

MAT246 HW6

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(1). Claim: For  $a, b$  are odd integers,  $\sqrt{a^2+b^2}$  is irrational.

Proof: Suppose  $\sqrt{a^2+b^2}$  is rational.

Then  $\sqrt{a^2+b^2} = \frac{p}{q}$ , for  $p, q$  are integers,  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ .

$$\text{so } a^2+b^2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$$(a^2+b^2)q^2 = p^2$$

$$2^2 | 2^2 \text{ but } 2^2 \nmid 2$$

Then  $a^2+b^2 | p^2 \Rightarrow a^2+b^2 | p$  (at least divides one of its factor)

(\*) Assume  $a=2m+1, b=2n+1$  for some integers  $m, n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (2m+1)^2 + (2n+1)^2 &= 4m^2 + 4m + 1 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1 \\ &= 2(2m^2 + 2m + 2n + 2n^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } 2(2m^2 + 2m + 2n + 2n^2 + 1) | p$$

$$\text{so } 2 | p$$

Now suppose  $p = (a^2+b^2)t$  for some integer  $t$ .

$$\text{Therefore } \cancel{p^2} = (a^2+b^2)t^2 = (a^2+b^2) \cancel{t^2} = (a^2+b^2)q^2$$

$$(a^2+b^2)t^2 = q^2$$

Then  $a^2+b^2$  divides at least one of the factors of  $q^2$ . i.e.

$$\text{So } a^2+b^2 | q$$

Similarly by (\*) ~~that~~ that  $2 | q$

Then this contradicts that  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ .

Hence  $\sqrt{a^2+b^2}$  is irrational.

Conclusion: For odd integers  $a, b$ ,  $\sqrt{a^2+b^2}$  is irrational.

(2). Claim:  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{2}$  is irrational.

Proof: Suppose that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{2} = r$  with  $r$  a rational number.

$$\text{Then } \sqrt[3]{2} = r - \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow 2 = (r - \sqrt{2})^3$$

$$(\sqrt[3]{2})^3 = (r - \sqrt{2})^3$$

$$2 = (r^3 - 3r^2\sqrt{2} + 2)(r - \sqrt{2}) = r^3 - 3r^2\sqrt{2} + 6r - 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$= r^3 - 3r^2\sqrt{2} + 2r - \sqrt{2}r^2 + 4 - 2\sqrt{2}r$$

$$= r^3 - 3r^2\sqrt{2} + (2 - 2\sqrt{2})r + 4 = r^3 + 6r - \sqrt{2}(3r^2 + 2)$$

$$\text{Then } 3\sqrt{2}r^2 + (2\sqrt{2} - 2)r = r^3 + 2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{2 - (r^3 + 6r)}{3r^2 + 2}$$

$$\cancel{3\sqrt{2}r^2 + (2\sqrt{2} - 2)r} = \frac{r^3 + 2}{r^3 + 6r}$$

$3\sqrt{2}r + 2\sqrt{2} - 2 = \frac{r^3 + 6r}{r^3 + 6r}$  which is still rational.

Suppose again  $\frac{r^3 + 6r}{r^3 + 6r} = m$ ,  $m$  is ~~a rational number~~.

$$2\sqrt{2} = m - 3\sqrt{2}r$$

$$(2\sqrt{2})^2 = (m - 3\sqrt{2}r)^2$$

$$8 = m^2 - 6\sqrt{2}rm + 18r^2$$

$$6\sqrt{2}rm = m^2 + 18r^2 - 8$$

$$\sqrt{2} = \frac{m^2 + 18r^2 - 8}{6rm}$$

You do not need  
to introduce this  
step with  $m$ .

See above

Since  $m, r$  are ~~integer~~ rational numbers.

So  $\frac{m^2 + 18r^2 - 8}{6rm}$  is rational.

~~But~~  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

~~contradicts the assumption that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{2}$  is not rational.~~

So the assumption is wrong that  $r$  is not rational.

Hence  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{2}$  is irrational.

Conclusion  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt[3]{2}$  is irrational.

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(3). Claim:  $\forall a < b, a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}, \exists c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  st.  $a < c < b$ .

Proof (I) We need to first show  $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a < r < b$ .

① Suppose that  $\exists a > 0$ .

By the Archimedean property that  
for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\exists n > x$ .  
then  $\exists q \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $q > \frac{1}{b-a}$

NOT SURE  
WHETHER  
WE CAN USE  
THIS PROPERTY!

Go for it.  
This is fine.

so that  $q(b-a) > 1$ .

For positive real number  $qa$ ,

by the Archimedean property again,

$\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n > qa$

Then  $S = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n > qa\}$  is a non-empty set of natural numbers with at least one element  $p$ .

Now claim that  $p-1 \leq qa$ .

Note that if  $p=1$ , then  $p-1=1-1=0 < qa$ .

else  $p \neq 1$ , then  $p-1 > qa$  would contradict the definition of  $p$ .

Now we have  $qa < p = (p-1) + 1 < qa + q(b-a) = qb$

then

$$a < \frac{P}{q} < b$$

② Now suppose that  $a \leq 0$ . Use Archimedean property again

$\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k > -a$ ,

then  $k+a > 0$ .

Then  $\exists s \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a+k < s < b+k$  such that

$$a < s-k < b$$

Obviously  $s-k = r \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

(II) We now need to show  $\exists c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a < c < b$ .

By (I),  $\exists r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a < r_1 < r_2 < b$ .

Then the number

$c = r_1 + \frac{r_2 - r_1}{\sqrt{2}}$  is irrational as desired.

check this is irrational  
and  $a < c < b$

Hence  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a < b, \exists c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $a < c < b$ .

(4). ~~Solution:~~:

Claim: The equation  $3x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$  has no rational solutions.

Proof: Assume that the equation has a rational root  $\frac{p}{q}$  for  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ .

By the Rational Roots Theorem that

$$p | -2, q | 3$$

$$\text{so } p = \pm 1 \text{ or } \pm 2$$

$$q = \pm 1 \text{ or } \pm 3$$

Thus  $\frac{p}{q}$  could be  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}$ .

$$\text{when } \frac{p}{q} = 1, 3 + 2 - 5 - 2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{p}{q} = -1, -3 + 2 + 5 - 2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{p}{q} = 2, 24 + 8 - 10 - 2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{p}{q} = -2, -24 + 8 + 10 - 2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{9} - \frac{5}{3} - 2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{p}{q} = -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{9} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{5}{3} - 2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{p}{q} = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{24}{27} + \frac{8}{9} - \frac{10}{3} - 2 \neq 0$$

$$\frac{p}{q} = -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{24}{27} + \frac{8}{9} + \frac{10}{3} - 2 \neq 0$$

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Therefore it's a contradiction.

Thus  $3x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$  doesn't have a rational root. ■(5). Claim: For any  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $z_2 \neq 0$  we have

$$\left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}$$

and

Proof: Suppose  $z_1 = a+bi, z_2 = c+di$ , for  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  but  $c \neq 0, d \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Then } \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \left| \frac{a+bi}{c+di} \right| = \left| \frac{(a+bi)(c-di)}{(c+di)(c-di)} \right| = \left| \frac{(bd+ac) + (bc-ad)i}{c^2+d^2} \right|$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(bd+ac)^2}{(c^2+d^2)^2} + \frac{(bc-ad)^2}{(c^2+d^2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{b^2d^2+a^2c^2+b^2c^2+a^2d^2}}{c^2+d^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{c^2+d^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2+d^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{c^2+d^2}}$$

$$\text{And } \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{\sqrt{c^2+d^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{c^2+d^2}}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}.$$
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(6). Claim: For  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$  we have  $(z_1 z_2) z_3 = z_1 (z_2 z_3)$ .

Proof: Suppose  $z_1 = a_1 + b_1 i$

$$z_2 = a_2 + b_2 i$$

$$z_3 = a_3 + b_3 i$$

for  $a_1, a_2, a_3, b_1, b_2, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (z_1 z_2) z_3 &= ((a_1 + b_1 i)(a_2 + b_2 i))(a_3 + b_3 i) \\ &= ((a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + (a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1) i)(a_3 + b_3 i) \\ &= (a_1 a_2 a_3 - a_1 b_2 b_3 - a_2 b_1 b_3 - a_3 b_1 b_2) \\ &\quad + (a_1 a_2 b_3 + a_1 a_3 b_2 + a_2 a_3 b_1 - b_1 b_2 b_3) i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } z_1 (z_2 z_3) &= (a_1 + b_1 i)(a_2 + b_2 i)(a_3 + b_3 i) \\ &= (a_1 + b_1 i)(a_2 a_3 - b_2 b_3 + (a_3 b_2 + a_2 b_3) i) \\ &= (a_1 a_2 a_3 - a_1 b_2 b_3 - a_3 b_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 b_3) \\ &\quad + (a_2 a_3 b_1 - b_1 b_2 b_3 + a_1 a_3 b_2 + a_1 a_2 a_3) i \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(z_1 z_2) z_3 = z_1 (z_2 z_3)$

(7). Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \left( \frac{(2+3i)\sqrt{1-3i}}{1+\sqrt{2}i} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{(2+3i)\sqrt{1+9}}{1+\sqrt{2}i} \right)^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{2\sqrt{10}+3\sqrt{10}i}{1+\sqrt{2}i} \right)^2 \\ &= \cancel{\left( \frac{(2\sqrt{10}-3\sqrt{10}i)(1-\sqrt{2}i)}{(1+\sqrt{2}i)(1-\sqrt{2}i)} \right)^2} \\ &= \cancel{\left( \frac{2\sqrt{10}-3\sqrt{20}-3\sqrt{10}i-2\sqrt{20}i}{1+2} \right)^2} \\ &= \cancel{\left( \left( \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{10}-2\sqrt{5} \right) - \left( \sqrt{10} + \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{3} \right) i \right)^2} \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= \left( \frac{(2+3i)|1-3i|}{1+\sqrt{2}i} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{2\sqrt{10}+3\sqrt{10}i}{1+\sqrt{2}i} \right)^2 = \frac{(2\sqrt{10}-3\sqrt{10}i)^2}{(1+\sqrt{2}i)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(4\times 10 - 9 \times 10 - 120i)}{(1+2\sqrt{2}i-2)} \\
 &= \frac{(50+120i)}{(1-2\sqrt{2}i)} \\
 &= \frac{(50+120i)(1+2\sqrt{2}i)}{(1-2\sqrt{2}i)(1+2\sqrt{2}i)} \\
 &= \frac{50-240\sqrt{2}+(120+100\sqrt{2})i}{9} \\
 &= \frac{50-240\sqrt{2}}{9} + \frac{120+100\sqrt{2}}{9}i
 \end{aligned}$$

(8). Solution:  $\therefore z = \frac{(1+3i)^{150}}{(2+2i)^{50}(3+4i)^{75}}$  and  $|\frac{z_1}{z_2}| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}$ ,  $|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|$   
for  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z_2 \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\bar{z}| &= \frac{|1+3i|^{150}}{|2+2i|^{50} |3+4i|^{75}} \\
 &= \frac{(\sqrt{1+3^2})^{150}}{(\sqrt{2^2+2^2})^{50} (\sqrt{3^2+4^2})^{75}} \\
 &= \frac{(\sqrt{10})^{150}}{(\sqrt{2})^{50} 5^{75}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(\sqrt{2})^{150} \cdot (\sqrt{5})^{150}}{2^{50} \cdot (\sqrt{2})^{50} \cdot (\sqrt{5})^{100}} \\
 &= \frac{(\sqrt{2})^{100}}{(\sqrt{2})^{50}} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

# It seems that this problem intends to test our understanding of De Moivre Theorem, but if then we have to calculate some angles like  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$  etc. To simplify this, I just calculate the norm of  $|z|$  directly.