

# Complex Numbers Problems

## 161-170

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## Problem 161

**161.** If  $z$  is any complex number, then show that  $\left| \frac{z}{|z|} - 1 \right| \leq |\arg(z)|$

## Solution of Problem 161

**Solution:** Let  $z = re^{i\theta}$ , then  $\frac{z}{|z|} = e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{z}{|z|} - 1 \right| = |(\cos \theta - 1) + i \sin \theta| = \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta - 2 \cos \theta + 1 + \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 - 2 \cos \theta} = \sqrt{4 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} = 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \leq \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{z}{|z|} - 1 \right| \leq |\arg(z)|$$

## Problem 162

**162.** If  $z$  is any complex number, then show that  $|z - 1| \leq ||z| - 1| + |z||argz|$

## Solution of Problem 162

**Solution:** Clearly,  $|z - 1| = |z - |z| + |z| - 1| \leq |z - |z|| + ||z| - 1|$

$$= |z| \left| \frac{z}{|z|} - 1 \right| + ||z| - 1|$$

Using the result of previous problem, we get

$$|z - 1| \leq ||z| - 1| + |z| |arg z|$$

## Problem 163

**163.** If  $\left|z + \frac{1}{z}\right| = a$ , where  $z$  is a complex number and  $a > 0$ , find the greatest and least values of  $|z|$ .

## Solution of Problem 163

**Solution:** Let  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ , then  $\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{r}(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)$

$$\left| z + \frac{1}{z} \right| = \left| \left( r + \frac{1}{r} \right) \cos \theta + i \left( r - \frac{1}{r} \right) \sin \theta \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( r + \frac{1}{r} \right)^2 \cos^2 \theta + \left( r - \frac{1}{r} \right)^2 \sin^2 \theta = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( r - \frac{1}{r} \right)^2 = a^2 - 4 \cos^2 \theta$$

$r$  will be greatest when  $r - \frac{1}{r}$  will be greatest i.e.  $\cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow r - \frac{1}{r} = a$

$$\Rightarrow r_{\max} = \frac{a + \sqrt{a^2 + 4}}{2}$$

Similarly, for lowest value of  $r$ ,  $\cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow r - \frac{1}{r} = a^2 - 4 \Rightarrow r^2 - (a^2 - 4)r - 1 = 0$

$$r_{\min} = \frac{a^2 - 4 - \sqrt{a^4 - 8a^2 + 20}}{2}$$

## Problem 164

**164.** If  $z_1, z_2$  be complex numebrs and  $c$  is a positive number, prove that  $|z_1 + z_2|^2 < (1 + c)|z_1|^2 + (1 + \frac{1}{c})|z_2|^2$ .



## Solution of Problem 164

**Solution:** We have to prove that  $|z_1 + z_2|^2 < (1 + c)|z_1|^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)|z_2|^2$

$$\Rightarrow (z_1 + z_2)(\overline{z_1} + \overline{z_2}) < (1 + c)|z_1|^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)|z_2|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1|^2 + z_1\overline{z_2} + z_2\overline{z_1} + |z_2|^2 < (1 + c)|z_1|^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)|z_2|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1\overline{z_2} + z_2\overline{z_1} < (1 + c)|z_1|^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{c}\right)|z_2|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 - iy_2) + (x_2 + iy_2)(x_1 - iy_1) < \frac{1}{c}[c^2(x_1^2 + y_1^2) + (x_2^2 + y_2^2)]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2cx_1x_2 + 2cy_1y_2 < c^2x_1^2 + c^2y_1^2 + x_2^2 + y_2^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (cx_1 - x_2)^2 + (cy_1 - y_2)^2 > 0 \text{ which is true.}$$

## Problem 165

**165.** If  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are two complex numbers such that  $\left| \frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1 + z_2} \right| = 1$ , prove that  $\frac{iz_1}{z_2} = x$  where  $x$  is a real number. Find the angle between the lines from origin to the points  $z_1 + z_2$  and  $z_1 - z_2$  in terms of  $x$ .

## Solution of Problem 165

**Solution:** Given  $\left| \frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1 + z_2} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow |z_1 - z_2|^2 = |z_1 + z_2|^2$

$$\Rightarrow (z_1 - z_2)(\overline{z_1 - z_2}) = (z_1 + z_2)(\overline{z_1 + z_2})$$

$$\Rightarrow 2z_1\overline{z_2} = -2z_2\overline{z_1} \Rightarrow \overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} = -\frac{z_1}{z_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \text{purely imaginary} \Rightarrow i \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \text{real} = x$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2} = \frac{z_1/z_2 + 1}{z_1/z_2 - 1} = \frac{-ix + 1}{-ix - 1} = \frac{-1 + ix^2 + 2ix}{1 + x^2}$$

If  $\theta$  is the angle between given lines then

$$\tan \theta = \arg \frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2} = \frac{2x}{x^2 - 1}$$

## Problem 166

**166.** Let  $z_1, z_2$  be any two complex numbers and  $a, b$  be two real numbers such that  $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$ . Prove that

$$|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - |z_1^2 + z_2^2| \leq 2 \frac{|az_1 + bz_2|^2}{a^2 + b^2} \leq |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |z_1^2 + z_2^2|$$

## Solution of Problem 166

**Solution:** Let  $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$ ,  $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$ . Also let  $a = r \cos \alpha$ ,  $b = r \sin \alpha$

$$|az_1 + bz_2|^2 = |rr_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1) \cos \alpha + rr_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2) \sin \alpha|^2$$
$$= r^2(r_1 \cos \theta_1 \cos \alpha + r_2 \cos \theta_2 \sin \alpha)^2 + r^2(r_1 \sin \theta_1 \cos \alpha + r_2 \sin \theta_2 \sin \alpha)^2$$

$$= r^2[r_1^2 \cos^2 \alpha + r_2^2 \sin^2 \alpha + 2r_1 r_2 \cos \alpha \sin \alpha \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)]$$
$$= \frac{r^2}{2}[r_1^2(1 + \cos 2\alpha) + r_2^2(1 - \cos 2\alpha) + 2r_1 r_2 \sin 2\alpha \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)]$$

$$\frac{2|az_1 + bz_2|^2}{a^2 + b^2} = r_1^2 + r_2^2 + (r_1^2 - r_2^2) \cos 2\alpha + 2r_1 r_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \sin 2\alpha$$
$$= A + B \cos 2\alpha + C \sin 2\alpha \text{ where } A = r_1^2 + r_2^2, B = r_1^2 - r_2^2, C = 2r_1 r_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

Clearly,  $-\sqrt{B^2 + C^2} \leq B \cos 2\alpha + C \sin 2\alpha \leq \sqrt{B^2 + C^2}$

$$\therefore A - \sqrt{B^2 + C^2} \leq A + B \cos 2\alpha + C \sin 2\alpha \leq A + \sqrt{B^2 + C^2}$$

$$\therefore A - \sqrt{B^2 + C^2} \leq \frac{2|az_1 + bz_2|^2}{a^2 + b^2} \leq A + \sqrt{B^2 + C^2}$$

$$\text{Now } B^2 + C^2 = r_1^4 + r_2^4 - 2r_1^2 r_2^2 + 4r_1^2 r_2^2 \cos^2(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

## Solution contd.

$$\text{Again } |z_1^2 + z_2^2| = |r_1^2(\cos 2\theta_1 + i \sin 2\theta_1) + r_2^2(\cos 2\theta_2 + i \sin 2\theta_2)|$$

$$= \sqrt{(r_1^2 \cos 2\theta_1 + r_2^2 \cos 2\theta_2)^2 + (r_1^2 \sin 2\theta_1 + r_2^2 \sin 2\theta_2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{r_1^4 + r_2^4 + 2r_1^2 r_2^2 \cos 2(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

$$= \sqrt{r_1^4 + r_2^4 + 2r_1^2 r_2^2 [2 \cos^2(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - 1]} = \sqrt{B^2 + C^2}$$

$$A = r_1^2 + r_2^2 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2$$

$$\text{Hence, } |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - |z_1^2 + z_2^2| \leq 2 \frac{|az_1 + bz_2|^2}{a^2 + b^2} \leq |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |z_1^2 + z_2^2|.$$

## Problem 167

**167.** If  $b + ic = (1 + a)z$  and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ , prove that  $\frac{a+ib}{1+c} = \frac{1+iz}{1-iz}$ , where  $a, b, c$  are real numbers and  $z$  is a complex number.

## Solution of Problem 167

**Solution:** Given  $z = \frac{b+ic}{1+a} \therefore iz = \frac{-c+ib}{1+a} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{iz} = \frac{1+a}{-c+ib}$

Using componendo and dividendo, we get

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+iz}{1-iz} = \frac{1+a-c+ib}{1+a+c-ib}$$

Also, given  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1 \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = 1 - c^2$

$$\Rightarrow (a+ib)(a-ib) = (1+c)(1-c) \Rightarrow \frac{a+ib}{1-c} = \frac{1+c}{a-ib} = \frac{1}{u} \text{ (say)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{1+iz}{1-iz} &= \frac{a+ib+1-c}{1+c+a-ib} = \frac{a+ib+u(a+ib)}{1+c+u(1+c)} \\ &= \frac{a+ib}{1+c} \end{aligned}$$



## Problem 168

**168.** If  $a, b, c, \dots, k$  are all  $n$  real roots of the equation  $x^n + p_1x^{n-1} + p_2x^{n-2} + \dots + p_{n-1}x + p_n = 0$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are real, show that  $(1 + a^2)(1 + b^2) \dots (1 + k^2) = (1 - p_2 + p_4 + \dots)^2 + (p_1 - p_3 + \dots)^2$ .

## Solution of Problem 168

**Solution:** We can write that  $(x - a)(x - b) \dots (x - k) = x^n + p_1x^{n-1} + p_2x^{n-2} + \dots + p_{n-1}x + p_n$

Substituting  $x = i$ , we get

$$(i - a)(i - b) \dots (i - k) = i^n + p_1i^{n-1} + p_2i^{n-2} + \dots + p_{n-1}i + p_n$$

Dividing both sides by  $i^n$ , we get  $(1 + ia)(1 + ib) \dots (1 + ik) = 1 + \frac{p_1}{i} + \frac{p_2}{i^2} + \dots$

Taking modulus and squaring, we get

$$(1 + a^2)(1 + b^2) \dots (1 + k^2) = (1 - p_2 + p_4 + \dots)^2 + (p_1 - p_3 + \dots)^2$$

## Problem 169

**169.** If  $f(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x + 39$  and  $f(3 + 2i) = a + ib$ , find  $a : b$ .

## Solution of Problem 169

**Solution:**  $3 + 2i$  is one value of  $x$  for which  $f(3 + 2i) = a + ib$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3 + 2i \Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + 13 = 0$$

$$f(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 + 4x^2 + 4x + 39 = (x^2 - 6x + 13)(x^2 - 2x - 21) - 96x + 312$$

$$\Rightarrow f(3 + 2i) = -96(3 + 2i) + 312 = 24 - 192i = a + ib$$

$$\Rightarrow a : b = 1 : -8$$

## Problem 170

**170.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two complex numbers such that  $\frac{A}{B} + \frac{B}{A} = 1$ , prove that the triangle formed by origin and these two points is equilateral.

## Solution of Problem 170

**Solution:** Given  $\frac{A}{B} + \frac{B}{A} = 1 \Rightarrow A^2 - AB + B^2 = 0$

$$A = \frac{B \pm \sqrt{3}iB}{2} = -\omega B, -\omega^2 B \Rightarrow |A| = |B|$$

$$|A - B| = |-\omega B - B| \text{ or } |-\omega^2 B - B| = |\omega^2 B| \text{ or } |\omega B|$$

$$\Rightarrow |A - B| = |B|$$

Thus,  $|A| = |B| = |A - B|$  making the triangle equilateral.