



**EXERCISE 1: (8 PTS)**

Let us consider the following complex numbers :  $z_1 = \sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{6}$  ,  $z_2 = 2 + 2i$  and  $Z = \frac{z_1}{z_2}$ .

- 1) Give the algebraic form of  $Z$ .
- 2) Give the polar form of  $z_1, z_2, Z$ .
- 3) Deduce the exact value of  $\cos \frac{\pi}{12}$  and  $\sin \frac{\pi}{12}$ .
- 4) Work out the algebraic form of  $Z^{2015}$ .

**EXERCISE 2: (4 PTS)**

In the complex plane, we consider the following points A, B and C associated with the complex numbers:  $a=1$ ,  $b=1+2i$  and  $c=1+\sqrt{3}+i$  respectively.

1. Give the exponential form of  $\frac{c-a}{b-a}$ .
2. What kind of triangle is ABC ?

**EXERCICE 3. (5 PTS) FROM BAC S**

**MCQ**

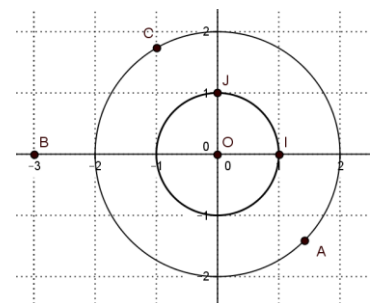
For each question, only one answer is correct. On your paper, write the number of the question and the letter of the answer. No justification is necessary.

**A correct answer gives 1 point, a false answer takes 0.5 points off and no answer gives 0 points. At the end of the exercise, if the total of points is negative, then the grade will be equal to 0.**

- 1) Let  $z$  be a complex number.  $|z+i|$  is equal to: a)  $|z|+1$       b)  $|z-1|$       c)  $|i\bar{z}+1|$
- 2) Let  $z$  be a non-zero complex number with argument  $\theta$ . An argument of  $\frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{z}$  is:
  - a)  $-\frac{\pi}{3} + \theta$       b)  $\frac{2\pi}{3} + \theta$       c)  $\frac{2\pi}{3} - \theta$
- 3) Let  $n$  be a natural number. The complex number  $(\sqrt{3}+i)^n$  is purely imaginary if and only if:
  - a)  $n=3$     b)  $n=6k+3$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$       c)  $n=6k$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- 4) Let A and B be two points associated with the complex numbers  $i$  and  $-1$  respectively. The locus of the points M associated with the complex number  $z$  so that  $|z-i|=|z+1|$  is:
  - a) the line (AB)
  - b) the circle of diameter [AB]
  - c) the perpendicular line to (AB) through O
- 5) The exponential form of the complex number  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{1-i}$  is : a)  $e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$     b)  $e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}}$       c)  $\sqrt{2}e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}$ .

**EXERCICE 4. (3 PTS)**

Give both the exponential and Cartesian forms of the complex number associated with the points A, B and C opposite.



**BONUS POINTS ON MATH CULTURE (2 PTS)**

(On the document "Introduction à l'étude des nombres complexes" by Anne Boyé (IREM))

1. In Which kind of problem where what we call now complex numbers introduced ?
2. When did it roughly take place ? Where ?
3. Quote one mathematician involved in this breakthrough.
4. Who first introduced the notation  $i$  ? what was the problem of using  $\sqrt{-1}$  ?



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$$1) \quad Z = \frac{\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{6}}{2 + 2i} = \frac{(\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{6})(2 - 2i)}{(2 + 2i)(2 - 2i)} = \dots = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4} + i \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}.$$

$$2) \quad |z_1| = \sqrt{2+6} = 2\sqrt{2} \text{ and } \cos(\arg(z_1)) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2}} = 0.5 \text{ and } \sin(\arg(z_1)) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \text{ so } \arg(z_1) = \frac{\pi}{3}, \text{ and}$$

$$\text{hence } z_1 = 2\sqrt{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \right). \text{ Idem } z_2 = 2\sqrt{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right):$$

$$\text{Therefore } |Z| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|} = 1 \text{ and } \arg(Z) = \arg(z_1) - \arg(z_2) = \frac{\pi}{12}, \text{ so } Z = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)$$

$$3) \quad \text{Using both forms of } Z, \text{ we get } \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4} \text{ and } \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}.$$

$$4) \quad |Z^{2015}| = |Z|^{2015} = 1^{2015} = 1 \text{ and } \arg(Z^{2015}) = 2015 \cdot \arg(Z) = \arg\left(\frac{2015\pi}{12}\right) = \arg\left(84 \times 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{12}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{12}. \text{ The}$$

points on the trigonometric circle for  $-\frac{\pi}{12}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{12}$  being symmetrical about the x-axis,

$$Z^{2015} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4} + i \frac{-\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}.$$

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$\frac{c-a}{b-a} = \dots = e^{-\frac{\pi}{3}}$ , hence  $\left| \frac{c-a}{b-a} \right| = \frac{AC}{AB} = 1$  and  $(\overline{AB}; \overline{AC}) = \arg\left(\frac{c-a}{b-a}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$ . ABC is thus an indirect equilateral triangle.

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## MCQ

$|z + i|$  is equal to:    c)  $|\bar{i}z + 1|$

Let  $z$  be a non-zero complex number with argument  $\theta$ . An argument of  $\frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{z}$  is:    b)  $\frac{2\pi}{3} + \theta$

The complex number  $(\sqrt{3} + i)^n$  is purely imaginary if and only if: b)  $n = 6k + 3$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

The locus of the points M associated with the complex number  $z$  so that  $|z - i| = |z + 1|$  is:

c) the perpendicular line to (AB) through O

The exponential form of the complex number  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{1-i}$  is  $e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$ .

## EXERCISE 4. (3 PTS)

$$z_A = 2e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} = \sqrt{2} - i\sqrt{2}$$

$$z_B = 3e^{i\pi} = -3$$

$$z_C = 2e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} = -1 + i\sqrt{3}$$

## BONUS POINTS ON MATH CULTURE (2 PTS)

1. Solving 3<sup>rd</sup> degree equations
2. In Italy, during the XVIth century ?
3. Tartaglia, Cardan, Bombelli, .....

4. Euler, in 1777.  $(\sqrt{-1})^2 = -1$  (by definition) and  $(\sqrt{-1})^2 = \sqrt{-1} \times \sqrt{-1} = \sqrt{(-1) \times (-1)} = \sqrt{1} = 1$