

**Assignment 1.**

Basic techniques.

This assignment is due Wednesday, Jan 27. Collaboration is welcome. If you do collaborate, make sure to write/type your own paper.

- (1) Represent the following complex numbers in trigonometric form: (a)  $1 + i$ , (b)  $-1 + i$ , (c)  $-1 - i$ , (d)  $1 + i\sqrt{3}$ , (e)  $-1 + i\sqrt{3}$ , (f)  $\sqrt{3} - i$ .

- (2) Calculate

(a)  $\frac{1+i \tan \alpha}{1-i \tan \alpha}$  (where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ), (b)  $\frac{(1+i)^{2015}}{(1-i)^{2013}}$ .

- (3) Calculate

(a)  $(a + b\omega + c\omega^2)(a + b\omega^2 + c\omega)$ , (b)  $(a + b)(a + b\omega)(a + b\omega^2)$ ,  
where  $\omega = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{3} \cdot i$ . (Hint: use that  $\omega^3 = 1$ .)

- (4) Prove the identity  $|z_1 + z_2|^2 + |z_1 - z_2|^2 = 2(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)$ . (By the way, what is the geometric interpretation of this identity?)

- (5) By a purely geometric argument, prove that

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

(Hint: Draw a picture. The latter term is the length of an arc.)

- (6) Draw regions on the complex  $z$ -plane defined by the following relations:

(a)  $|z - z_1| = |z - z_2|$  (c)  $\operatorname{Re} z + \operatorname{Im} z < 1$  (e)  $\operatorname{Re} \frac{z - z_1}{z - z_2} = 0$   
(b)  $0 \leq \operatorname{Re}(iz) \leq 1$  (d)  $\operatorname{Im} \frac{z - z_1}{z - z_2} = 0$

- (7) Prove that any complex number of absolute value 1 (except for  $z = -1$ ) can be represented as

$$z = \frac{1 + it}{1 - it},$$

where  $t$  is a real number (Hint: compare to 2a.)

- (8)  $Az\bar{z} - E\bar{z} - \bar{E}z + D = 0$  is an equation of a circle ( $E \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $A, D \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A \neq 0$ ). Find its center and radius.

- (9) Describe the family of curves on the complex  $z$ -plane with equations

(a)  $\operatorname{Re} \frac{1}{z} = C$ , (b)  $\operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{z} = C$ ,

where  $C$  is an arbitrary real number. (Hint: Use  $1/z = \bar{z}/z\bar{z}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} w = (w + \bar{w})/2$ , complex equation of a circle and problem 8 above.)

- (10) Use the fact that  $1 + \cos \alpha + \cos 2\alpha + \cdots + \cos n\alpha = \operatorname{Re}(1 + z + z^2 + \cdots + z^n)$ , where  $z = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$ , to find a trigonometric expression for  $1 + \cos \alpha + \cos 2\alpha + \cdots + \cos n\alpha$ .

- (11) Use De Moivre's formula ( $(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)^n = \cos n\varphi + i \sin n\varphi$ ) to express  $\cos 5\varphi$  through  $\sin \varphi$  and  $\cos \varphi$ .

COMMENT. If you look at your obtained expression closely, you can observe that you can eliminate  $\sin \varphi$  by using  $\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi = 1$ , so  $\cos 5\varphi$  is a *polynomial* of  $\cos \varphi$ . The same is true for  $\cos n\varphi$ . The corresponding polynomials are called *Chebyshev* polynomials and they are amazing every which way.