Math 444 - Homework 1

Simplify each of the following expressions as much as you can. Show your work. No calculators.

1.
$$i^{14}$$

2.
$$(5i)(-2i)(3i)$$

3.
$$(3+i)^2$$

4. Im
$$\left(\frac{12}{5-i}\right)$$

5.
$$(3-2i)(4+i)$$

$$6. \ \frac{1-i}{1+i}$$

7.
$$\left| \frac{1}{5+12i} \right|$$

8.
$$\overline{(3+4i)(1-i)}$$

9.
$$\overline{e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}}}$$

Convert the following from rectangular to polar form.

10.
$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

11.
$$i-1$$

12.
$$\frac{i}{1+i}$$

Convert the following from polar to rectangular form.

13.
$$e^{5\pi i/3}$$

14.
$$e^{-\pi i/4}$$

15.
$$(\sqrt{3}e^{7\pi i/12})(\sqrt{12}e^{29\pi i/12})$$

Convert to polar or rectangular form to evaluate the following.

16.
$$\sqrt{2i}$$

17.
$$i^i$$

18. Re
$$(2e^{\pi i/6})$$
 19. $(i-1)^6$

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20. We are going to find the roots of the polynomial equation $z^2 + 2z + (1-i) = 0$ two ways.

(a) Re-write the equation as $z^2 + 2z + 1 = i$ and factor the left hand side (which is a perfect square). Then take the square root of both sides. Remember that all non-zero complex numbers have two square-roots!

(b) Now use the quadratic formula $z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. Do you get the same answer as before?

21. An *n*-th root of unity is a number z such that $z^n = 1$. Prove that the n-th roots of unity are the set $\{e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{n}} : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

22. Find all of the 4th roots of unity. How many are there? Express them in rectangular form.

23. If $z \in \mathbb{C}$ is a root of a polynomial p with real number coefficients, then \overline{z} is also a root of that polynomial because $p(\overline{z}) = \overline{p(z)}$. Find an example to show that this is not true for all polynomials with complex number coefficients.

24. Prove that for every $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $|z|^2 = z\overline{z}$.

25. Prove that |z| = 1 if and only if $\overline{z} = \frac{1}{z}$.