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MAT 3501

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1. (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  $\cos(\theta)$ .

2. (a) Use trigonometric identities in Exercise 1(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  $\theta$  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  $\theta$  is a rational number representing an angle in degrees, then  $\cos(\theta)$  is an algebraic number.

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

3. (a) Consider the function  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  defined by  $f(z) = 3z$ . Describe geometrically this function; that is describe geometrically, the relation between  $z$  and  $f(z)$ . In general, functions  $f : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  of the form  $f(z) = kz$ , with  $k \in \mathbf{R}$  are called homotheties of the plane.

(b) 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  $f(z)$ .