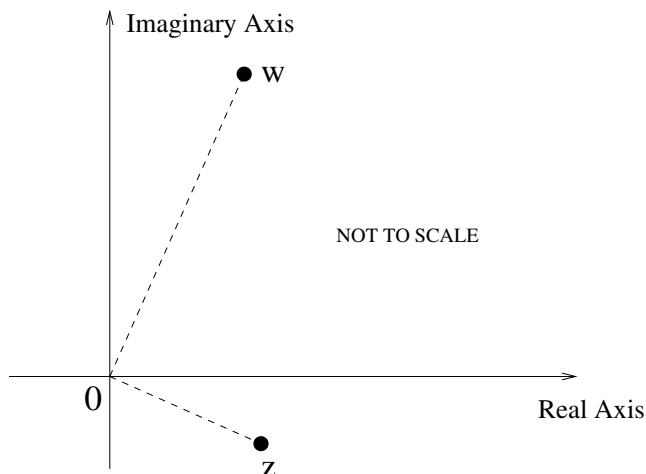


MA135—VECTORS AND MATRICES  
EXAMPLE SHEET 2

All questions in Sections A and B must be handed in to your supervisor via the supervisor's pigeon loft by **3pm Monday, week 3**. Section C questions should be **attempted** by students who hope to get a 1st or 2:1 degree, but are not to be handed in.

**Section A**

- A1. Let  $z = \pi/6 + i \log 2$ . Write  $e^{iz}$  in the form  $a + bi$ . (Careful! This is a trick question.)
- A2. Let  $\alpha = \phi + i\theta$  where  $\phi$  and  $\theta$  are real.  
(i) Simplify  $|e^\alpha|$  and  $|e^{i\alpha}|$ .  
(ii) Show that the conjugate of  $e^\alpha$  is  $e^{\bar{\alpha}}$ .
- A3. Find the cube roots of  $2 + 2i$ .
- A4. Solve the equation  $z^2 + 4iz + 1 = 0$ .
- A5. Find all roots of the polynomial  $f(X) = X^4 + 2X^3 - X - 2$ .  
(**Hint:** You might start by looking for small integer roots).
- A6. Consider the complex numbers  $z$  and  $w$  indicated on the complex plane as in the picture:



Which of the following is a good guess for the value of  $w/z$ :  $2$ ,  $-2$ ,  $2i - 2i$ ,  $1/2$ ,  $-1/2$ ,  $i/2$ ,  $-i/2$ ? Explain your answer in terms of the exponential form of complex numbers.

## Section B

B1. Find all the 6-th roots of unity and plot them in the complex plane (only a rough sketch is necessary). What is their sum?

B2. Let

$$\gamma = 1 + i, \quad \delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

(a) Represent  $\gamma, \delta$  in  $(r, \theta)$ -form.

(b) Use the  $(r, \theta)$ -form to find  $\delta^8, \gamma^3/\delta$ , writing your answers in the form  $a + bi$  (exact answers are required).

B3. Express  $\sin^4 \theta$  in terms of multiple angles and hence evaluate

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 \theta d\theta.$$

## Section C

C1. Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be non-zero complex numbers. Suppose that the points  $P, Q$  represent  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  on the complex plane. Show that  $OP$  is perpendicular to  $OQ$  if and only if  $\alpha/\beta$  is imaginary.

(**Hint:** Use  $(r, \theta)$ -form to prove this.)

C2. Prove that if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are complex numbers then

$$|\alpha + \beta|^2 + |\alpha - \beta|^2 = 2|\alpha|^2 + 2|\beta|^2.$$

C3. Recall the power-series expansion for  $e^x$  that you took at school:

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots.$$

(i) Use this and the power series for  $e^{-x}$  to express the power-series

$$1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \cdots$$

in closed form.

(ii) Express the power-series

$$1 + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^9}{9!} + \cdots$$

in closed form. (Hint: Use the fact  $1 + \zeta + \zeta^2 = 0$  for the cube-root of unity  $\zeta = \exp(2\pi i/3)$ .)

(iii) Do the same for

$$\frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^7}{7!} + \cdots$$