

Complex Analysis with Applications
Princeton University MAT330
HW1, Due Feb 10th 2023

1 The field \mathbb{C}

1. Find the real and imaginary parts of the following:

(a) $z = (1 - i)^3$.

(b) $z = \frac{x+iy}{a+ib}$ for real x, y, a, b .

(c) $z = \frac{\pi i}{(1-i)(2-i)}$.

2. Sketch the regions of the complex plane defined by the following constraints:

(a) $|z + 4i| \leq \pi$.

(b) $|z + 2| < |z + 1|$.

3. Find the minimal constant $c > 0$ such that

$$c|z| \geq |\operatorname{Re}\{z\}| + |\operatorname{Im}\{z\}| \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}).$$

4. Show that

$$\sum_{j=0}^n z^j = \frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z} \quad (z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}).$$

Using this, prove Lagrange's trigonometric identity

$$\sum_{j=0}^n \cos(j\theta) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin((2n+1)\frac{1}{2}\theta)}{2\sin(\frac{1}{2}\theta)} \quad (\theta \notin 2\pi\mathbb{Z}).$$

Note that an earlier version of the HW had a typo in the above equation (it had $\cos(n\theta)$ instead of $\cos(j\theta)$ on the LHS).

5. Find the zeros of the equation $z^5 + 32 = 0$ and mark where they are positioned in the complex plane.

6. Prove that

$$|z| = \max_{\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]} \operatorname{Re}\{ze^{i\theta}\} \quad (z \in \mathbb{C})$$

and use this to prove

$$|z + w| \leq |z| + |w| \quad (z, w \in \mathbb{C}).$$

2 A bit of topology

For reference, see the corresponding section of the lecture notes titled “a bit of topology”.

7. Find the accumulation points (if any) of

$$S = \{ (2i)^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1} \} \subseteq \mathbb{C}.$$

8. Find the closure, interior and boundary of the following sets within \mathbb{C} :

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \mathbb{R} \\ S_2 &= \left\{ w \in \mathbb{C} \mid |w - 1| < \frac{1}{2} \right\} \equiv B_{\frac{1}{2}}(1) \\ S_3 &= \left\{ \frac{i}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1} \right\} \\ S_4 &= \{ x + iy \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Q} \}. \end{aligned}$$

Conclude if these sets are open, closed, neither or both.

9. Let $f, g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be two functions and $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ be given. Say g has a limit $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} g(z) = g(z_0)$ and f has a limit $\lim_{w \rightarrow g(z_0)} f(w) = f(g(z_0))$. This means that for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there are some $\delta_f(\varepsilon), \delta_g(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that

$$w \in B_{\delta_f(\varepsilon)}(g(z_0)) \implies f(w) \in B_\varepsilon(f(g(z_0)))$$

and

$$z \in B_{\delta_g(\varepsilon)}(z_0) \implies g(z) \in B_{\delta_f(\varepsilon)}(g(z_0)).$$

For a given $\varepsilon > 0$, find some $\delta_*(\varepsilon) > 0$ (in terms of δ_f, δ_g) which would satisfy the $\varepsilon - \delta$ definition of existence of the limit of $f \circ g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ at z_0 , i.e.,:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(g(z)) = f(g(z_0)).$$

10. A *modulus of continuity* is a function $\omega : [0, \infty] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ which is continuous at zero and obeys $\omega(0) = 0$. A function $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ (where $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$) admits a modulus of continuity ω iff

$$|f(z) - f(w)| \leq \omega(|z - w|) \quad (z, w \in A).$$

Find a modulus of continuity for the function $f : B_1(0) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by the formula $f(z) = z^2$. What about $g : B_2(-3) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by the formula $g(z) = \exp(z)$? What happens to the moduli of continuity of these functions if their domains were extended to the entire complex plane?