eigenvalue.)

Problem 5: Describe the set of complex numbers $z = a + bi$ such that $a^2 + b^2 = 1$. Show that if z_1, z_2 are such numbers then so are $z_1 \cdot z_2$ and $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$.