

Defining the Exponential Function. Using the real exponential function $e^{(\cdot)}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the complex exponential function $\exp(\cdot): \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by

$$\exp(x + iy) := e^x \cos y + ie^x \sin y \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} e^x (\cos y + i \sin y) \quad , \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1)$$

The complex exponential function restricted to \mathbb{R} agrees with the usual real exponential function since

$$\exp(x) = \exp(x + i0) = e^x \cos 0 + ie^x \sin 0 = e^x \quad , \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2)$$

Thus we often write $\exp(x + iy)$ by e^{x+iy} .

Defining Trigonometric Functions. From (1) it follows that if $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$e^{ix} + e^{-ix} = 2 \cos x \quad \text{and} \quad e^{ix} - e^{-ix} = 2i \sin x \quad , \quad z \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3)$$

Motivated by (3), the (complex) sine and cosine functions (from \mathbb{C} to \mathbb{C}) are defined by

$$\cos z := \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sin z := \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} \quad , \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (4)$$

Defining Hyperbolic Functions. Motivated by their definition for a real number, the (complex) hyperbolic sine and cosine functions (from \mathbb{C} to \mathbb{C}) are defined by

$$\cosh z := \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sinh z := \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2} \quad , \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (5)$$

Good Reference. [BC] Brown and Churchill, *Complex Variables and Applications*. (any edition).

From Chapter 3, read sections:

§23. The Exponential Function (p. 65-68)

§24. Trigonometric Functions (p. 69-72)

§25. Hyperbolic Functions (p. 72-75).

Concentrate on the definitions and properties of these functions, ignoring for now the parts about derivatives/entire. The above reference shows that these functions are defined on the whole of \mathbb{C} in such a way that

- (1) when a function's domain is restricted from \mathbb{C} to \mathbb{R} , the resulting function agrees with the function (of the same name) from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} that we know from calculus
- (2) many identities/properties which we know from the \mathbb{R} -version extend to the \mathbb{C} -version (e.g., $e^{z_1}e^{z_2} = e^{z_1+z_2}$ for each $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$).

You should have a working knowledge of the properties/identities of the complex exponential, sine, and cosine functions. One major difference between the complex and real exponential functions is that the complex exponential function is periodic with a pure imaginary period of $2\pi i$, i.e.,

$$\exp(z + 2\pi i) = \exp(z) \quad , \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \quad (6)$$

Thus we will have to take care when defining a complex version of an “inverse” of the complex exponential (i.e., the complex log).

Exercise pCA 4. Find all the solutions of the equation $\sin z = 3$, expressing your solution(s) in the form $a + ib$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark. The first solution uses trig. functions. The second solution uses hyperbolic trig. functions as well as the relations between complex trig and hyperbolic trig functions.

Recall. Fix $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. Recall from class that

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C}: e^z = w\} = \{ \ln |w| + i\theta: \theta \in \arg w \} . \quad (\text{important})$$

If $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{z \in \mathbb{R}: z \leq 0\}$, then

$$[e^z = w] \iff [z = \ln |w| + i(\text{Arg } w + 2\pi k) , k \in \mathbb{Z}] .$$

First Solution (using trig. functions). Let $z = x + iy$, with $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. By definition,

$$\sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}$$

Thus, the following are equivalent.

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(z) &= 3 \\ e^{iz} - e^{-iz} &= 6i \\ e^{iz} - 6i - e^{-iz} &= 0 \\ (e^{iz})^2 - 6i(e^{iz}) - 1 &= 0 . \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$(-6i)^2 - 4(1)(-1) = -32 \stackrel{k \in \mathbb{Z}}{=} 4^2 2 e^{i(\pi+2\pi k)} , \quad (4.3)$$

and taking $k = 0$ in (4.3) gives a complex square root of -32 is

$$4\sqrt{2} e^{i(\frac{\pi}{2})} \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} 4\sqrt{2} i .$$

Note that

$$\frac{6i \pm 4\sqrt{2}i}{2} = (3 \pm 2\sqrt{2})i .$$

Thus

$$\sin z = 3 \quad \text{if only only if} \quad e^{iz} = (3 \pm 2\sqrt{2})i .$$

So by (important), TFAE.

$$\begin{aligned} e^{iz} &= (3 \pm 2\sqrt{2})i \\ iz &= \ln \left| (3 \pm 2\sqrt{2})i \right| + i \left(\text{Arg} \left((3 \pm 2\sqrt{2})i \right) + 2\pi k \right) , \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ iz &= \ln(3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}) + i \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k \right) , \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ z &= -i \ln(3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}) + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k \right) , \quad k \in \mathbb{Z} . \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\boxed{\left\{ \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k \right) - i \ln(3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}) : k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}}$$

is the solution set of the equation $\sin z = 3$. □

Second Solution (using hyperbolic trig. functions). Let $z = x + iy$, with $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Consider the equation

$$\sin(z) = 3. \quad (4.0)$$

Since $\sin(x + iy) = \sin(x) \cosh(y) + i \cos(x) \sinh(y)$, equation (4.0) is equivalent to the following 2 equations both holding.

$$\sin(x) \cosh(y) = 3 \quad (4.1)$$

$$\cos(x) \sinh(y) = 0. \quad (4.2)$$

To see that $\sinh y$ cannot equal 0, assume $\sinh y = 0$. Then $y = 0$ and so $\cosh y = \cosh 0 = 1$. So (4.1) implies that $\sin x = 3$. But $x \in \mathbb{R}$, a $\boxed{\text{f}}$. So $\sinh y \neq 0$. So z satisfies (4.2) if and only if $\cos x = 0$, equivalently,

$$x \in \left\{ \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{2} : k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi : k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

Now we need to also satisfy (4.1). Consider $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Note that that

$$\sin(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } k \text{ is even} \\ -1 & \text{when } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

To see that k cannot be odd, suppose that k is odd. Then (4.1) would imply that $\cosh y = -3$. But $\cosh \theta \geq 1$ for any $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$. A $\boxed{\text{f}}$. So k must be even. So (4.1) is satisfied if and only if $\cosh(y) = 3$. Note that the following are equivalent.

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh(y) &= 3 \\ \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2} &= 3 \\ e^y - 6 + e^{-y} &= 0 \\ (e^y)^2 - 6e^y + 1 &= 0 \\ e^y &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 4}}{2} \\ y &= \ln(3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\boxed{\left\{ \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \right) + i \ln(3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}) : k \in 2\mathbb{Z} \right\}} \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} \left\{ \left(\frac{(4k+1)\pi}{2} \right) \pm i \operatorname{arccosh} 3 : k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

is the solution set of (4.0). □

Remark. Note that the First Solution and Second Solution are indeed the same since

$$-\ln(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) = \ln(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^{-1} = \ln(3 + 2\sqrt{2}).$$