

## Problem Set 1

1. Compute  $\operatorname{Re}(z)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(z)$  for  $z = \frac{1}{i}, \frac{2}{3-i}, \frac{1-i}{1+i}, (1+i\sqrt{3})^6, (2+i)^3$ .
2. Compute  $|z|$  and  $\arg(z) \in (-\pi, \pi]$  for  $z = 3i, -2, 1+i, -1-i$ .
3. Determine all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  for which (i)  $z^3 = i$ , (ii)  $z^6 = -8$ , (iii)  $z^3 = -2+2i$
4. Solve for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ : (i)  $z^2 + iz + 1 = 0$  (ii)  $z^2 - (1+i)z + i = 0$
5. Determine for which complex numbers  $z_1, z_2$ , the following inequalities are actual equalities. (i)  $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$

$$(ii) |z_1 - z_2| \geq ||z_1| - |z_2||$$

6. For  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , show that  $|z_1 + z_2|^2 + |z_1 - z_2|^2 = 2(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)$

7. Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 2$  and let  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . Prove that:

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \bar{w}_k \right|^2 = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |z_k|^2 \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |w_k|^2 \right) - \sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq n} |z_k w_l - z_l w_k|^2$$

(This is called Lagrange's identity. It immediately implies

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \bar{w}_k \right|^2 \leq \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |z_k|^2 \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n |w_k|^2 \right) \quad \text{Cauchy-Schwarz inequality}$$

8. Let  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1$  and  $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 = 0$ . Prove that  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  form vertices of an equilateral triangle.

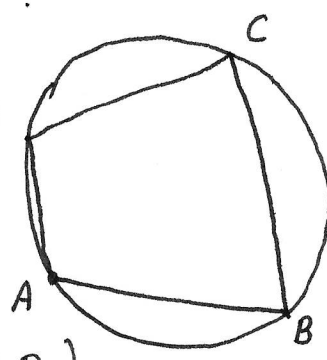
9. Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $z^n = 1$  ( $n \geq 2$  is an integer). Show that:
 
$$1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^{n-1} = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } z=1 \\ 0 & \text{if } z \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

10. Compute the sums: (i)  $\sin(x) + \sin(2x) + \sin(3x) + \dots + \sin((n-1)x)$   
 ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 2$ ) (ii)  $\cos(x) + \cos(3x) + \cos(5x) + \dots + \cos((2n-1)x)$

11. Prove the following identities: (i)  $\sin(2z-2w) = 2 \sin(z-w) \cos(z+w)$   
 (ii)  $\cos(2z) = \cos^2(z) - \sin^2(z)$   
 (iii)  $(1 - \cos(z-w))(1 - \cos(z+w)) = (\cos(z) - \cos(w))^2$  (here  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ .)

12. Let  $z_1 = e^{2i\theta_1}$  and  $z_2 = e^{2i\theta_2}$  be two points on the unit circle (i.e.,  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ).  
 Show that  $|z_1 - z_2| = 2 |\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)|$ .

13. (Ptolemy Relation) Let ABCD be a quadrilateral inscribed in a circle (as shown in the figure).



Prove that  $|AC| \cdot |BD| = |AB| \cdot |CD| + |AD| \cdot |BC|$

(here  $|PQ|$  = length of the line segment joining P & Q.)

14. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ . Prove that there exists  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\sin(z) = \alpha$ .  
 15. Express  $\operatorname{Re}(\sin(z))$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(\sin(z))$  as functions of  $x = \operatorname{Re}(z)$  &  $y = \operatorname{Im}(z)$ .  
 16. Sketch the following subsets of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- (i)  $(z_0 \in \mathbb{C}, R \in \mathbb{R}_{>0} \text{ fixed}) \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| \geq R\}$   
 (ii)  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 2| + |z + 2| = 5\}$   
 (iii)  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 2| - |z + 2| > 3\}$   
 (iv)  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - \alpha| = |z - \beta|\}$  ;  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha \neq \beta$ .  
 (v)  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < \operatorname{Re}(iz) < 1\}$   
 (vi)  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 1| = \operatorname{Re}(z)\}$   
 (vii)  $-\pi < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \pi$ .  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \theta_1 < \arg(z) < \theta_2\}$   
 (viii)  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}; \alpha \neq \beta$ .  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{z - \alpha}{z - \beta}\right) = 0\}$  (for  $z = \beta$ , take  $\frac{z - \alpha}{z - \beta}$  to be real)  
 (ix)  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z^2) = 1\}$

17. Determine all values of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  for which (i)  $e^z = 1+i$  (ii)  $e^{2z+1} = 1$ .
18. Find all possible values of  $(1-i)^{1+i}$ .
19. Use the standard determination of log to compute  $\left(\frac{e}{2}(-1-\sqrt{3}i)\right)^{3\pi i}$ .
20. Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  be such that  $|z|=1$ . Show that all possible values of  $z^n$  lie on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

21. (Circle of Apollonius). Let  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  ( $\lambda \neq 1$ ).

Show that  $\left| \frac{z-z_1}{z-z_2} \right| = \lambda$  defines a circle.

22. (Bernoulli's lemniscate)  $|z^2-1|=1$ . Show that  $|z|^2 = 2 \cos(2 \arg(z))$  i.e. the curve given (in polar form) by  $r^2 = 2 \cos(2\theta)$  - called a lemniscate. What happens if we set  $|z^2-1| = \lambda$  ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ ) and vary  $\lambda$ ?

23. (Inverse geometry). Consider the transformation  $I(z) = \frac{z}{|z|^2}$ .

Show that a straight line  $L$  not passing through  $0$ , meeting the unit circle  $\{|z|=1\}$  at  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  is transformed, via  $I$ , to a circle passing through  $0, z_1$  and  $z_2$ .

