

Note: For homework from now on (unless specified), we assume all of the basic arithmetic for  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  and the obvious properties having to do with inequalities for  $\mathbb{R}$  without having to justify them using the field and order axioms.

PROBLEM 1. Let  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ . Say  $z = a + bi$  and  $w = c + di$  with  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $\overline{z\bar{w}} = \bar{z}\bar{w}$ .

PROBLEM 2. Compute the following and express your answers in the form  $a + bi$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :

- (a)  $\overline{4 - 8i}$ .
- (b)  $|3 - 4i|$ .
- (c)  $(1 - 2i)^2$ .
- (d)  $\text{Im}(2 + 5i + i(3 - 7i) + 17)$ .
- (e)  $(4 + 3i)/(3 + 2i)$ .

PROBLEM 3. Let  $F$  be an ordered field or the complex numbers. In class, we proved the triangle inequality:

$$(1) \quad |u + v| \leq |u| + |v|$$

for all  $u, v \in F$ . It turns out that easy substitutions for  $u$  and  $v$  yield the useful *reverse triangle inequality*:

$$|x - y| \geq ||x| - |y||$$

for all  $x, y \in F$ .

We prove the reverse triangle inequality in two steps, first proving that  $|x - y| \geq |x| - |y|$  and then proving that  $|x - y| \geq |y| - |x|$  for all  $x, y \in F$ . The result then clearly follows. At no point in the following should you revert to using the definition of  $|\cdot|$ , which is, after all, defined differently for an ordered field and for  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- (a) Find substitutions for  $u$  and  $v$  that transform the ordinary triangle inequality, (1), into the inequality  $|x - y| \geq |x| - |y|$ . (The substitutions will be simple expressions involving  $x$  and  $y$ . Hint: note that our objective is equivalent to  $|x| \leq |x - y| + |y|$ .)
- (b) Use part (a) and the fact that  $|-s| = |s|$  for all  $s \in F$  to show  $|x - y| \geq |y| - |x|$ .

PROBLEM 4. Give the polar forms for the five solutions to  $z^5 = 32$ .

PROBLEM 5. Let  $z = 8 + 9i$  to polar form. Use a calculator to compute the approximate value of  $\arg(z)$  in *degrees*, and then use that to approximate the polar form for  $z$ .

PROBLEM 6. Let  $D$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions. Recall the notation

$$f(D) := \{f(x) : x \in D\} \quad \text{and} \quad g(D) := \{g(x) : x \in D\}.$$

Define  $h: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $h(x) := f(x) + g(x)$ . (This function  $h$  is usually denoted  $f + g$ , for obvious reasons). Suppose that  $f(D)$  and  $g(D)$  are bounded above (so their suprema exist by completeness of  $\mathbb{R}$ ).

- (a) Show that  $h(D)$  is bounded above by  $\sup f(D) + \sup g(D)$ . (Start: Let  $y \in h(D)$ . Therefore,  $y = h(x)$  for some  $x \in D$ .)
- (b) Since  $h(D)$  is bounded above, it has a supremum by completeness of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $\sup h(D) \leq \sup f(D) + \sup g(D)$ .
- (c) Find two specific functions  $f, g: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that we have a strict inequality  $\sup h([-1, 1]) < \sup f([-1, 1]) + \sup g([-1, 1])$ .