

Fun with complex variables (5pts.)

A complex number $z = a + ib$ where $i = \sqrt{-1}$. Every complex number can be written in this way. We say $\operatorname{Re}(z) = a$ while $\operatorname{Im}(z) = b$ thus $z = \operatorname{Re}(z) + i \operatorname{Im}(z)$.

In this project we will investigate some basic algebraic identities in the complex setting & then see how certain integrals are greatly simplified with the help of the complex exponential.

- 1.) Assume that $e^{i\theta} \equiv \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$. Given that assumption show that,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}) \quad \text{and} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})$$

hint: notice $e^{-i\theta} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$ then add or subtract with $e^{i\theta}$.

- 2.) A complex equation is true if the real and imaginary parts of the LHS and RHS match up. Assume that $e^{ia} e^{ib} = e^{i(a+b)}$. Given that assumption, derive formulas for $\sin(a+b)$ & $\cos(a+b)$.

- 3.) Assume that the chain rule still works, $\frac{d}{d\theta}(e^{\pm i\theta}) = \pm i e^{\pm i\theta}$. Show that $\frac{d}{d\theta}(\sin \theta) = \cos \theta$ and $\frac{d}{d\theta}(\cos \theta) = -\sin \theta$. You should do these in terms of the imaginary exponential. Hint: $\frac{1}{i} = -i$

- 4.) Guess the $\int e^{ik\theta} d\theta$. Calculate $\int \cos(m\theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta$. Do this by converting the cosines to imaginary exponentials. Treat the cases $m=n$ and $m \neq n$ separately.

- 5.) Prove that $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2\theta))$ and $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2\theta))$.

- 6.) Given $e^{i\theta} e^x = e^{i\theta+x}$. Calculate $\int e^x \sin(x) dx$ without using integration by parts. Instead assume $\int e^{(a+ib)x} dx = \frac{1}{a+ib} e^{(a+ib)x} + C$. Since $\sin(x)$ is a sum of imaginary exponentials and e^x is an ordinary exponential their product is a complex exponential which I told you how to integrate (see *). (*)