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TOPIC: COMPLEX ANALYSIS

Complex Numbers

In order to solve equations such as

$$x^2 + 1 = 0$$

or

$$x^2 + 2x + 8 = 0$$

which have no root within the system of real numbers, the number system was extended further to the larger system of complex numbers.

By definition, a complex number is any number x that can be expressed in the form $x = a + ib$ where a and b are real and $i^2 = -1$. The symbol \mathcal{C} is used to denote the system of complex numbers. a is referred to as the real part and b the imaginary part of $a + ib$. Note that the complex numbers include all real numbers. The real numbers can be regarded as complex numbers for which b is zero.

In \mathcal{C} , the solution of the equation

$$x^2 + 1 = 0$$

is then $x = \pm\sqrt{-1}$ i.e $x = \pm i$

Algebra of complex Numbers

Let $x = a + ib$ and $y = c + id$ be two complex numbers:

Equality of complex numbers: x and y are equal if their real and imaginary parts are equal i.e $a = c$ and $b = d$

Addition and subtraction of two complex numbers:

The sum of x and y is defined as a complex number $z = x + y = a + ib + c + id = a + c + i(b + d)$

Also,

$$w = x - y = a + ib - (c + id) = a - c + i(b - d)$$

Multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned}x \times y &= (a + ib) \times (c + id) = ac + i^2bd + ibc + iad \\ &= ac - db + i(bc + ad)\end{aligned}$$

Division:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{y} &= \frac{a+ib}{c+id} = \frac{(a+ib)(c-id)}{(c+id)(c-id)} \\ &= \frac{(ac + bd) + (bc - ad)i}{c^2 + d^2} \\ &= \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2} + \frac{bc - ad}{c^2 + d^2}i\end{aligned}$$

Conjugate complex number:

$\bar{x} = a - ib$ is called the conjugate of x .

we have

$$x + \bar{x} = 2a$$

$$x - \bar{x} = 2ib$$

$$x\bar{x} = a^2 + b^2$$

Example: Express in the form $a + ib$

$$1. (2 + 4i) + (5 - 2i) = 7 + 2i$$

$$2. (1 - 8i) - (7 + 2i) = (1 - 7) + (-8 - 2)i = -6 - 10i$$

$$3. \frac{2+3i}{3+2i} = \frac{2+3i}{3+2i} \times \frac{3-2i}{3-2i}$$

$$= \frac{6+6}{9+4} + \frac{9-4}{9+4}i$$
$$= \frac{12}{13} + \frac{5}{13}i$$

$$4. (1 + 3i)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1+3i} = \frac{1}{1+3i} \times \frac{1-3i}{1-3i} = \frac{1}{10} - \frac{3}{10}i$$

$$5. \left(\frac{5(1+i)}{1+3i}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{5+5i}{1+3i}\right)\left(\frac{5+5i}{1+3i}\right) = 3 - 4i$$

$$6. \frac{2+3i}{i(4-5i)} + \frac{2}{i} = \frac{2i-3+2(4i+5)}{-4+5i}$$
$$= \frac{22}{41} - \frac{75}{41}i$$

Note:

$$i^4 = i \times i^2 = -i$$

$$i^4 = 1$$

$$i^5 = i, i^6 = -1, i^7 = -i$$

and so on.

Example:

Find the solutions of the equation $4x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$ in the form $\alpha + i\beta$.

Solution:

$$x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{8}$$

$$= -\frac{5}{8} + i\frac{\sqrt{7}}{8}$$

or

$$-\frac{5}{8} - i\frac{\sqrt{7}}{8}$$

Example:

Factorize $a^2 + 3b^2$ as a product of two complex numbers.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + 3b^2 &= a^2 + (b\sqrt{3})^2 \\ &= (a + ib\sqrt{3})(a - ib\sqrt{3}) \end{aligned}$$

The Argand Diagram

A complex number of the form $z = x + iy$ is specified by the two real numbers x and y . The complex number z may then be made to correspond to a point P with ordered pair of values (x, y) as the co-ordinates of the point P on the

plane.

r is known as modulus of the complex number z and is written as $|z|$ or $modz$

$$r = |z| = |x + iy| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$z\bar{z} = (x + iy)(x - iy) = x^2 + y^2 = |z|^2$$

The diagram which represents complex numbers is known as Argand diagram or Argand plane or complex plane.

The angle α between the line OP from the origin to the number and the x -axis is called the argument or amplitudes of the number z .

From the diagram,

$$x = r\cos\alpha, y = r\sin\alpha$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2, \frac{y}{x} = \tan\alpha$$

$$\alpha = \operatorname{arg}z = \tan^{-1}\frac{y}{x}$$

Since on the circle, $\alpha + 2\Pi$ for any integer n , represent the same angle, it follows that the argument of a complex number is not unique such that $-\Pi < \operatorname{Arg}(z) \leq \Pi$.

The complex number z can therefore be written as $z = x + iy = r\cos\alpha + ir\sin\alpha = r(\cos\alpha + isin\alpha)$, $-\Pi < \alpha < \Pi$.

which is called the modulus-argument form or polar form or trigonometric form of the complex number z .

Let $z_1 = r_1(\cos\theta_1 + isin\theta_1)$ and $z_2 = r_2(\cos\theta_2 + isin\theta_2)$ be two complex numbers. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
z_1 z_2 &= r_1 r_2 (\cos\theta_1 + i\sin\theta_1)(\cos\theta_2 + i\sin\theta_2) \\
&= r_1 r_2 [(\cos\theta_1 \cos\theta_2 - \sin\theta_1 \sin\theta_2) + i(\sin\theta_1 \cos\theta_2 + \cos\theta_1 \sin\theta_2)] \\
&= r_1 r_2 [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \quad (*)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$|z_1 z_2| = r_1 r_2 = |z_1| |z_2|$$

and

$$\arg(z_1 z_2) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 = \arg z_1 + \arg z_2$$

Thus when complex numbers are multiplied, their moduli are multiplied and their arguments are added. Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{r_1(\cos\theta_1 + i\sin\theta_1)}{r_2(\cos\theta_2 + i\sin\theta_2)} \\
&= \frac{r_1}{r_2} [\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + i\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)] \\
\left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| &= \frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|} \\
\arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) &= \theta_1 - \theta_2 = \arg z_1 - \arg z_2
\end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the moduli and the arguments of the following complex numbers.

1. $7i - 2$

Solution:

$$|7i - 2| = \sqrt{7^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{53} = 7.28$$

$$\arg(7i - 2) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{7}{-2}\right) = 105.9^\circ$$

2. $(7i - 2)(3 + 4i)$

Solution:

$$|(7i - 2)(3 + 4i)| = |13i - 34|$$

$$= \sqrt{34^2 + 13^2} = \sqrt{1325} = 36.40$$

$$\arg((7i - 2)(3 + 4i)) = \arg(13i - 34) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-13}{34}\right) = 159.1^\circ$$

3. $\frac{7i-2}{3+4i}$

Answer: 1.456, 52.8°

4. $\left(\frac{7i-2}{3+4i}\right)^2$

Answer: 2, 12, 105.6°

Example: Describe the locus of a complex number z which satisfies $|z - 2| = 3|z + 2i|$.

Solution:

Put $z = x + iy$. Then

$$|z - 2|^2 = 9|z + 2i|^2$$

$$|(x - 2) + iy|^2 = 9|x + i(y + 2)|^2$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + y^2 = 9[x^2 + (y + 2)^2]$$

$$8x^2 + 8y^2 + 4x + 36y + 32 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{9}{2}y + 4 = 0$$

$$(x + \frac{1}{4})^2 + (y + \frac{9}{4})^2 = 4 + (\frac{1}{4})^2 + (\frac{9}{4})^2 = \frac{18}{16}$$

Locus is a circle, with center $(-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{9}{4})$ and radius $\frac{3}{4}\sqrt{2}$

De Moivre's Theorem

In general, if there are n complex numbers z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n with moduli r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n and arguments $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$ respectively, repeated application of equation (*) yields

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 \dots z_n = r_1 \dots r_n [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n)]$$

In particular if

$$z_1 = z_2 = \dots = z_n = z \quad (\text{say})$$

$$r_1 = r_2 = \dots = r_n = r \quad (\text{say})$$

and

$$\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \dots = \theta_n = \theta \quad (\text{say})$$

then we have

$$z^n = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$$

i.e

$$z^n = [r(\cos\theta + i \sin\theta)]^n$$

$$= r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$$

$$|z^n| = |z|^n, \arg(z^n) = n \arg(z)$$

In particular, if $r = 1$ we get De Moivre's theorem

$$(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i\sin n\theta$$

for any positive integer n .

This result is also valid when n is any negative integer. Suppose n is a negative integer, say $-m$ where m is a positive integer. Then

$$\begin{aligned}(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^{-m} &= \left(\frac{1}{\cos\theta + i\sin\theta}\right)^m = \frac{1}{(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^m} \\(\cos m\theta + i\sin m\theta)^{-1} &= \cos m\theta - i\sin m\theta \\&= \cos(-m)\theta + i\sin(-m)\theta\end{aligned}$$

which shows that De Moivre's theorem is valid when n is any negative integer.

Example: Express $\cos 3\theta$ and $\sin 3\theta$ in terms of powers of $\cos\theta$ and $\sin\theta$ respectively.

Solution:

By De Moivre's theorem we have

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

The real part of this expression then gives

$$\cos 3\theta = \cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta\sin^2\theta$$

But

$$\sin^2\theta = 1 - \cos^2\theta$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 3\theta &= \cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta(1 - \cos^2\theta) \\ &= \cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta + 3\cos^3\theta \\ &= 4\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta\end{aligned}$$

and the imaginary part gives

$$\begin{aligned}\sin 3\theta &= 3\cos^2\theta\sin\theta - \sin^3\theta \\ &= 3\sin\theta(1 - \sin^2\theta) - \sin^3\theta \\ &= 3\sin\theta - 3\sin^3\theta - \sin^3\theta \\ &= 3\sin\theta - 4\sin^3\theta\end{aligned}$$

Example: Show that if $z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ and m is a positive integer then

$$z^m + \frac{1}{z^m} = 2\cos m\theta$$

Solution:

$$z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

$$z^m = (\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^m = \cos m\theta + i\sin m\theta \quad (\text{De Moivre's theorem})$$

$$z^{-m} = \cos m\theta - i\sin m\theta$$

$$z^m + z^{-m} = 2\cos m\theta$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)^5 &= z^5 + 5z^4 \cdot \frac{1}{z} + 10z^3 \cdot \frac{1}{z^2} + 10z^2 \cdot \frac{1}{z^3} + 5z \cdot \frac{1}{z^4} + \frac{1}{z^5} \\ &= z^5 + 5z^3 + 10z + \frac{10}{z} + \frac{5}{z^3} + \frac{1}{z^5} \\ &= \left(z + \frac{1}{z^5}\right) + 5\left(z^3 + \frac{1}{z^3}\right) + 10\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right) \\ &= 2\cos 5\theta + 2 \times 5\cos 3\theta + 2 \times 10\cos \theta \\ &= 2\cos 5\theta + 10\cos 3\theta + 20\cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

Example: Evaluate z^8 where $z = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$

Solution:

Writing z in the modulus-argument form we have $r = |z| = \sqrt{4} = 2$ and

$$\arg z = \tan^{-1}\sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

That is

$$z = 2\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

Therefore

$$z^8 = 2^8\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^8$$

By De Moivre's Theorem this becomes

$$\begin{aligned}z^8 &= 2^8\left(\cos \frac{8\pi}{3} + i\sin \frac{8\pi}{3}\right) \\ &= 256(-0.5 + 0.866i) \\ &= -128 + 221.703i\end{aligned}$$

Example: Factorize into linear factors $4z^2 + 4(1 + i)z + 1 + 2i$

Solution:

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

First solve

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 + (1 + i)z + \frac{1}{4}(1 + 2i) &= 0 \\ a = 1, b = 1 + i, c = \frac{1}{4}(1 + 2i) \\ z &= \frac{-1 - i \pm \sqrt{(1 + i)^2 - (1 + 2i)}}{2} \\ \frac{-1 - i \pm \sqrt{-1}}{2} &= \frac{1}{2}(-1, -i \pm i) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} &-\frac{1}{2} - i \\ \implies &4z^2 + (4(1 + i)z + 1 + 2i) = 4(z + \frac{1}{2})(z + \frac{1}{2} + i) \end{aligned}$$

Roots of Complex Numbers

Let $z^n = \alpha$, n a positive integer and α a complex number (**)

Theorem: (Fundamental theorem of algebra)

Every polynomial of degree at least one with arbitrary numerical coefficients has at least one root which in the general sense is complex.

Consider (**), we have

$$z^n = \alpha = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$$

so that

$$z = r_o(\cos\theta_o + i\sin\theta_o) \quad \text{provided} \quad \alpha \neq 0$$

Then by De Moivre's theorem

$$r_o^n(\cos n\theta_o + i\sin n\theta_o) = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$$

That is

$$z = \sqrt[n]{\alpha}, r_o^n = r, n\theta_o = \theta + 2k\Pi$$

Thus r_o is the positive n th root of r and $\theta_o = \frac{\theta + 2k\Pi}{n}$ has n values for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ all distinct, since increasing k by unity implies increasing the argument by $\frac{2\Pi}{n}$.

The n distinct solutions of (**) are given by

$$(\alpha)^{\frac{1}{n}} = z = r^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\cos \frac{\theta + 2k\Pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{\theta + 2k\Pi}{n} \right) \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1 \quad (***)$$

which are n distinct values of $(\alpha)^{\frac{1}{n}}$

Roots of Unity

A particular example of (**) is when $\alpha = 1$, that is if $z^n = 1$, n is a positive integer. The roots of the equation are called n th roots of unity. Since

$$1 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0$$

then by (***) , the n th roots of unity are given by

$$1^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\cos \frac{2k\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right), k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

Taking $k = 1$, the root of unity being a complex number and denoted by w is given by

$$w = \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n}$$

Example: Find all the cube roots of -8

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{-8} &= \sqrt[3]{8(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)} \\ &= \sqrt[3]{8} \left(\cos \frac{\pi + 2k\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi + 2k\pi}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore for

$$\begin{aligned} k = 0, z_0 &= 2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = 1 + i\sqrt{3} \\ k = 1, z_1 &= 2(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi) = -2 \\ k = 2, z_2 &= 2 \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{3} \right) = 1 - i\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Example: Solve $z^4 + 4\sqrt{3} = 4i$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} z^4 + 4\sqrt{3} = 4i &\implies z^4 = 4i - 4\sqrt{3} \\ &\implies z^4 = 8 \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence using De Moivre's theorem

$$z = 8^{\frac{1}{4}} \left\{ \cos \frac{5\Pi + 2k\Pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\Pi + 2k\Pi}{4} \right\} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

The four roots are

$$k = 0 : z_0 = 8^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\cos \frac{5\Pi}{24} + i \sin \frac{5\Pi}{24} \right)$$

$$k = 1 : z_1 = 8^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\cos \frac{17\Pi}{24} + i \sin \frac{17\Pi}{24} \right)$$

$$k = 2 : z_2 = 8^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\cos \frac{29\Pi}{24} + i \sin \frac{29\Pi}{24} \right) = \bar{z}_0$$

$$k = 3 : z_3 = 8^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(\cos \frac{41\Pi}{24} + i \sin \frac{41\Pi}{24} \right) = \bar{z}_1$$