

Lecture 1: Complex Numbers

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Problem 1 The **complex conjugate** of a complex number $z = x + iy$ is $\bar{z} = x - iy$. Find $z + \bar{z}$, $z - \bar{z}$, and $z\bar{z}$. Express $\operatorname{Re}(z)$, $\operatorname{Im}(z)$, and $|z|$ in terms of z and \bar{z} .

Problem 2 Draw the following subsets in the complex plane.

- (a) (Boas 2.4) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 2| = 1\}$.
- (b) (Boas 2.5.46) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : z = -i\bar{z}\}$.
- (b) (Boas 2.5.52) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} z = 1\}$.

Problem 3 Check that the series expansions

$$\cos z = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\ell} z^{2\ell}}{(2\ell)!} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin z = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\ell} z^{2\ell+1}}{(2\ell+1)!}$$

hold for $z \in \mathbb{C}$ using the definitions

$$\cos z = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}$$

and the series expansion (definition) for the exponential.

Problem 4 Show that if one defines cosine and sine for complex arguments using the series expansions

$$\cos z = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\ell} z^{2\ell}}{(2\ell)!} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin z = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\ell} z^{2\ell+1}}{(2\ell+1)!},$$

then one can prove the formulas

$$\cos z = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}.$$

Problem 5 Check that for $z = x + iy$

$$\cos z = \cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y$$

using the definitions

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

for the real hyperbolic cosine and sine.

Problem 6 Plot the real hyperbolic cosine and sine. Derive the real McLaurin series expansions for $\cosh x$ and $\sinh x$ and determine the radii of convergence for these series.

Problem 7 Check, as claimed in the Lecture 1 notes, that the image of the horizontal segment $\{x + iy : -\pi/2 < x < \pi/2\}$ (for y fixed) under the complex tangent function lies on a circle with center at $i \coth(2y)$ on the imaginary axis.

Problem 8 Determine the image of a vertical line $\{x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ (with x fixed) under the complex tangent function.

Problem 9 Express $\text{Arg}(z)$ properly in terms of a branch of the complex inverse tangent function.

Problem 10 Determine the value of the complex logarithm and determine the associated Riemann surface by understanding the complex exponential as a mapping.