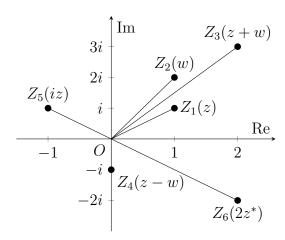
Problem 1.

Given that z=1+i and w=1+2i, mark on an Argand diagram, the positions representing: $z,\,w,\,z+w,\,z-w,\,iz$ and $2z^*.$

Solution



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Problem 2.

- (a) Write down the exact values of the modulus and the argument of the complex number $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$.
- (b) The complex numbers z and w satisfy the equation

$$z^2 - zw + w^2 = 0$$

Find z in terms of w. In an Argand diagram, the points O, A and B represent the complex numbers 0, z and w respectively. Show that $\triangle OAB$ is an equilateral triangle.

Solution

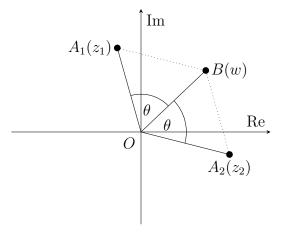
Part (a)

We have
$$r^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 \implies r = 1 \text{ and } \tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} \implies \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \right| = 1, \ \arg\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) = \frac{\pi}{3} \right|$$

Part (b)

From the quadratic formula, we have $z = \frac{w \pm \sqrt{w^2 - 4w^2}}{2} = w \left(\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)$.



Since $\left|\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right| = 1$, we have that $OB = OA_1 = OA_2$. Further, since $\arg\left(\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) = \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$, we know $\angle A_1OB = \angle A_2OB = \frac{\pi}{3}$, whence $\triangle A_1OB$ and $\triangle A_2OB$ are both equilateral.

Problem 3.

Find the exact roots of the equations

(a)
$$z^3 = 1$$

(b)
$$(z-1)^4 = -16$$

in the form x + iy.

Solution

Part (a)

Since $1 = e^{i2\pi n}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have $z^3 = e^{i2\pi n}$, whence $z = e^{i2\pi n/3} = \cos\frac{2\pi n}{3} + i\sin\frac{2\pi n}{3}$. Evaluating z in the n = 0, 1, 2 cases,

$$n = 0 : z = \cos 0 + i \sin 0 = 1$$

$$n = 1 : z = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$n = 2 : z = \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$1, -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

Part (b)

Observe that $-16 = 16e^{i\pi+2\pi n} = 16e^{i\pi(2n+1)}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence,

$$(z-1)^4 = 16e^{i\pi(2n+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow z-1 = 2e^{i\pi(2n+1)/4}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 1 + 2e^{i\pi(2n+1)/4}$$

$$= 1 + 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{2n+1}{4}\pi\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{2n+1}{4}\pi\right)\right]$$

Evaluating z in the n = 0, 1, 2, 3 cases,

$$n = 0 : z = 1 + 2 \left[\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right] = (1 + \sqrt{2}) + i\sqrt{2}$$

$$n = 1 : z = 1 + 2 \left[\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right] = (1 - \sqrt{2}) + i\sqrt{2}$$

$$n = 2 : z = 1 + 2 \left[\cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \right] = (1 - \sqrt{2}) - i\sqrt{2}$$

$$n = 3 : z = 1 + 2 \left[\cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{4} \right] = (1 + \sqrt{2}) - i\sqrt{2}$$

$$(1 + \sqrt{2}) \pm i\sqrt{2}, (1 - \sqrt{2}) \pm i\sqrt{2}$$

Problem 4.

- (a) Write down the 5 roots of the equation $z^5 1 = 0$ in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where r > 0 and $-\pi < \theta \le \pi$.
- (b) Show that the roots of the equation $(5+z)^5 (5-z)^5 = 0$ can be written in the form $5i\tan\frac{k\pi}{5}$, where $k=0,\pm 1,\pm 2$.

Solution

Part (a)

Observe that $1 = e^{2\pi n}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence, $z^5 = e^{2\pi n} \implies z = \epsilon^{2\pi n/5}$. Since $-\pi < \theta \le \pi$, we have $z = e^{-i4\pi/5}, e^{-i2\pi/5}, 1, e^{i2\pi/5}, e^{i4\pi/5}$.

$$e^{-i4\pi/5}$$
, $e^{-i2\pi/5}$, 1, $e^{i2\pi/5}$, $e^{i4\pi/5}$

Part (b)

$$(5+z)^{5} - (5-z)^{5} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{5+z}{5-z}\right)^{5} - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5+z}{5-z} = e^{i2k\pi/5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5+z = e^{i2k\pi/5}(5-z)$$

$$\Rightarrow z(1+e^{i2k\pi/5}) = 5(e^{i2k\pi/5}-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 5 \cdot \frac{e^{i2k\pi/5} - 1}{e^{i2k\pi/5} + 1}$$

$$= 5 \cdot \frac{e^{ik\pi/5} - e^{-ik\pi/5}}{e^{ik\pi/5} + e^{-ik\pi/5}}$$

$$= 5i \cdot \frac{(e^{ik\pi/5} - e^{-ik\pi/5})/2i}{(e^{ik\pi/5} + e^{-ik\pi/5})/2}$$

$$= 5i \cdot \frac{\sin k\pi/5}{5}$$

$$= 5i \tan \frac{k\pi}{5}$$

Problem 5.

De Moivre's theorem for a positive integral exponent states that

$$(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i\sin n\theta$$

Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\cos 7\theta = 64\cos^7\theta - 112\cos^5\theta + 56\cos^3\theta - 7\cos\theta$$

Hence obtain the roots of the equation

$$128x^7 - 224x^5 + 112x^3 - 14x + 1 = 0$$

in the form $\cos q\pi$, where q is a rational number.

Solution

Taking n = 7, we have $\cos 7\theta + i \sin 7\theta = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^7$, whence $\cos 7\theta = \text{Re}(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^7$

$$\cos 7\theta = \operatorname{Re} (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{7}$$

$$= \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=0}^{7} {7 \choose k} (i \sin \theta)^{k} \cos^{7-k} \theta$$

$$= \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=0}^{7} {7 \choose k} i^{k} \sin^{k} \theta \cos^{7-k} \theta$$

Note that $\operatorname{Re} i^k$ is given by

$$\operatorname{Re} i^k = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 1, 3 \pmod{4} \\ 1, & k = 0 \pmod{4} \\ -1, & k = 2 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$\cos 7\theta = \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 35 \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 7 \cos \theta \sin^6 \theta$$

$$= \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 35 \cos^3 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 - 7 \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^3$$

$$= \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 35 \cos^3 \theta (1 - 2 \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta)$$

$$- 7 \cos \theta (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta + 3 \cos^4 \theta - \cos^6 \theta)$$

$$= \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta + 21 \cos^7 \theta + 35 \cos^3 \theta - 70 \cos^5 \theta + 35 \cos^7 \theta$$

$$- 7 \cos \theta + 21 \cos^3 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta + 7 \cos^7 \theta$$

$$= 64 \cos^7 \theta - 112 \cos^5 + 56 \cos^3 \theta - 7 \cos \theta$$

$$128x^{7} - 224x^{5} + 112x^{3} - 14x + 1 = 0$$

$$\implies 64x^{7} - 112x^{5} + 56x^{3} - 7x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \cos 7\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 7\theta = \frac{2}{3}\pi + 2\pi n \qquad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \theta = \frac{2\pi}{21}(3n+1)$$

Taking $0 \le n < 7$,

$$x = \cos\frac{2\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{8\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{14\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{20\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{26\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{32\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{38\pi}{21}$$

$$\equiv \cos\frac{2\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{4\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{8\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{10\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{14\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{16\pi}{21}, \cos\frac{20\pi}{21}$$

$$\boxed{\cos\frac{2\pi}{21},\cos\frac{4\pi}{21},\cos\frac{8\pi}{21},\cos\frac{10\pi}{21},\cos\frac{14\pi}{21},\cos\frac{16\pi}{21},\cos\frac{20\pi}{21}}$$

Problem 6.

By considering $\sum_{n=1}^{N} z^{2n-1}$, where $z = e^{i\theta}$, or by any method, show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sin(2n-1)\theta = \frac{\sin^2 N\theta}{\sin \theta}$$

provided $\sin \theta \neq 0$.

Solution

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sin(2n-1)\theta &= \operatorname{Im} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \Big[\cos(2n-1)\theta + i \sin(2n-1)\theta \Big] \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \sum_{n=1}^{N} z^{2n-1} \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (z^2)^n \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{z^2 \Big[(z^2)^N - 1 \Big]}{z^2 - 1} \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \frac{z^{2N} - 1}{z - z^{-1}} \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \frac{(z^{2N} - 1) / 2i}{(z - z^{-1}) / 2i} \\ &= \operatorname{Im} \frac{(z^{2N} - 1) / 2i}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \operatorname{Im} \frac{(z^{2N} - 1)}{i} \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \operatorname{Im} \Big[-i \left(z^{2N} - 1 \right) \Big] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \left[\operatorname{Re} \left(\cos N\theta + i \sin N\theta \right)^2 - 1 \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \Big[\operatorname{Re} \left(\cos^2 N\theta + 2i \cos N\theta \sin N\theta - \sin^2 N\theta \right) - 1 \Big] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \Big[\cos^2 N\theta - \sin^2 N\theta - 1 \Big] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \Big[\cos^2 N\theta - \sin^2 N\theta - \left(\cos^2 N\theta + \sin^2 N\theta \right) \Big] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \Big[-2 \sin^2 N\theta \Big] \\ &= \frac{\sin^2 N\theta}{\sin \theta} \end{split}$$

Problem 7.

By considering the series $\sum_{n=0}^{N} (e^{2i\theta})^n$, show that, provided $\sin \theta \neq 0$,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N} \cos 2n\theta = \frac{\sin(N+1)\theta \cos N\theta}{\sin \theta}$$

and deduce that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N} \sin^2 n\theta = \frac{N}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sin(N+1)\theta \cos N\theta}{2\sin \theta}$$

Solution

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \cos 2n\theta &= \operatorname{Re} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \left[\cos 2n\theta + i \sin 2n\theta \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \sum_{n=0}^{N} e^{i2n\theta} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \left(e^{2i\theta} \right)^{n} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \frac{\left(e^{2i\theta} \right)^{N+1} - 1}{e^{2i\theta} - 1} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left(e^{-i\theta} \cdot \frac{\left(e^{2i\theta} \right)^{N+1} - 1}{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}} \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{e^{-i\theta} \cdot \left(e^{2i\theta} \right)^{N+1} - 1}{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}} \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{e^{-i\theta} \cdot \left(e^{2i\theta} \right)^{N+1} - 1}{2i \cdot \left(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta} \right) / 2i} \right) \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{-ie^{-i\theta}}{2} \cdot \frac{\left(e^{2i\theta} \right)^{N+1} - 1}{\sin \theta} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \operatorname{Re} \left(ie^{-i\theta} \left[\left(e^{2i\theta} \right)^{N+1} - 1 \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \operatorname{Im} \left(e^{-i\theta} \left[\left(e^{2i\theta} \right)^{N+1} - 1 \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \operatorname{Im} \left(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta \right) \left[\left(\cos(N+1)\theta + i \sin(N+1)\theta \right)^{2} - 1 \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \operatorname{Im} \left((\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) \left[\cos^{2}(N+1)\theta + 2i \cos(N+1)\theta \sin(N+1)\theta - \sin^{2}(N+1)\theta - 1 \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \sin \theta} \operatorname{Im} \left((\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) \left[\cos^{2}(N+1)\theta + 2i \cos(N+1)\theta \sin(N+1)\theta - \sin^{2}(N+1)\theta - \sin^{2}(N+1)\theta - \sin^{2}(N+1)\theta \right] \right) \end{split}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sin\theta} \operatorname{Im}\left((\cos\theta - i\sin\theta)\left[2i\cos(N+1)\theta\sin(N+1)\theta - 2\sin^2(N+1)\theta\right]\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sin\theta} \left[2\cos\theta\cos(N+1)\theta\sin(N+1)\theta + 2\sin\theta\sin^2(N+1)\theta\right]$$

$$= \frac{\sin(N+1)\theta}{\sin\theta} \left[\cos\theta\cos(N+1)\theta + \sin\theta\sin(N+1)\theta\right]$$

$$= \frac{\sin(N+1)\theta}{\sin\theta} \cdot \cos\left((N+1)\theta - \theta\right)$$

$$= \frac{\sin(N+1)\theta\cos N\theta}{\sin\theta}$$

Recall that $\cos 2n\theta = 1 - 2\sin^2 n\theta \implies \sin^2 n\theta = \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2\cos 2n\theta).$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{N} \sin^2 n\theta = \sum_{n=0}^{N} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2n\theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{N} (1 - \cos 2n\theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left((N+1) - \frac{\sin(N+1)\theta \cos N\theta}{\sin \theta} \right)$$

$$= \frac{N}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sin(N+1)\theta \cos N\theta}{2 \sin \theta}$$

Problem 8.

Given that $z = e^{i\theta}$, show that $z^k + \frac{1}{z^k} = 2\cos k\theta$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Hence, show that $\cos^8 \theta = \frac{1}{128} (\cos 8\theta + 8\cos 6\theta + 28\cos 4\theta + 56\cos 2\theta + 35)$.

Find, correct to three decimal places, the values of θ such that $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ and $\cos 8\theta +$ $8\cos 6\theta + 28\cos 4\theta + 56\cos 2\theta + 1 = 0.$

Solution

$$z^{k} + \frac{1}{z^{k}} = z^{k} + z^{-k}$$

$$= (e^{i\theta})^{k} + (e^{-i\theta})^{k}$$

$$= e^{ik\theta} + e^{-ik\theta}$$

$$= [\cos(k\theta) + i\sin(k\theta)] + (\cos(-k\theta) + i\sin(-k\theta))$$

$$= \cos(k\theta) + i\sin(k\theta) + \cos(k\theta) - i\sin(k\theta)$$

$$= 2\cos(k\theta)$$

 $\cos^8 \theta = \frac{1}{256} (2\cos\theta)^8$ $=\frac{1}{256}(z+z^{-1})^8$ $=\frac{1}{256}z^{-8}(z^2+1)^8$ $= \frac{1}{256}z^{-8} \left(1 + 8z^2 + 28z^4 + 56z^6 + 70z^8 + 56z^{10} + 28z^{12} + 8z^{14} + z^{16} \right)$ $= \frac{1}{256} \left(z^{-8} + 8z^{-6} + 28z^{-4} + 56z^{-2} + 70 + 56z^{2} + 28z^{4} + 8z^{6} + z^{8} \right)$ $= \frac{1}{256} \left[\left(z^8 + z^{-8} \right) + 8 \left(z^6 + 8 z^{-6} \right) + 28 \left(z^4 + z^{-4} \right) + 56 \left(z^2 + z^{-2} \right) + 70 \right]$ $= \frac{2}{256} \left[\left(\frac{z^8 + z^{-8}}{2} \right) + 8 \left(\frac{z^6 + z^{-6}}{2} \right) + 28 \left(\frac{z^4 + z^{-4}}{2} \right) + 56 \left(\frac{z^2 + z^{-2}}{2} \right) + \frac{70}{2} \right]$ $= \frac{1}{128} (\cos 8\theta + 8\cos 6\theta + 28\cos 4\theta + 56\cos 2\theta + 35)$

$$\cos 8\theta + 8\cos 6\theta + 28\cos 4\theta + 56\cos 2\theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 8\theta + 8\cos 6\theta + 28\cos 4\theta + 56\cos 2\theta + 35 = 35$$

$$\Rightarrow 128\cos^8 \theta = 34$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt[8]{\frac{34}{128}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 0.560 \text{ (3 s.f.)}$$