

Weekly Puzzle

TW-C

25/11/2024 - 1/12/2024

What you need to know:

Euler's formula

Hyperbolic functions

Trigonometric angle sum formulae

Logarithmic identities

Questions:

1. (a) What is $\cosh(i)$ in terms of trigonometric functions?
(b) What is $\cosh(ix)$ in terms of trigonometric functions?
(c) Hence, by making a suitable substitution, what is $\cos(i)$?
(d) What is $\sin(i)$?
(e) Express $\cos(z)$, where z is a complex number in the form $a + bi$, in terms of trigonometric and hyperbolic functions of real numbers.
2. (a) By using the definition of the natural logarithm of real numbers in relation to exponents, come up with a definition for the logarithm of complex numbers.
(b) Why is this not a function? (Hint: why do we restrict the domains of trigonometric functions when defining their inverses)

We shall use the notation $\text{Log}(z)$ to represent the principal branch of the complex logarithm, meaning the argument of z will be restricted to lie in the interval $(-\pi, \pi]$.

- (c) By using the exponential form of complex numbers, what is $\text{Log}(z)$?