### 9. Triangle Inequality for complex numbers

**Problem 9.1.** Suppose  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are complex numbers such that  $z_1 + z_2$  is real. Prove that  $|z_1 + z_2|$  is not greater than  $|z_1| + |z_2|$  by using similar inequality for real numbers.

**Problem 9.2.** Suppose  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are non-zero complex numbers such that  $z_1 + z_2$  is real. Prove that if  $|z_1 + z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2|$ , then  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are real numbers whose ratio is positive.

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**Problem 9.3.** Prove algebraically that  $|z_1 + z_2|$  is not greater than  $|z_1| + |z_2|$ . Do not use Triangle Inequality. This is Triangle Inequality.

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**Problem 9.4.** Suppose  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are non-zero complex numbers. Prove that if  $|z_1+z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2|$ , then  $z_1/z_2$  is a positive real number.

#### 10. Multiplication of complex Numbers

**Problem 10.1.** Prove geometrically that  $i \cdot z$  is z rotated counterclockwise by 90 degrees.

**Problem 10.2.** [1, 1] is rotated clockwise by 90 degrees. Find the resulting vector.

# **Hint(s) to 10.2**: What is the result of rotating $e_1$ and $e_2$ ? What is the result of rotating $a \cdot e_1 + b \cdot e_2$ ?

#### **Answer to 10.2**: [1, -1]

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GEOMETRY AND COMPLEX NUMBERS (February 19, 2004) 19 **Problem 10.3.** Prove geometrically that  $(\cos(\theta) + i \cdot \sin(\theta)) \cdot z$  is z rotated counterclockwise by  $\theta$  radians.

**Problem 10.4.** The geometrical interpretation of  $z \cdot (\cos(\alpha) + i \cdot \sin(\alpha))$  is z rotated counterclockwise by angle  $\alpha$ . [3,4] is rotated **clockwise** by 6 degrees. Find the resulting vector.

### Hint(s) to 10.4: Switch to complex numbers and stick into a calculator.

#### **Answer to 10.4**: [3.4, 3.66]

GEOMETRY AND COMPLEX NUMBERS (February 19, 2004) 23 **Problem 10.5.** Sketch a picture illustrating multiplication of unit complex numbers. **Problem 10.6.** Show that  $(1+2 \cdot i)^{2001} + (1-2 \cdot i)^{2001}$  is a real number.

# Hint(s) to 10.6: Show that the number equals its conjugate.

**Problem 10.7.** Prove that  $z/(z^2+1)$  is a real number if z lies on the unit circle.

# Hint(s) to 10.7: Show that the number equals its conjugate.

**Problem 10.8.** Prove that  $z/(z+1)^2$  is a real number if z lies on the unit circle.

# Hint(s) to 10.8: Show that the number equals its conjugate.

**Problem 10.9.** Show that  $i \cdot (1+z)/(1-z)$  is a real number if  $z \neq 1$  is a unit complex number.

GEOMETRY AND COMPLEX NUMBERS (February 19, 2004) 31 Hint(s) to 10.9: Show that the number equals its conjugate.

**Problem 10.10.** Show that  $(1-z^2) \cdot w/(w^2-z^2)$  is a real number if  $z \neq w$  are unit complex numbers.

### Hint(s) to 10.10: Show that the number equals its conjugate.

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