## **EULER'S RELATION**

**5 minute review.** Review Euler's relation,  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ , commenting briefly on how it follows from the Maclaurin series of exp, sin and cos. Discuss how this means that any complex number can be written in *exponential form*,  $re^{i\theta}$ . Also cover the exponential identities for sin and cos, namely

$$\sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$$
 and  $\cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$ .

Class warm-up. With the aid of a diagram, find the conjugate of  $re^{i\theta}$ . What shape in the complex plane does  $e^{(1+i)\theta}$  trace out as  $\theta$  varies? What about  $\overline{e^{(1+i)\theta}}$ ?

**Problems.** Choose from the below.

- 1. **Relating functions.** What are  $\sin(i\theta)$  and  $\cos(i\theta)$ ? What about  $\tan(i\theta)$ ? And  $\tanh(i\theta)$ ?
- 2. **Trigonometric identities**. Recall that we can use the exponential form of cos together with the binomial theorem to show that  $\cos^3(\theta) = \frac{1}{4}\cos(3\theta) + \frac{3}{4}\cos(\theta)$ . Use the same method to fill in the question marks in the identity

$$\cos^5(\theta) = ?\cos(5\theta) + ?\cos(3\theta) + ?\cos(\theta)$$

and find a general formula for  $\cos^n(\theta)$  for any odd positive integer n.

- 3. Exponential form and negative numbers.
  - (a) Let  $z = 3e^{\frac{3\pi}{4}i}$ . Plot z on the argand diagram.
  - (b) What is  $e^{i\pi}$ ?
  - (c) Now let  $z = -3e^{\frac{3\pi}{4}i}$ . Plot z on the argand diagram. What is |z|? What is  $\arg(z)$ ? Write z in polar and exponential form.
- 4. More trigonometric identities. Prove the addition formulae for  $\sin(A+B)$  and  $\cos(A+B)$  by using the exponential forms of sin and cos.
- 5. More on exponential form. Let  $z = e^{3 \ln \theta + (\theta \pi)i}$  for  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ .
  - (a) What is |z|? What is  $\arg(z)$ ? (Hint: you will get different answers depending on the sign of  $\theta$ .)
  - (b) Draw the shape in the complex plane that z traces out as  $\theta$  varies.

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For the warm-up,  $e^{(1+i)\theta} = e^{\theta+i\theta} = e^{\theta}e^{i\theta}$ . This traces out a spiral. Conjugating a number reflects it in the real axis, so  $\overline{e^{(1+i)\theta}} = \overline{e^{\theta}e^{i\theta}} = e^{\theta}e^{-i\theta}$  will be the reflection of the spiral in the real axis.

## Selected answers and hints.

1. From the exponential forms,  $\sin(i\theta) = i \sinh \theta$  and  $\cos(i\theta) = \cosh \theta$ . Hence  $\tan(i\theta) = \sin(i\theta)/\cos(i\theta) = i \tanh \theta$ , and so

$$\tanh(i\theta) = \frac{1}{i}\tan(i^2\theta) = \frac{i}{i^2}\tan(-\theta) = -i\tan(-\theta) = i\tan(\theta).$$

2.  $\cos^5(\theta) = \frac{1}{16}\cos(5\theta) + \frac{5}{16}\cos(3\theta) + \frac{5}{8}\cos(\theta)$ . Using the same method, it follows that

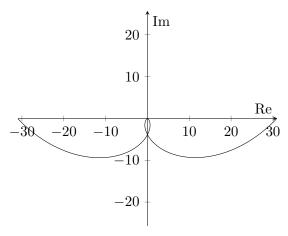
$$\cos^{n}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left( \cos(n\theta) + \binom{n}{1} \cos((n-2)\theta) + \binom{n}{2} \cos((n-4)\theta) + \dots + \binom{n}{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cos(\theta) \right).$$

- 3. (a)  $z = 3e^{\frac{3\pi}{4}i}$  has modulus 3 and argument  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ .
  - (b)  $z = -3e^{\frac{3\pi}{4}i}$  sits diametrically opposite  $3e^{\frac{3\pi}{4}i}$  in the argand plane. Thus it has modulus 3 and argument  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$ . That is,  $z = 3(\cos(-\frac{\pi}{4}) + i\sin(-\frac{\pi}{4})) = 3e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}i}$ .
  - (c) Since  $e^{i\pi}=-1$ , it follows that  $z=-3e^{\frac{3\pi}{4}i}=e^{i\pi}.3e^{\frac{3\pi}{4}i}=3e^{(\frac{3\pi}{4}+\pi)i}=3e^{\frac{7\pi}{4}i}=3e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}i}.$
- 5. (a)  $z = e^{3\ln\theta + (\theta \pi)i} = e^{3\ln\theta}e^{(\theta \pi)i} = \theta^3 e^{(\theta \pi)i}$ .
  - When  $\theta = 0$ , z = 0 (which has modulus 0 and undefined argument).
  - When  $0 < \theta < \pi$ ,  $|z| = \theta^3$  and  $\arg(z) = \theta \pi$ .
  - When  $-\pi < \theta < 0$ ,  $|z| = -\theta^3$  (since  $\theta$  is negetive) and  $z = -(-\theta^3)e^{(\theta-\pi)i} = e^{i\pi}.(-\theta^3)e^{(\theta-\pi)i} = (-\theta^3)e^{\theta i}$ , so  $\arg z = \theta$ .

Summarising, the exponential form for z is

$$z = \begin{cases} (-\theta^3)e^{i\theta} & \text{for } -\pi < \theta < 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } \theta = 0 \\ \theta^3 e^{(\theta - \pi)i} & \text{for } 0 < \theta < \pi \end{cases}$$

(b) The diagram is as below.



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