

MATH 1210 A01 Summer 2013 Problem Workshop 3 Solutions

1. Simplify each of the following expressions to Cartesian form:

(a) Here we repeatedly use $i^2 = -1$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(1 + 2i^3)^2(\overline{3 - i})}{4 + i} &= \frac{(1 + 2i^2i)^2(3 + i)}{4 + i} \\&= \frac{(1 - 2i)^2(3 + i)}{4 + i} \\&= \frac{(1 - 4i + 4i^2)(3 + i)}{4 + i} \\&= \frac{(-4i - 3)(3 + i)}{4 + i} \\&= \frac{-12i - 9 - 4i^2 - 3i}{4 + i} \\&= \frac{-5 - 15i}{4 + i} \\&= \frac{(-5 - 15i)(4 - i)}{(4 + i)(4 - i)} \\&= \frac{-20 + 5i - 60i + 15i^2}{16 - i^2} \\&= \frac{-35 - 55i}{17} \\&= -\frac{35}{17} - \frac{55}{17}i\end{aligned}$$

(b) First we convert to exponential form.

For the modulus,

$$\left| \sqrt{3} - i \right| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2.$$

For the argument,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}.$$

Hence

$$\sqrt{3} - i = 2e^{-\pi i/6}.$$

From here we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(\sqrt{3} - i)^{14} &= (2e^{-\pi i/6})^{14} \\
&= 2^{14}e^{-14\pi i/6} \\
&= 2^{14}\left(\cos\left(-\frac{14\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{14\pi}{6}\right)\right) \\
&= 2^{14}\left(\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\
&= 2^{13} - 2^{13}\sqrt{3}i
\end{aligned}$$

2. Express each of the following in exponential form. Your final answer should have the principal argument.

(a) First we convert to exponential form.

For the modulus,

$$|3 + 3\sqrt{3}i| = \sqrt{3^2 + (3\sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6.$$

For the argument,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

Hence

$$3 + 3\sqrt{3}i = 6e^{\pi i/3}.$$

From here we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3 + 3\sqrt{3}i)^7 e^{5\pi i/6} &= (6e^{\pi i/3})^7 e^{5\pi i/6} \\
&= 6^7 e^{7\pi i/3} e^{5\pi i/6} \\
&= 6^7 e^{19\pi i/6} \\
&= 6^7 e^{-5\pi i/6}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) First we convert to exponential form.

For the modulus,

$$|1 + i| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}.$$

For the argument,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Hence

$$1 + i = \sqrt{2}e^{\pi i/4}.$$

From here we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\sqrt{2}e^{\pi i/4}e^{3\pi i/4}}{3e^{-\pi i/3}} &= (6e^{\pi i/3})^7 e^{5\pi i/6} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} e^{4\pi i/3} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} e^{-2\pi i/3}
\end{aligned}$$

3. Find exact values for all solutions of the following equations. Express final answers in Cartesian form.

- (a) Let $w = x^2$, then the equation turns into $2w^2 + 3w - 1 = 0$. Using the quadratic formula we get

$$w = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9+8}}{4} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$$

Hence we have that

$$x^2 = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}.$$

For $x^2 = \frac{-3+\sqrt{17}}{4} > 0$, we have that

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-3 + \sqrt{17}}{4}}$$

For $x^2 = \frac{-3-\sqrt{17}}{4} < 0$, we have that

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-3 - \sqrt{17}}{4}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3 + \sqrt{17}}{4}}i.$$

- (b) We first convert $-4i$ to exponential form to get $4e^{3\pi i/2}$. Since we may get multiple solutions, we note that

$$-4i = 4e^{3\pi i/2+2k\pi i}$$

for any integer k .

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
z &= (-4i)^{1/4} = (4e^{3\pi i/2+2k\pi i})^{1/4} \\
&= 4^{1/4} e^{3\pi i/8+k\pi i/2}
\end{aligned}$$

Using $k = 0, 1, 2$ and 3 we get the 4 solutions

$$z = \sqrt{2}e^{3\pi i/8}, \sqrt{2}e^{7\pi i/8}, \sqrt{2}e^{11\pi i/8}, \sqrt{2}e^{15\pi i/8}.$$

In cartesian form we get $\sqrt{2} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right) + \sqrt{2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{8}\right)i$, $\sqrt{2} \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right) + \sqrt{2} \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{8}\right)i$,
 $\sqrt{2} \cos\left(\frac{11\pi}{8}\right) + \sqrt{2} \sin\left(\frac{11\pi}{8}\right)i$, $\sqrt{2} \cos\left(\frac{15\pi}{8}\right) + \sqrt{2} \sin\left(\frac{15\pi}{8}\right)i$

4. Find the square roots of $5 + 12i$ by:

(a) Let $z = x + yi$, then we are finding when $(x + yi)^2 = 5 + 12i$. Therefore

$$5 + 12i = (x^2 - y^2) + 2xyi \Rightarrow 2xy = 12, x^2 - y^2 = 5$$

where x and y are real.

$$\begin{aligned} xy = 6 &\Rightarrow y = \frac{6}{x} \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 - \left(\frac{6}{x}\right)^2 = 5 \\ &\Rightarrow x^4 - 5x^2 - 36 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 4) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x^2 = 9, x^2 = -4 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \pm 3 \\ &\Rightarrow y = \pm 2 \end{aligned}$$

since x must be real.

Therefore the roots are $3 + 2i$ and $-3 - 2i$.

(b) Converting to exponential form yields

$$z^2 = 13e^{\pi\theta + 2\pi ki}$$

where $\cos \theta = \frac{5}{13}$.

Hence

$$z = \sqrt{13}e^{\pi(\theta/2) + \pi ki}.$$

Hence if $k = 0$ we get

$$z = \sqrt{13} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right)$$

Using the half angle identities

$$\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{5}{13}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{13}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}.$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos\theta}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{5}{13}}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{13}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}.$$

Therefore we get that

$$z = \sqrt{13} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right) = 3 + 2i.$$

From there we can get the other root is the negative.

5. We first note that

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta &= e^{i(3\theta)} \\ &= (e^{i\theta})^3 \\ &= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 \\ &= (\cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta) + i(3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \sin 3\theta = 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta.$$

6. We use that $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$ and $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$ to get

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

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} &= \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta + \cos \theta - i \sin \theta}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 \cos \theta}{2} \\ &= \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} &= \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta - (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)}{2i} \\ &= \frac{2i \sin \theta}{2i} \\ &= \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

7. First we turn $-2 - 2i$ into exponential form

$$|-2 - 2i| = \sqrt{8} = 2^{3/2} \quad \text{and} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{-2}{-2} = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{5\pi}{4}.$$

Now to find the fifth roots of $-2 - 2i$ we need to find solutions to $z^5 = 2^{3/2}e^{i(5\pi/4+2k\pi)}$ where k can be any integer.

We can use $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ to get the 5 different answers (note that using $k = 5$ will yield the same solution as $k = 0$).

using $z = re^{i\theta}$ we get that $z^5 = r^5e^{i(5\theta)}$ and hence we are solving

$$r^5 = 2^{3/2} \Rightarrow r = 2^{3/10}$$

and

$$5\theta = \frac{5\pi}{4} + 2k\pi \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2k\pi}{5}$$

$k = 0$

$\theta = \pi/4$ and hence

$$z = 2^{3/10} \left(\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right) = 2^{3/10} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 2^{-1/5} + 2^{-1/5}i$$

$k = 1$

$\theta = 13\pi/20$ and hence

$$z = 2^{3/10} \left(\cos \left(\frac{13\pi}{20} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{13\pi}{20} \right) \right) = 2^{3/10} \cos \left(\frac{13\pi}{20} \right) + 2^{3/10} \sin \left(\frac{13\pi}{20} \right) i$$

(It's fine to leave it like this for non nice values.)

$k = 2$

$\theta = 21\pi/20$ and hence

$$z = 2^{3/10} \left(\cos \left(\frac{21\pi}{20} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{21\pi}{20} \right) \right) = 2^{3/10} \cos \left(\frac{21\pi}{20} \right) + 2^{3/10} \sin \left(\frac{21\pi}{20} \right) i$$

$k = 3$

$\theta = 29\pi/20$ and hence

$$z = 2^{3/10} \left(\cos \left(\frac{29\pi}{20} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{29\pi}{20} \right) \right) = 2^{3/10} \cos \left(\frac{29\pi}{20} \right) + 2^{3/10} \sin \left(\frac{29\pi}{20} \right) i$$

and

$k = 4$

$\theta = 37\pi/20$ and hence

$$z = 2^{3/10} \left(\cos \left(\frac{37\pi}{20} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{37\pi}{20} \right) \right) = 2^{3/10} \cos \left(\frac{37\pi}{20} \right) + 2^{3/10} \sin \left(\frac{37\pi}{20} \right) i$$