

Tutorial 1: Geometry of the Complex Plane

1. Write the following complex numbers in polar exponential form:
 - (i) $-i$, (ii) $1 - i$, (iii) $1 - \sqrt{3}i$
2. Write the following complex numbers in Cartesian form:
 - (i) $e^{2-i\frac{\pi}{2}}$, (ii) $\frac{1}{1-i}$, (iii) $\cos(c + i\frac{\pi}{4})$ where $c \in \mathbb{R}$.
3. Show that $z(\overline{z_1 - z_2}) + z_1(\overline{z_2 - z}) + z_2(\overline{z - z_1}) = 0$ is an equation of a straight line through z_1 and z_2 .
4. Establish the following results:
 - (i) $\Re(z) \leq |z|$, (ii) $|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|$, (iii) $|w\bar{z} + \bar{w}z| \leq 2|wz|$
5. Sketch the following regions and state if they are *open*, *closed*, *bounded*, *compact* or *connected*.
 - (i) $|2z + 1 + i| < 4$, (ii) $\Re(z) \geq 4$, (iii) $|z| \leq |z + 1|$, (iv) $1 < |2z - 1| \leq 2$,
 - (v) $0 < \arg(z) \leq \pi/2$, (vi) $\Re(z - z_0) > 0$ and $\Re(z - z_1) < 0$ for $z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$.
6. Show that $\Re\left(\frac{1-z^{n+1}}{1-z}\right) = 1 + r \cos \theta + r^2 \cos 2\theta + \dots + r^n \cos n\theta$ where $z = re^{i\theta}$.
7. Use the series representation of $\exp(z)$: $e^z = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{j!}$, $|z| < \infty$ to find the series representation of the functions: (i) $\sin z$, and (ii) $\sinh z$.
8. Use $e^{i(\theta_1+\theta_2)} = e^{i\theta_1} e^{i\theta_2}$ to deduce the following:
 - (i) $\sin(u \pm v) = \sin u \cos v \pm \cos u \sin v$, (ii) $\cos(u \pm v) = \cos u \cos v \mp \sin u \sin v$.
9. Discuss the following mappings from the z -plane to the w -plane. Provide appropriate sketches to support your answers.
 - (i) $w = z^3$, (ii) $w = \frac{1}{z}$.
10. Consider the transformation $w = z + \frac{1}{z}$, where $z = x + iy$ and $w = u + iv$. Show that $\mathcal{R} = \{z : y > 0 \text{ and } |z| > 1\}$ maps to $v > 0$.
11. To what curves on the sphere do the lines $\Re(z) = x = 0$ and $\Im(z) = y = 0$ correspond to?
12. Describe the curves on the sphere that correspond to any straight line on the z -plane.
13. The transformation $w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $(ad - bc) \neq 0$ is called a *bilinear* or *Möbius* transformation after the German geometer August Ferdinand Möbius. Here constants $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C} .
 - (a) Find the inverse map.
 - (b) Find the fixed points of the map w .
 - (c) Take $a = 1, b = z_0, c, d = 0$ and find the corresponding bilinear map.
 - (d) Show that the application of a sequence of canonical transformations $w_1 = z + z_0, w_2 = bz$, and $w_3 = \frac{1}{z}$ can be used to synthesize the general bilinear transformation w defined above.
14. Find all bilinear mappings of the upper half plane ($\Im(z) \geq 0$) which maps into the unit disk $|w| \leq 1$.
15. Find a transformation which will map an infinite sector of angle $\pi/4$ into the interior of the unit circle.