

AMATH 567 Homework #1 10/6/21

1. c. If we let  $1+i = z = x+iy$ ,  $x=1$ ,  $y=1$ .

$$\rho = |z| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}, \quad \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) = \pi/4.$$

$$\text{Thus, } z = \rho e^{i\theta} = \sqrt{2} e^{i\pi/4}$$

e. Letting  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i = z = x+iy$ ,  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

$$\rho = |z| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}} = 1$$

$$\theta = \arctan(y/x) = \arctan\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2}\right) = -\pi/3$$

$$\text{Thus, } z = \rho e^{i\theta} = e^{-i\pi/3}$$

2. a. Let  $z = \rho e^{i\theta} = e^{2+i\pi/2}$ . Then,  $z = e^2 e^{i\pi/2} = e^2 (\cos(\pi/2) + i\sin(\pi/2))$   
(Euler's formula)  $= e^2 (0 + i \cdot 1) = 0 + e^2 i$ .

$$b. \frac{1}{1+i} = \frac{1}{1+i} \cdot \frac{1-i}{1-i} = \frac{1-i}{1^2 - i^2} = \frac{1-i}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + i\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$c. (1+i)^3 = 1^3 + 3 \cdot 1^2 \cdot i + 3 \cdot 1 \cdot i^2 + i^3 = 1 + 3i + 3i^2 + i^3$$

$$= 1 + 3i + 3(-1) + i(-1) = -2 + 2i$$

$$d. |3+4i| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

3. b.  $z^4 = -1 = e^{i\pi}$  (as  $e^{i\pi} = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi = -1 + i \cdot 0 = -1$ )

$$= e^{i(\pi + 2\pi k)} \quad (\forall k \in \mathbb{N}). \text{ Thus, } z = (z^4)^{1/4} = (e^{i(\pi + 2\pi k)})^{1/4}$$

$$= e^{i(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi k}{2})} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}. \text{ This has unique values}$$

$$\text{at } z = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}, e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}}, e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}}, e^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}}$$

(note that  $e^{i\frac{9\pi}{4}} = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$ ) which solve the equation.

4. a. Let  $z = x+iy$ ,  $w = u+iv$  with  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then,

$$\overline{z+w} = \overline{(x+iy) + (u+iv)} = \overline{(x+u) + i(y+v)} = (x+u) - i(y+v)$$

$$= (x-iy) + (u-iv) = \overline{z} + \overline{w}.$$

d. Let  $\mathbb{C} \ni z = x+iy$ . Then,  $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \geq \sqrt{x^2} \geq x = \operatorname{Re}(z)$ .

Thus,  $\operatorname{Re}(z) \leq |z|$ .

f. Let  $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$ ,  $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$  with  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then,

$$|z_1 z_2| = |(x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + i(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)| = \sqrt{(x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2)^2 + (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x_1^2 x_2^2 - 2x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2 + y_1^2 y_2^2 + x_1^2 y_2^2 + 2x_1 x_2 y_1 y_2 + x_2^2 y_1^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x_1^2 (x_2^2 + y_2^2) + y_1^2 (x_2^2 + y_2^2)} = \sqrt{(x_1^2 + y_1^2)(x_2^2 + y_2^2)} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2}$$

$$= |z_1| |z_2|.$$



5. We first wish to show the triangle inequality

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^N z_j \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^N |z_j| \quad \forall z_j \in \mathbb{C}, j \in \{1, \dots, N\} \quad \text{by induction on } N.$$

Consider the base case  $N=2$ , i.e.  $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$ .

$$\text{Take } |z_1 + z_2|^2 - (|z_1| + |z_2|)^2 = (|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + z_1 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{z}_1 z_2) - (|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + 2|z_1||z_2|)$$

$$= z_1 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{z}_1 z_2 - 2|z_1||z_2| = z_1 \bar{z}_2 + \overline{z_1 \bar{z}_2} - 2|z_1||\bar{z}_2|$$

$$(\text{as } |z| = |\bar{z}| \text{ and } z\bar{w} = \overline{\bar{z}w}) = 2(\operatorname{Re}(z_1 \bar{z}_2) - |z_1||\bar{z}_2|) \leq 0$$

( $z \geq \operatorname{Re}(z)$ ). Thus,  $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$ . Note that this proof can be found in the course notes.

Now, assume that the inequality holds for  $N=n-1$ , i.e.

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} w_j \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |w_j| \quad \forall w_j \in \mathbb{C}, j \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}. \text{ Given } z_j \in \mathbb{C}, j=1, \dots, n,$$

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \right| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} z_j + z_n \right| \leq \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} z_j \right| + |z_n| \quad (\text{by the } N=2 \text{ case})$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |z_j| + |z_n| \quad (\text{by the inductive hypothesis}) = \sum_{j=1}^n |z_j|.$$

Thus, the inequality holds for  $N=n$ , implying that the triangle inequality holds  $\forall N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $N \geq 2$  by induction. (Note that the  $N=1$  case is trivial).

Now, we claim that equality is achieved iff

$z_1, \dots, z_n$  are colinear.

We again show this by induction on  $N$  starting with the case  $N=2$ . (If  $N=1$ , equality is clearly achieved  $\forall z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ ).

From above, we know that equality is achieved iff

$$2(\operatorname{Re}(z_1 \bar{z}_2) - |z_1||\bar{z}_2|) = 0 \text{ which occurs iff } \operatorname{Re}(z_1 \bar{z}_2) = |z_1||\bar{z}_2|$$

$$= \sqrt{(\operatorname{Re}(z_1 \bar{z}_2))^2 + (\operatorname{Im}(z_1 \bar{z}_2))^2} \text{ which occurs iff } \operatorname{Im}(z_1 \bar{z}_2) = 0.$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(z_1 \bar{z}_2) = \operatorname{Im}((x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 - iy_2)) = -x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 y_2 = x_2 y_1. \text{ This implies colinearity as either } y_1/x_1 = y_2/x_2 \text{ or } x_1 = x_2 = 0$$

Now, say the hypothesis holds for  $N=n-1$ , i.e. equality is achieved and  $\theta_j = \arctan(y_j/x_j)$  so the arguments  $\theta_j$  must match.

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \right| \leq \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} z_j \right| + |z_n| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} |z_j| + |z_n| = \sum_{j=1}^n |z_j|,$$

we know that the first inequality becomes an inequality iff  $\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} z_j \sim z_n$  (by the base case) and the second holds by the inductive hypothesis.



However, because  $z_1 \sim \dots \sim z_{n-1}, \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} z_j \sim z_n$  iff  $z_n \sim z_1 \sim \dots \sim z_{n-1}$  (colinearity is equivalent to matching arguments, and arguments are retained in summation), thus the triangle inequality becomes an equality iff  $z_1 \sim \dots \sim z_n$  and the  $N=n$  case holds. Thus, by induction, the triangle inequality holds with equality iff  $z_1 \sim \dots \sim z_N \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } N \geq 2$ .

6.  $\forall z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}, E(z_1)E(z_2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z_1^n}{n!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{z_2^m}{m!}$ . By taking  $a_n = \frac{z_1^n}{n!}, b_n = \frac{z_2^n}{n!}$ , the Cauchy product allows us to write

$$E(z_1)E(z_2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{z_1^k}{k!} \frac{z_2^{n-k}}{(n-k)!}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} z_1^k z_2^{n-k} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} z_1^k z_2^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (z_1 + z_2)^n \text{ (binomial theorem)} = E(z_1 + z_2).$$

Now, consider an arbitrary power series  $F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} z^n$ . (We can include the factorial term because Borel's theorem gives that any power series is the Taylor series of some  $C^\infty$  function and Taylor series include this factorial term) taken to be centered at 0 WLOG (we can always shift it) with coefficients  $a_n \in \mathbb{C} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, the Cauchy product gives that  $\forall z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

$$F(z_1)F(z_2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} z_1^n \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_m}{m!} z_2^m = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_k}{k!} z_1^k \frac{a_{n-k}}{(n-k)!} z_2^{n-k}$$

By the binomial theorem,

$$F(z_1 + z_2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} (z_1 + z_2)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_n}{n!} \cdot \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} z_1^k z_2^{n-k}$$

Thus, in order for  $F(z_1)F(z_2) = F(z_1 + z_2) \quad \forall z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , we need that  $\frac{a_n}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{a_k a_{n-k}}{k!(n-k)!} \quad \forall n, k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n-k \geq 0$ .

which happens iff  $a_n = a_k a_{n-k} \quad \forall n, k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } n-k \geq 0$ .



First consider  $n=0, k=0$ . This gives that  $a_0 = a_0 a_0 = a_0^2$ , so  $a_0 = 0, 1$ . In the case where  $a_0 = 0$ , we can take  $k=0$  to find that  $a_n = a_0 a_n = 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  which of course implies that  $F(z)$  is the zero power series. Now consider the case where  $a_0 = 1$ . We claim that this implies that  $a_N = a_1^N \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $N \geq 1$ . This is trivially true for  $N=1$ . We show this by induction on  $N$  for  $N \geq 2$ . Starting with the base case  $N=2$ , we take  $n=2, k=1$  to get  $a_2 = a_1 a_1 = a_1^2$ , meaning that the base case holds. Assuming that the  $N=m-1$  case holds ( $a_{m-1} = a_1^{m-1}$ ), we take  $n=m, k=1$  to get that  $a_m = a_1 a_{m-1} = a_1 a_1^{m-1} = a_1^m$ . Thus, we have shown by induction that  $a_N = a_1^N \forall N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $N \geq 2$ . This implies that our power series must be of the form  $F(z) = 1 + \frac{c}{1!}z + \frac{c^2}{2!}z^2 + \dots + \frac{c^n}{n!}z^n + \dots$  for some  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ .

or  $F(z) = 0$  in order for  $F(z_1)F(z_2) = F(z_1+z_2)$  to hold  $\forall z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . We also have that  $F(z) = E(cz)$ , meaning that we can find other power series with this property, but they must be a <sup>multiplicative</sup> scaled form of  $E(z)$  or identically 0.

7. We start with the given equation  $x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .

Letting  $x = y - a/3$ , we get new equation

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (y - a/3)^3 + a(y - a/3)^2 + b(y - a/3) + c \\ &= (y^3 - ay^2 + \frac{a^2}{3}y - \frac{a^3}{27}) + (ay^2 - \frac{2a^2}{3}y + \frac{a^3}{9}) + (by - \frac{ab}{3}) + c \\ &= y^3 + \frac{3b-a^2}{3}y + \frac{2a^3-9ab+27c}{27} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $y^3 + py + q = 0$  for

$$p = \frac{3b-a^2}{3}, \quad q = \frac{2a^3-9ab+27c}{27}$$

Now let  $y = u+v$ . Then, we have  $0 = (u+v)^3 + p(u+v) + q$   
 $= u^3 + 3u^2v + 3uv^2 + v^3 + p(u+v) + q = u^3 + v^3 + 3uv(u+v) + p(u+v) + q$   
 Thus,  $u^3 + v^3 + (3uv+p)(u+v) + q = 0$ .

Now, impose  $3uv+p=0 \Rightarrow u^3v^3 = -p/27$ . Then,  $u^3+v^3 = -q$ .



We can now substitute  $v^3 = -q - u^3$  into  $u^3 v^3 = -p^3/27$  to get  $u^3(-q - u^3) = -p^3/27 \Leftrightarrow u^6 + qu^3 - p^3/27 = 0$ . Because  $u$  and  $v$  are defined symmetrically, we also have that  $v^6 + qv^3 - p^3/27 = 0$ , i.e.  $u^3$  and  $v^3$  both satisfy the quadratic equation  $d^2 + qd - p^3/27 = 0$ .

Solving this with the quadratic formula, we get

$u^3 = \frac{-q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}$ . We know that  $v^3$  takes on the same values because it satisfies the same quadratic equation, but we can also find which value of  $v^3$  corresponds to a given value of  $u^3$  because  $u^3 v^3 = -p^3/27$ . If  $u^3 = 0$ , then  $v^3 = 0$  because it satisfies the same quadratic. If  $u^3 \neq 0$ , then

$$v^3 = \frac{-p^3}{27u^3} = \frac{-2p^3}{27(-q \pm \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}})} = \frac{-2p^3(-q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}})}{27(q^2 - (q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}))} \\ = \frac{-2p^3(-q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}})}{-4p^3} = \frac{-q \mp \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}$$

Thus, we can have either

$$(u^3, v^3) = \left( \frac{-q + \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}, \frac{-q - \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2} \right) \text{ or } (u^3, v^3) = \left( \frac{-q - \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}, \frac{-q + \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2} \right)$$

However, because our expression for  $y$  (and therefore  $x$ ) allows  $u$  and  $v$  to be interchanged, we can consider the former case WLOG as either case will produce the same result for  $y$ . Now, we can simply take

$$u_1 = \sqrt[3]{\frac{-q + \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}} \quad (\text{Assume that this expression is the principal cube root, i.e. the real root if } u^3 \text{ is real.})$$

If  $u^3$  is complex, we can let  $u^3 = \rho e^{i\theta}$  and take  $u_1 = \sqrt[3]{\rho} e^{i\theta/3}$  or just choose a root that we find.)

We can then use the principle of roots of unity  $\omega$  to let  $u_2 = u_1 \omega$ ,  $u_3 = u_1 \omega^2$  be the remaining roots of this cubic. We know that  $uv = -p/3$ , so we know that  $v_j = \frac{-p}{3u_j}$  for  $j=1, 2, 3$  (excluding the case where  $u_j = 0 \Rightarrow v_j = 0$  as stated above).



Thus, we get that  $x = y - \frac{q}{3}$  where  $y = u + v$   
 where  $u = \sqrt[3]{\frac{-q + \sqrt{q^2 + \frac{4p^3}{27}}}{2}}$ ,  $u_1 e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$ ,  $u_1 e^{i\frac{4\pi}{3}}$

and  $v = \frac{-p}{3u_1}$ ,  $\frac{-p}{3u_2}$ ,  $\frac{-p}{3u_3}$  where  $p = \frac{3b-a^3}{3}$ ,  $q = \frac{2a^3 - 9ab + 27c}{27}$ .

This would appear on the surface to give 9 values for  $x$ , but the fact that values of  $v$  correspond one-to-one with values of  $u$  ( $uv = -p/3$ ) means that we have 3 possible values of  $x$ , exactly what one would expect from a cubic.

Now, consider the equation  $x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 12 = 0$ . Then,

$$p = \frac{3-4}{3} = -1/3, \quad q = \frac{-16+18-324}{27} = \frac{-322}{27}. \text{ Then,}$$

$$u_1 = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\frac{-322}{27} + \sqrt{(\frac{-322}{27})^2 - \frac{4}{27}}}{2}} = \frac{7+3\sqrt{5}}{6} \text{ according to Wolfram-Alpha.}$$

$$v_1 = \frac{-p}{3u} = \frac{6}{7+3\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{1}{9} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{7-3\sqrt{5}}{4} = \frac{7-3\sqrt{5}}{6}.$$

Thus,  $y = u_1 + v_1 = 7/3 \Rightarrow x = 7/3 + 2/3 = 3$  is a solution.

Checking this,  $27 - 2 \cdot 9 + 3 - 12 = 0 \checkmark$ . Now, we can factor  $0 = (x-3)(x^2+x+4)$ . By the quadratic formula

$$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-16}}{2} \text{ are solutions. Thus, the roots are } x=3, \frac{-1+i\sqrt{15}}{2}, \frac{-1-i\sqrt{15}}{2}.$$

Now, consider Bombelli's equation  $x^3 - 15x - 4 = 0$ .

$$p = -15, q = -4, \text{ so } u = \sqrt[3]{\frac{4 + \sqrt{16 + \frac{4 \cdot 15^3}{27}}}{2}} = 2 + 11i \text{ by Wolfram.}$$

$$(2+i)^3 = 2 + 11i, \text{ so take } u_1 = 2+i. \text{ Then, } v = \frac{15}{3(2+i)} = 5 \cdot \frac{2-i}{5} = 2-i.$$

Thus,  $y = u_1 + v_1 = 4 \Rightarrow x = 4 - 0/3 = 4$  is a solution.

Checking this,  $4^3 - 15 \cdot 4 - 4 = 0 \checkmark$ . Now, we factor

$$0 = (x-4)(x^2+4x+1). \text{ By the quadratic formula,}$$

$-2 \pm \sqrt{4-1}$  are solutions. Thus, the roots are

$$x = 4, -2 + \sqrt{3}, -2 - \sqrt{3}.$$