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Lecture 3

MATH 300

Last Time: Polar coordinates.

If  $z \neq 0$ , then can write

(\*)  $\longrightarrow z = re^{i\theta}$   $r > 0, \theta \in \mathbb{R}$

This is the polar form of  $z$ . Here

$$r = |z| = \sqrt{\operatorname{Re}(z)^2 + \operatorname{Im}(z)^2}$$

The  $\theta$ 's satisfying (\*) form a set denoted  $\arg(z)$ .

If  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \arg(z)$  then

$$\theta_2 - \theta_1 = 2\pi k, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Conversely, if  $\theta_1 \in \arg(z)$  and  $\theta_1 - \theta_2 = 2\pi k$  for some integer  $k$ , then  $\theta_2$  also lies in  $\arg(z)$ . Indeed

$$e^{i(\theta_2 - \theta_1)} = \frac{e^{i\theta_2}}{e^{i\theta_1}} = \frac{e^{i(\theta_1 + 2\pi k)}}{e^{i\theta_1}}$$

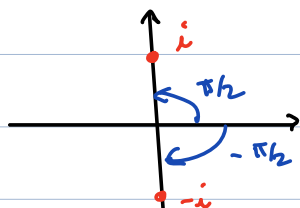
$$= \frac{e^{i\theta_1}}{e^{i\theta_1}} \cdot e^{i2\pi k}$$

$$= 1$$

So  $e^{i\theta_2} = e^{i\theta_1}$  whence

$$re^{i\theta_2} = re^{i\theta_1} = z.$$

$\operatorname{Arg}(z)$  is the unique complex number in  $\arg(z) \cap (-\pi, \pi]$ .



$$\operatorname{Arg}(i) = \pi/2$$

$$\operatorname{Arg}(-i) = -\pi/2$$

$\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

## Multiplication as rotation:

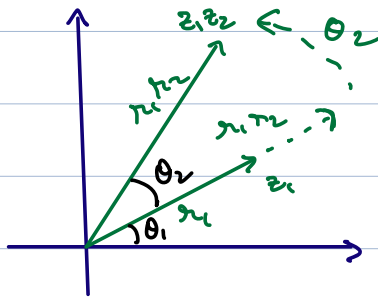
Let  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ ,  $z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1}$ ,  $z_2 = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$ .

Hence

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = r_1 r_2 e^{i\theta_1} \cdot e^{i\theta_2} = r_1 r_2 e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

- $z_1 z_2$  is obtained by taking the vector  $z_1$ , scaling its length by a factor of  $r_2$ , and then rotating the vector by an angle of  $\theta_2$ .



- Note:
1. Multiplying by  $i$  amounts to rotating by  $\pi/2$  without altering the length.
  2. Multiplying by  $e^{i\theta}$  amounts to rotating by an angle of  $\theta$  without altering the length ( $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta \Rightarrow |e^{i\theta}| = \sqrt{\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta} = 1$ .)

- $z_1/z_2$  amounts to scaling  $z_1$  by a factor of  $1/z_2$  and rotating the resulting vector by  $-\theta_2$ .

D' Moivre's formula:

$$\boxed{(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

"Pf":

$$(e^{i\theta})^n = e^{i(n\theta)}$$

Roots of unity:

Problem: Let  $m$  be a positive integer. Find all the  $m^{\text{th}}$  roots of 1, i.e., find all the solutions of  $z^m = 1$ .

Example: Find all solutions of  $z^4 = 1$ .

Solu:

Know  $(e^{2\pi i})^n = 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

So  $(e^{2\pi i})^{n/4} = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n}{4}\right), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$

is a fourth root of 1. In greater detail,

$$\left\{ e^{2\pi i \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)} \right\}^4 = e^{2\pi i n} = 1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Let

$$\omega_4 = e^{2\pi i/4}.$$

Then  $\omega_4^4 = 1$ .

$$1 = \omega_4^0, \quad \omega_4, \quad \omega_4^2, \quad \omega_4^3$$

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$$1 = \omega_4^4, \quad \omega_4^5, \quad \omega_4^6, \quad \omega_4^7$$

$$1 = \omega_4^8, \quad \omega_4^9, \quad \omega_4^{10}, \quad \omega_4^{11}$$

More formally, if  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\eta^4 = 1,$$

then  $|\eta| = 1$ , so  $\eta = e^{i\theta}$  for some  $\theta$ .

Hence

$$(e^{i\theta})^4 = 1,$$

$$\text{i.e. } e^{i(4\theta)} = 1$$

$$\text{so } 4\theta \in \arg(1) = \{2\pi n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

$$\text{Hence } 4\theta = 2\pi n \text{ for some } n,$$

$$\text{i.e. } \theta = 2\pi \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)$$

We can write  $n$  as

$$n = 4k + r, \quad r \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$\uparrow$  integer

*remainder upon dividing  $n$  by 4.*

$$\begin{aligned} \eta = e^{i\theta} &= e^{i(2\pi(\frac{n}{4}))} \\ &= e^{i\{2\pi(4k+r)\}/4} \quad r \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \\ &= e^{i(2\pi k + r/4)} \\ &= e^{i2\pi k} \cdot e^{ir/4} \\ &= e^{ir/4} = \omega_4^r, \text{ and } r \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \end{aligned}$$

The only solutions are

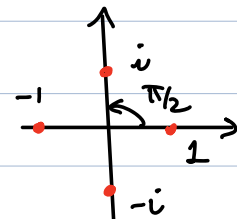
$$\hookrightarrow \omega_4, \omega_4^2, \omega_4^3.$$

$$\omega_4 = e^{2\pi i/4} = e^{i(\pi/2)} = i.$$

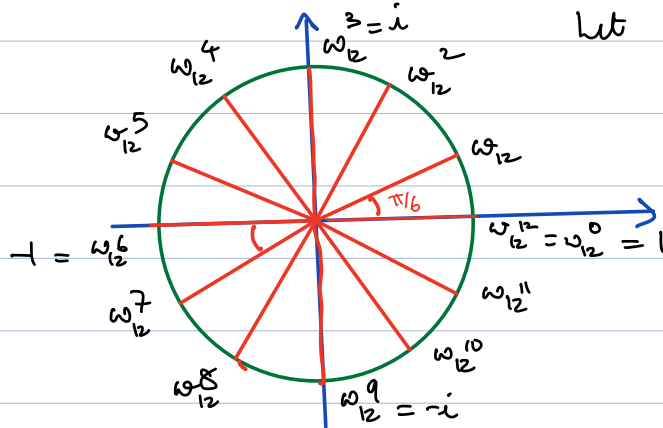
$$\omega_4^2 = i^2 = -1$$

$$\omega_4^3 = i^3 = -i$$

$$\omega_4^4 = \omega_4^0 = 1$$



2. The same analysis for  $z^{12} = 1$  gives:



$$\text{Let } \omega_{12} = e^{i(2\pi)/12} = e^{i\pi/6}$$

Here is the general solutions of

$$z^m = 1 \quad (*)$$

where  $m$  is a positive integer (we've done  $m=4, 12$ )

Set

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_m &= e^{2\pi i/m} \\ &= \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{m}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{m}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Then the distinct solutions of (\*) are

$$1 = \omega_m^0, \omega_m, \omega_m^2, \dots, \omega_m^{m-1}$$

$m$  solutions.

Check that  $z^m - 1 = (z-1)(z-\omega_m)(z-\omega_m^2) \dots (z-\omega_m^{m-1})$

Example: Show that  $1 + \omega_m + \omega_m^2 + \dots + \omega_m^{m-1} = 0$

Solution: Recall that for number  $x$  (geometric series)

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{m-1} = \frac{1-x^m}{1-x}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}1 + \omega_m + \omega_m^2 + \dots + \omega_m^{m-1} &= \frac{1 - \omega_m^m}{1 - \omega_m} \\ &= \frac{1 - 1}{1 - \omega_m} \\ &= 0 \quad //\end{aligned}$$

Example: Let  $z \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  and  $m$  a positive integer.

Solve the equation

$$\zeta^m = z \quad \leftarrow \text{known} \quad (\zeta \text{ is the unknown})$$

for  $\zeta$ .

Solution: Let

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

be a polar form of  $z$ .

$$\text{Let } \eta = r^{1/m} e^{i\theta/m}.$$

Check that

$\zeta = \eta = \omega_m^0 \cdot \eta$ ,  $\zeta = \omega_m^1 \eta$ , ...,  $\zeta = \omega_m^{m-1} \eta$   
are the only solutions of  $\zeta^m = z$ .

Further explanation: Let  $\zeta = \eta'$  be another soln  
of  $\zeta^m = z$ . Then

$$(\eta')^m = r e^{i\theta}.$$

It follows that  $|\eta'| = r^{1/m}$ , so

$$\eta' = r^{1/m} e^{i\phi}$$

for some  $\phi$ .

$$z = r e^{i\theta} = (\eta')^m = (r^{1/m} e^{i\phi})^m = r e^{i(m\phi)}$$

Thus  $m\phi \in \arg(z)$ . So

$$m\phi = \theta + 2\pi n \quad \text{for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

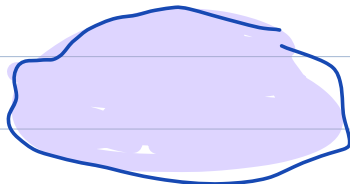
Here 
$$\phi = \frac{\theta}{m} + \frac{2\pi n}{m}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta' &= r^{1/m} e^{i\phi} = r^{1/m} e^{i(\theta/m + 2\pi n/m)} \\ &= r^{1/m} e^{i\theta/m} \cdot e^{i(2\pi n/m)} \\ &= \eta \cdot \omega_m^n \end{aligned}$$

But  $\omega_m^n = \omega_m^k$ , for some  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ .

So  $\eta' = \eta \cdot \omega_m^k$ , for some  $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$ .

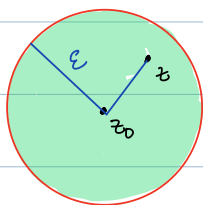
### Planar Sets



## Definitions:

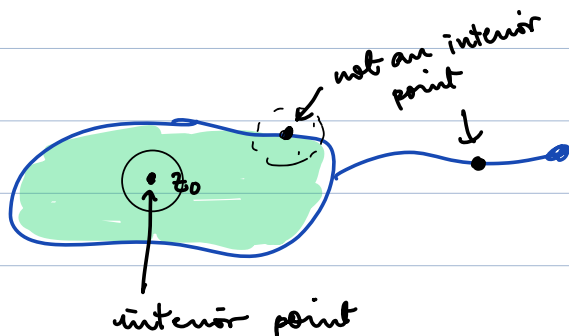
(1) Let  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $\varepsilon$  a positive real number ( $\varepsilon > 0$ )

$$B_\varepsilon(z_0) = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - z_0| < \varepsilon \}$$



This is called the open disk of radius  $\varepsilon$  centered at  $z_0$ .

(2) Let  $S \subset \mathbb{C}$  and  $z_0 \in S$ . We say  $z_0$  is an interior point of  $S$  if  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\varepsilon(z_0) \subset S$ .



(3) A boundary point or frontier point of  $S$  ( $S$  as above) is a point such that every open ball centered at that point contains <sup>at least</sup> one point of  $S$  and <sup>at least</sup> one point outside  $S$ .

(4) If every point of  $S$  is an interior point, we call  $S$  an open set.

Examples: 1. A closed disk, i.e.  $\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - z_0| \leq \varepsilon \}$ , is not open. It contains  $B_\varepsilon(z_0)$  and the boundary



circle. The bounding circle is the boundary, i.e. the set of boundary points.

2. The open disk  $B_\varepsilon(z_0)$  is open. This requires the triangle inequality (try proving it yourself ~~and~~ using the  $\Delta$ -ineq.)

3. The punctured disk  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < |z - z_0| < \varepsilon\}$  has as boundary  $C \cup \{z_0\}$ , where  $C$  is the bounding circle  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - z_0| = \varepsilon\}$

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