

**Problem 1A**

Consider the complex numbers

$$z_1 = 4 - 5j \quad \text{and} \quad z_2 = -2 + 7j$$

- (i) (2 pts.) Plot both numbers on the complex plane.
- (ii) (2 pts.) Evaluate  $|z_i|$  and  $\angle z_i$  for both values of  $i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).
- (iii) (6 pts.) Express each of  $z_1 + 3z_2$ ,  $z_1^* + 2z_2$  and  $z_1^2$  in both Cartesian and polar form.
- (iv) (3 pts.) If  $v = z_1^3 \cdot z_2^{-1}$ , determine  $|v|$  and  $\angle v$ . Also, obtain  $v$  in Cartesian form.
- (v) (4 pts.) If  $w = z_2^{3000}$ , determine  $\angle w$  in the range  $[0, 2\pi)$ . Your answer should be correct to four decimal places.
- (vi) (3 pts.) Determine the only real values  $b$  and  $c$  so that  $z_1^2 + bz_1 + c = 0$ .

**Problem 1B**

Throughout this problem, let

$$u = \sqrt{3} + j \quad \text{and} \quad v = -j$$

- (i) (2 pts.) Express each number in the form  $re^{j\theta}$ . Plot both numbers on the complex plane.
- (ii) (4 pts.) Let  $a$  be real. Determine, in terms of  $a$ , the real and imaginary parts of the complex number

$$w = \frac{a}{u} + v$$

For what value of  $a$  is  $w$  purely real?

- (iii) (5 pts.) Determine the constant  $c$  such that  $u$  is a root of

$$z^9 - c = 0$$

Plot *all* roots of this equation on the complex plane.

- (iv) (3 pts.) Sketch the circle described by the equation

$$|z - u| = 2$$

Determine the points of intersection (if any) of this circle and the two axes, real and imaginary.

- (v) (3 pts.) Sketch the line described by the equation

$$|z - v| = |z + v|$$

- (vi) (3 pts.) At which points does the line

$$|z - v| = |z + 2jv|$$

intersect the real and imaginary axes?

**Problem 1C**

Consider the sinusoid  $x(t) = A \cos(\Omega t + \phi)$ , where  $A > 0$  and  $\phi \in (-\pi, \pi]$ . Time  $t$  is in seconds. It is known that

- $x(0) = -1.7$  ;
- $x(0.014) = -1.7$  ;
- $x(t) \neq -1.7$  for  $0 < t < 0.014$  ;
- the smallest positive value of  $t$  for which  $x(t) = 0$  is  $t = 0.016$ .

(i) (4 pts.) Plot the three points  $(0, -1.7)$ ,  $(0.014, -1.7)$  and  $(0.016, 0)$  on the  $(t, x(t))$  plane. Based on the information given and your knowledge of sinusoids, sketch the approximate form of  $x(t)$  over the time interval  $0 < t < 0.016$ , noting any symmetries. What can you say about the value of  $x(-0.002)$ ?

(ii) (4 pts.) Determine the period and angular frequency  $\Omega$  of  $x(t)$ .

(iii) (4 pts.) Determine the initial phase  $\phi$  of  $x(t)$  as a fraction of  $\pi$ .

(iv) (4 pts.) Determine the amplitude  $A$ .

(v) (4 pts.) During a single cycle, how long does it take for the signal value to rise from  $-A/4$  to  $3A/4$ ?

### Solved Examples

S 1.1 (P 1.9 in textbook). Simplify the complex fraction

$$\frac{(1 + j\sqrt{3})(1 - j)}{(\sqrt{3} + j)(1 + j)}$$

using (i) Cartesian forms; and (ii) polar forms, throughout your calculation.

S 1.2 Consider the complex number

$$z = \frac{1 + 2j}{3 - jb}$$

Determine the value(s) of  $b$  for which (i)  $z$  is purely real; (ii)  $z$  is purely imaginary; (iii)  $z$  has modulus equal to  $\sqrt{2}/2$ .

S 1.3 If  $z = (3/5) + j(9/10)$ , express  $z^{17}$  in polar form  $(r, \theta)$ , where  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ .

S 1.4 On the complex plane, sketch the curves given by the following equations:

(i)  $|z - 1 + j| = 1$

(ii)  $|z - 2| = |z - 3j|$

Using geometry, determine the minimum value of  $|z|$  in each case (i.e., as  $z$  traces out each curve).

S 1.5 (P 1.10 in textbook). Let  $N$  be an arbitrary positive integer. Evaluate the product

$$\prod_{k=1}^{N-1} \left( \cos \left( \frac{k\pi}{N} \right) + j \sin \left( \frac{k\pi}{N} \right) \right) ,$$

expressing your answer in Cartesian form. (Use the identity  $1 + 2 + \cdots + n = n(n+1)/2$  to simplify the answer first.)

**S 1.6.** Show that the expression

$$f(\theta) = e^{-j2\theta} - e^{-j\theta} + 1 - e^{j\theta} + e^{j2\theta} ,$$

where  $\theta$  ranges over  $[0, 2\pi)$ , is real-valued, and obtain an alternative expression for it in terms of sines and/or cosines.

**S 1.7.** Clearly,

$$e^{j3\theta} = (e^{j\theta})^3$$

By expanding  $(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)^3$  and separating real and imaginary parts, obtain two identities: one for  $\cos 3\theta$  in terms of powers of  $\cos \theta$  only, and another for  $\sin 3\theta$  in terms of powers of  $\sin \theta$  only.

**S 1.8.** (more difficult). Consider two complex numbers  $w$  and  $z$ , where  $w \neq 0$  is fixed and  $z$  is variable such that  $|z| = 1$ . Show that as  $z$  traces out the unit circle, the ratio

$$\frac{|z - w^*|}{|z - (1/w)|}$$

is constant in value. (*Hint:* If  $|z| = 1$ , then  $1/z = z^*$ .)

**S 1.9** (**P 1.11** in textbook). Consider the continuous-time sinusoid

$$x(t) = 5 \cos(500\pi t + 0.25)$$

where  $t$  is in seconds.

- (i) What is the first value of  $t$  greater than 0 such that  $x(t) = 0$ ?
- (ii) Consider the following MATLAB script which generates a discrete approximation to  $x(t)$ :

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t = 0 : 0.0001 : 0.01 ;
x = 5*cos(500*pi*t + 0.25) ;
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For which values of  $n$ , if any, is  $x(n)$  zero?

**S 1.10** (**P 1.12** in textbook). The value of the continuous-time sinusoid  $x(t) = A \cos(\Omega t + \phi)$  (where  $A > 0$  and  $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$ ) is between  $-2.0$  and  $+2.0$  for 70% of its period.

- (i) What is the value of  $A$ ?
- (ii) If it takes 300 ms for the value of  $x(t)$  to rise from  $-2.0$  to  $+2.0$ , what is the value of  $\Omega$ ?
- (iii) If  $t = 40$  ms is the first positive time for which  $x(t) = -2.0$  and  $x'(t)$  (the first derivative) is negative, what is the value of  $\phi$ ?

**S 1.11** (**P 1.13** in textbook). The input voltage  $v(t)$  to a light-emitting diode circuit is given by  $A \cos(\Omega t + \phi)$ , where  $A > 0$ ,  $\Omega > 0$  and  $\phi$  are unknown parameters. The circuit is designed in such a way that the diode turns on at the moment the input voltage exceeds  $A/2$ , and turns off when the voltage falls below  $A/2$ .

- (i) What percentage of the time is the diode on?
- (ii) Suppose the voltage  $v(t)$  is applied to the diode at time  $t = 0$ . The diode turns on instantly, turns off at  $t = 1.5$  ms, then turns on again at  $t = 9.5$  ms. Based on this information, determine  $\Omega$  and  $\phi$ .