

8. Use mathematical induction to verify the binomial formula (13) in Sec. 3. More precisely, note that the formula is true when $n = 1$. Then, assuming that it is valid when $n = m$ where m denotes any positive integer, show that it must hold when $n = m + 1$.

Suggestion: When $n = m + 1$, write

$$\begin{aligned}(z_1 + z_2)^{m+1} &= (z_1 + z_2)(z_1 + z_2)^m = (z_2 + z_1) \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} z_1^k z_2^{m-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} z_1^k z_2^{m+1-k} + \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} z_1^{k+1} z_2^{m-k}\end{aligned}$$

and replace k by $k - 1$ in the last sum here to obtain

$$(z_1 + z_2)^{m+1} = z_2^{m+1} + \sum_{k=1}^m \left[\binom{m}{k} + \binom{m}{k-1} \right] z_1^k z_2^{m+1-k} + z_1^{m+1}.$$

Finally, show how the right-hand side here becomes

$$z_2^{m+1} + \sum_{k=1}^m \binom{m+1}{k} z_1^k z_2^{m+1-k} + z_1^{m+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} \binom{m+1}{k} z_1^k z_2^{m+1-k}.$$

Sol: • When $n = 1$,

$$(z_1 + z_2)^n = z_1 + z_2 = \sum_{k=0}^1 \binom{1}{k} z_1^k z_2^{1-k}$$

• Assume it is true for $n = m$.

• When $n = m + 1$,

$$(z_1 + z_2)^{m+1} = (z_1 + z_2)^m (z_1 + z_2)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} z_1^k z_2^{m-k} \right) (z_1 + z_2)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} z_1^{k+1} z_2^{m-k} + \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} z_1^k z_2^{m+1-k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= z_1^{m+1} + \sum_{k=1}^m \left(C_k^m + C_{k-1}^m \right) z_1^k z_2^{m+1-k} + z_2^{m+1} \\
&= z_1^{m+1} + \sum_{k=1}^m C_k^{m+1} z_1^k z_2^{m+1-k} + z_2^{m+1} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} C_k^{m+1} z_1^k z_2^{m+1-k}
\end{aligned}$$

(Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
C_k^m + C_{k-1}^m &= \frac{m!}{k!(m-k)!} + \frac{m!}{(k-1)!(m-k+1)!} \\
&= \frac{m!(k + m+1 - k)}{k!(m+1-k)!} \\
&= \frac{(m+1)!}{k!(m+1-k)!} \\
&= C_k^{m+1}
\end{aligned}$$

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By M.I., the formula is true for
any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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4. Verify that $\sqrt{2}|z| \geq |\operatorname{Re} z| + |\operatorname{Im} z|$.

Suggestion: Reduce this inequality to $(|x| - |y|)^2 \geq 0$.

$$\text{Sol : } (|x| - |y|)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x|^2 - 2|x||y| + |y|^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(x^2 + y^2) \geq (|x| + |y|)^2 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Rmk: This is} \\ \text{Cauchy's Inequality} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \geq |x| + |y|$$

Write $z = x + iy$, we are done.

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6. Using the fact that $|z_1 - z_2|$ is the distance between two points z_1 and z_2 , give a geometric argument that $|z - 1| = |z + i|$ represents the line through the origin whose slope is -1 .

Sol: 'A point z satisfies $|z - 1| = |z + i|$ '
is equivalent to
' z is equidistant from 1 and $-i$ '
Then z is on the perpendicular
bisector of the segment joining
 1 and $-i$, which is the line
through the origin whose slope is -1 .

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8. Let z_1 and z_2 denote any complex numbers

$$z_1 = x_1 + iy_1 \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = x_2 + iy_2.$$

Use simple algebra to show that

$$|(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2)| \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{(x_1^2 + y_1^2)(x_2^2 + y_2^2)}$$

are the same and then point out how the identity

$$|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|$$

follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol:} \quad & |(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2)|^2 \\ &= |x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2 + i(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)|^2 \\ &= (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2)^2 + (x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)^2 \\ &= x_1^2 x_2^2 + y_1^2 y_2^2 + x_1^2 y_2^2 + x_2^2 y_1^2 \\ &= x_1^2 (x_2^2 + y_2^2) + y_1^2 (x_2^2 + y_2^2) \\ &= (x_1^2 + y_1^2) (x_2^2 + y_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } |(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2)| = \sqrt{(x_1^2 + y_1^2)(x_2^2 + y_2^2)}.$$

Take $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$, $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$, we have

$$|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|.$$

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1. Use properties of conjugates and moduli established in Sec. 6 to show that

$$(a) \overline{\bar{z} + 3i} = z - 3i; \quad (b) \overline{iz} = -i\bar{z};$$

$$(c) \overline{(2+i)^2} = 3 - 4i; \quad (d) |(2\bar{z} + 5)(\sqrt{2} - i)| = \sqrt{3} |2z + 5|.$$

$$\text{Sol: } (a) \overline{\bar{z} + 3i} = \overline{\bar{z}} + \overline{3i} = z - 3i$$

$$(b) \overline{iz} = \overline{i}\overline{z} = -i\bar{z}$$

$$(c) \overline{(2+i)^2} = (\overline{2+i})^2 = (2-i)^2 = 3 - 4i$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) |(2\bar{z} + 5)(\sqrt{2} - i)| &= |2\bar{z} + 5| |\sqrt{2} - i| \\ &= \sqrt{3} \left| \overline{2z + 5} \right| \\ &= \sqrt{3} |2z + 5| \end{aligned}$$

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9. By factoring $z^4 - 4z^2 + 3$ into two quadratic factors and using inequality (2), Sec. 5, show that if z lies on the circle $|z| = 2$, then

$$\left| \frac{1}{z^4 - 4z^2 + 3} \right| \leq \frac{1}{3}.$$

Sol: Write $z^4 - 4z^2 + 3 = (z^2 - 1)(z^2 - 3)$.

When $|z| = 2$,

$$|z^2 - 1| \geq |z|^2 - 1 = 3.$$

$$|z^2 - 3| \geq |z|^2 - 3 = 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } |z^4 - 4z^2 + 3| &= |z^2 - 1| |z^2 - 3| \\ &\geq 3 \times 1 = 3. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \left| \frac{1}{z^4 - 4z^2 + 3} \right| = \frac{1}{|z^4 - 4z^2 + 3|} \leq \frac{1}{3}.$$

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5. By writing the individual factors on the left in exponential form, performing the needed operations, and finally changing back to rectangular coordinates, show that

(a) $i(1 - \sqrt{3}i)(\sqrt{3} + i) = 2(1 + \sqrt{3}i)$; (b) $5i/(2 + i) = 1 + 2i$;

(c) $(\sqrt{3} + i)^6 = -64$;

(d) $(1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{-10} = 2^{-11}(-1 + \sqrt{3}i)$.

Sol: (a)

$$i(1 - \sqrt{3}i)(\sqrt{3} + i)$$

$$= e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i} (2e^{-\frac{\pi}{3}i}) (2e^{\frac{\pi}{6}i})$$

$$= 4e^{\frac{\pi}{3}i}$$

$$= 4\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)$$

$$= 2(1 + \sqrt{3}i)$$

(b) $\frac{5i}{2+i} = \frac{5e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i}}{\sqrt{5}e^{i\theta}}$ where $\begin{cases} \cos\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \sin\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{cases}$

$$= \sqrt{5}e^{(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)i}$$

$$= \sqrt{5}(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) + i\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta))$$

$$= \sqrt{5}(\sin\theta + i\cos\theta)$$

$$= 1 + 2i$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad (\sqrt{3} + i)^6 &= \left(2e^{\frac{\pi}{6}i}\right)^6 \\ &= 2^6 \cdot e^{\pi i} \\ &= -64 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \quad (1 + \sqrt{3}i)^{-10} &= \left(2e^{\frac{\pi}{3}i}\right)^{-10} \\ &= 2^{-10} e^{-\frac{10}{3}\pi i} \\ &= 2^{-10} e^{\frac{2}{3}\pi i} \\ &= 2^{-10} \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) \\ &= -2^{-11} (-1 + \sqrt{3}i) \end{aligned}$$

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9. Establish the identity

$$1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^n = \frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z} \quad (z \neq 1)$$

and then use it to derive *Lagrange's trigonometric identity*:

$$1 + \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \dots + \cos n\theta = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin[(2n+1)\theta/2]}{2 \sin(\theta/2)} \quad (0 < \theta < 2\pi).$$

Suggestion: As for the first identity, write $S = 1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^n$ and consider the difference $S - zS$. To derive the second identity, write $z = e^{i\theta}$ in the first one.

Sol: Let $S = 1 + z + \dots + z^n$

Then $zS = z + z^2 + \dots + z^{n+1}$

Then $(1 - z)S = 1 - z^{n+1}$

When $z \neq 1$, $S = \frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z}$

Let $z = e^{i\theta}$

On the one hand,

$$1 + z + \dots + z^n = 1 + e^{i\theta} + \dots + e^{in\theta}$$

$$= (1 + \cos \theta + \dots + \cos n\theta) + i(\sin \theta + \dots + \sin n\theta)$$

On the other side, $\frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z} = \frac{1 - e^{i(n+1)\theta}}{1 - e^{i\theta}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{e^{i(n+1)\theta} - 1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} \\
&= \frac{e^{i\frac{2n+1}{2}\theta} - e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}}}{e^{\frac{i\theta}{2}} - e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}}} \\
&= \frac{-\frac{i}{2}(e^{i\frac{2n+1}{2}\theta} - e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}})}{\frac{e^{\frac{i\theta}{2}} - e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}}}{2i}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{-i}{2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}} (e^{i\frac{2n+1}{2}\theta} - e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}})$$

(Remark: Since $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$
 $e^{-i\theta} = \cos\theta - i\sin\theta$,
then $\sin\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$)

$$\text{Hence, } 1 + \cos\theta + \dots + \cos(n\theta) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{1 - z^{n+1}}{1 - z}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}} \left(\sin\frac{2n+1}{2}\theta + \sin\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin\frac{2n+1}{2}\theta}{2\sin\frac{\theta}{2}}$$

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10. Use de Moivre's formula (Sec. 8) to derive the following trigonometric identities:

(a) $\cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$;

(b) $\sin 3\theta = 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta$.

Sol: Note that $e^{3i\theta} = (e^{i\theta})^3$

On the one hand,

$$e^{3i\theta} = \cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta.$$

On the other hand,

$$(e^{i\theta})^3 = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3$$

$$= [(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) + 2i \sin \theta] (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$= (\cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta) + i(3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta)$$

(a). Take real part, $\cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$

(b). Take imaginary part, $\sin 3\theta = 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta$

1. Find the square roots of (a) $2i$; (b) $1 - \sqrt{3}i$ and express them in rectangular coordinates.

$$\text{Ans. (a) } \pm(1+i); \quad \text{(b) } \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}-i}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol: (a) } 2i &= 2e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i} \\ &= (\pm\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{\pi}{4}i})^2 \\ &= (\pm(1+i))^2 \end{aligned}$$

The square roots of $2i$ are $\pm(1+i)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } 1 - \sqrt{3}i &= 2e^{\frac{2}{3}i} \\ &= (\pm\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{1}{3}i})^2 \\ &= \left(\pm\sqrt{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)\right)^2 \\ &= \left(\pm \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The square roots of $1 - \sqrt{3}i$ are $\pm \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{\sqrt{2}}$.

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8. (a) Prove that the usual formula solves the quadratic equation

$$az^2 + bz + c = 0 \quad (a \neq 0)$$

when the coefficients a , b , and c are complex numbers. Specifically, by completing the square on the left-hand side, derive the *quadratic formula*

$$z = \frac{-b + (b^2 - 4ac)^{1/2}}{2a},$$

where both square roots are to be considered when $b^2 - 4ac \neq 0$,

(b) Use the result in part (a) to find the roots of the equation $z^2 + 2z + (1 - i) = 0$.

$$\text{Ans. (b)} \quad \left(-1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \left(-1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Sol: (a) Note that when $a \neq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} az^2 + bz + c &= a\left(z^2 + \frac{b}{a}z\right) + c \\ &= a\left(z + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } az^2 + bz + c = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(z + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow z = \frac{-b + (b^2 - 4ac)^{1/2}}{2a}$$

(Rmk: Here, $(b^2 - 4ac)^{1/2}$ is not unique in general.)

(b) The roots of the equation $z^2 + 2z + (1-i) = 0$

$$\text{is } z = \frac{-2 + (4 - 4(1-i))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-2 + 2i^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}$$

$$= -1 + (e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= -1 \pm e^{\frac{\pi}{4}i}$$

$$= -1 \pm \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)$$

$$= \left(-1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i \quad \text{or} \quad \left(-1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$$

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5. Let S be the open set consisting of all points z such that $|z| < 1$ or $|z - 2| < 1$. State why S is not connected.

Sol: Let S_1 be the set consisting of all points z such that $|z| < 1$.

Let S_2 be the set consisting of all points z such that $|z - 2| < 1$.

Clearly, S_1, S_2 are open and

$$S_1 \cup S_2 = S.$$

To show S is not connected, it suffices to show $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$.

• If $z \in S_2$, then $|z - 2| < 1$. Then

$$|z| = |z - 2 + 2| \geq 2 - |z - 2| > 2 - 1 = 1$$

Therefore, $z \notin S_1$. Hence, $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$.

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8. Prove that if a set contains each of its accumulation points, then it must be a closed set.

Sol: Let S be a set in \mathbb{C} which contains all its accumulation points.

Let ∂S be the boundary of S .

Suppose $a \in \partial S$. Then $\forall \varepsilon > 0$,

$\exists z \in S$ s.t. $|z - a| < \varepsilon$.

Then a is an accumulation point of S .

Therefore, $\partial S \subset S$.

Hence, S is closed.

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4. Write the function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{1}{z} \quad (z \neq 0)$$

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in the form $f(z) = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)$.

$$\text{Ans. } f(z) = \left(r + \frac{1}{r}\right) \cos \theta + i \left(r - \frac{1}{r}\right) \sin \theta.$$

Sol: Let $z = re^{i\theta}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f(z) &= z + \frac{1}{z} \\ &= re^{i\theta} + \frac{1}{re^{i\theta}} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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