

# **Complex Variables and Applications (80314)**

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# COMPLEX VARIABLES AND APPLICATIONS

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## INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 Introduction

$$\mathbb{C} = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\} \quad i \equiv \sqrt{-1}$$
$$\arg(z) = \{\theta + 2\pi k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad \text{Arg}(z) = \theta, \quad -\pi < \theta \leq \pi$$

$$\text{Arg}(z) = \begin{cases} \arctan \frac{y}{x} & x > 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y > 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y < 0 \\ \pi + \arctan \frac{y}{x} & x < 0, y > 0 \\ -\pi + \arctan \frac{y}{x} & x < 0, y < 0 \end{cases}$$

### 1.2 Operations

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i \quad (1.1)$$

$$(a + bi) - (c + di) = (a - c) + (b - d)i \quad (1.2)$$

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i \quad (1.3)$$

$$\frac{a + bi}{c + di} = \frac{(a + bi)(c - di)}{(c + di)(c - di)} = \frac{e + fi}{c^2 + d^2} = \frac{e}{c^2 + d^2} + \frac{f}{c^2 + d^2}i \quad (1.4)$$

### 1.3 Complex Plane

Every complex number  $z = a + bi$  can be represented on the complex plane at the point  $(a, b)$ .

It can also be represented in the polar form:

$$r = |z| \quad \theta = \arg(z)$$

$$z = r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta i \quad (\text{cis } \theta)$$

### 1.3.1 Characteristics

1. Properties of four algebraic operations of the real numbers also apply to the complex ones (i.e. associative, distributive, etc.)

2. *Complex conjugate:*

$$\overline{z_1 \pm z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \pm \bar{z}_2$$

$$\overline{z_1 \cdot z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \cdot \bar{z}_2$$

$$\frac{\overline{z_1}}{z_2} = \frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}, \quad z \cdot \bar{z} = |z|^2$$

### 1.3.2 Analysis

$$z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$$

$$z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$$

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 \left[ \underbrace{(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2)}_{\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} + i \underbrace{(\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_2 \cos \theta_1)}_{\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \right]$$

*Conclusion.*

$$|z_1 z_2| = r_1 r_2$$

$$\arg(z_1 z_2) = \theta_1 + \theta_2$$

**Definition** (De Moivre's Formula).

$$(r \text{ cis } \theta)^n = r^n \text{ cis}(n\theta)$$

**Definition** ( $n$ th-root of a complex number).

$$z^n = r \text{ cis } \theta$$

$$z = \sqrt[n]{r} \text{ cis } \left( \frac{\theta + 2\pi k}{n} \right), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

**Definition** (Euler's Formula).

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$e^{-i\theta} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}) \quad \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$$

$e$  to a complex number:

$$e^{a+ib} = e^a e^{ib} = e^a (\cos b + i \sin b)$$

Our goal is to:

1. Express  $\cos(nx)$  in terms of  $\sin x, \cos x$ .
2. Express  $\sin^n(x)$  as a sum of  $\sin x, \cos x$ , without multiplying them.

*Example 1.3.1.*

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(5x) &= \operatorname{Re}(e^{i5x}) = \operatorname{Re}((e^{ix})^5) \\ &= \operatorname{Re}((\cos x + i \sin x)^5) \\ (a + b)^5 &= a^5 + 5a^4b + 10a^3b^2 + 10a^2b^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

To simplify our calculation since we are only looking for the real part of our solution, we can ignore any place where  $\sin$  is raised to an odd power (since  $i^2 = -1$ ).

$$= \cos^5 x - 10 \cos^3 x \sin^2 x + 5 \cos x \sin^4 x$$

Now for an example in the opposite direction:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^5 x &= \left(\frac{1}{2i}\right)^4 (e^{ix} - e^{-ix})^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{16} (e^{i4x} - 4e^{i2x} + 6 - 4e^{-i2x} + e^{-i4x}) \\ &= \frac{1}{16} (2 \cos(4x) - 8 \cos(2x) + 6) \end{aligned}$$

*Example 1.3.2.*

$$\begin{aligned} &a \cos(\omega t) + b \sin(\omega t) \\ &\operatorname{Re}(\underbrace{(a + bi)}_{re^{i\theta}} \underbrace{(\cos(\omega t) - i \sin(\omega t))}_{e^{-i\omega t}}) \\ &= \operatorname{Re}(r e^{i(\theta - \omega t)}) = r \cos(\theta - \omega t) = r \cos(\omega t - \theta) \\ &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cos\left(\omega t - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) (+\pi)\right) \end{aligned}$$

## 1.4 Continuity

*Example 1.4.1.*

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(z) &= \operatorname{Arg}(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) \\ f_0 &: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ (x, y) &\in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \quad v(x, y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

This function isn't continuous when  $y = 0, x < 0$  because the limit from above equals  $\pi$  but the limit from below is  $-\pi$ .

$$f_k(z) = \text{Arg}(z) + 2\pi k$$

*Note.* We can define  $\theta(z)$  as a continuous function on  $D_1$  such that:

$$f(D_1) = [0, 2\pi)$$

such that we define the domain to be:

$$D_1 = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(t + i0), t \geq 0\} \quad f(D_1) = (0, 2\pi)$$

In general, we can define  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  to be continuous such that  $\forall z \in U$ :

$$z = |z|e^{if(z)}$$

if  $U$  does not contain *closed paths* that surround 0.

*Example 1.4.2.*

$$U = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(it), t \geq 0\}$$

Given the example of  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\forall z \in U$ :

$$z = |z|e^{if(z)}$$

We can define:

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \arctan \frac{y}{x} & x > 0 \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y > 0 \\ \pi + \arctan \frac{y}{x} & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

*Example 1.4.3.*

$$U = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(t + it^2), t \geq 0\}$$

Where  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous such that  $\forall z \in U$ :

$$\begin{cases} z = |z|e^{if(z)} \\ f(2 + 2i) = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases}$$

We define  $\gamma$  to be the path that is not defined in  $U$ . In other words:  $\gamma : y = x^2, x \geq 0$ .

We see that the discontinuity will be between when  $y < x^2$  and  $y > x^2$ .

$$\begin{cases} \arctan \frac{y}{x} - 2\pi & x > 0, y > x^2 \\ \arctan \frac{y}{x} & x > 0, y < x^2 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & x = 0, y < 0 \\ -\frac{3\pi}{2} & x = 0, y > 0 \\ \arctan \frac{y}{x} - \pi & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

## 1.5 Linear Translation

$$f(z) = az + b \quad a, b \in \mathbb{C}$$

*Reminder.*

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 + z_2 &= x_1 + x_2 + i(y_1 + y_2) \\ z_1 \cdot z_2 &= |z_1| \cdot |z_2| \cdot e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \end{aligned}$$

An uninteresting case would be when  $a = 0$  because then  $f(z) = b$  so we'll assume  $a \neq 0$ .  
 $f$  is not a linear function since  $f(z_1 + z_2) \neq f(z_1) + f(z_2)$ .

*Claim.*  $f$  is injective and surjective, and therefore bijective, and in that sense is linear.

*Proof.* Let  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ . We find for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ :

$$f(z) = w \iff az + b = w \iff z = \frac{1}{a}(w - b) \iff z = \frac{1}{a}w - \frac{b}{a} = f^{-1}(w)$$

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*Example 1.5.1.*

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \{(t + i \cos t) \mid t \in [-\pi, \pi]\} \\ f(z) &= 2iz - 3 \end{aligned}$$

We first take  $\gamma$ , scale it by 2, rotate it a quarter turn counter-clockwise, and then translate it left by 3.

Important: remember that the scaling is done in both the imaginary and real directions!

*Claim.*  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous.

*Proof.* Let  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  and we see that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that:

$$|f(z) - f(z_0)| < \varepsilon \iff |z - z_0| < \delta$$

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*Claim.*  $f$  translates straight lines to straight lines and circles to circles.