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MAT 3501

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1. A student is asking you: "I know how to add two complex numbers and how to multiply two complex numbers. But can you divide two complex numbers?". How do you answer?

2. Consider the function $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ defined by $f(z) = z/(1 - i)$. Describe geometrically this function; that is describe geometrically, the relation between z and $f(z)$. *Hint:* Think of the polar form of z and $f(z)$.

3. (a) Use Euler's formula to discover identities for $\cos(x + y)$ and $\sin(x + y)$. Replacing y by $-y$, you will also find the identities for $\cos(x - y)$ and $\sin(x - y)$.

(b) Use Euler's formula to justify DeMoivre's identity:

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)$$

(c) Use DeMoivre's identity to find a formula for $\cos(5\theta)$ in terms of $\cos(\theta)$.

4. (a) Use trigonometric identities in Exercise 3(a), to show the identity:

$$\cos(n + 1)\theta = 2 \cos n\theta \cos \theta - \cos(n - 1)\theta$$

(b) Use part (a) and induction to show that for any θ and any positive integer n , there exists a polynomial with integer coefficients and lead coefficient 1 so that

$$2 \cos n\theta = 1x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0, \text{ where } x = 2 \cos \theta .$$

In other words, we can represent $2 \cos n\theta$ as a polynomial of degree n with integer coefficients and lead coefficient 1 in x , where $x = 2 \cos \theta$.

(c) Use (b) to show that if θ is a rational number representing an angle in degrees, then $\cos(\theta)$ is an algebraic number.

(d) Suppose now that θ is an integer representing an angle in degrees, $0 \leq \theta \leq 90$. Show that if θ is not 0, 90, or 60, then $\cos(\theta)$ must be irrational. *Hint:* Use (b) or (c) and the rational root Theorem.