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Question 3.

(a) Express in both standard and polar form the complex number

$$\frac{1+i}{e^{i\pi/3}}.$$

Deduce that

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

(b) Assuming that the formula for $\sin(A+B)$ holds even when A and B are complex, show that the only complex numbers $z = x + iy$ such that $\sin(x + iy) = 0$ are real.

[You may also assume $\cosh[t] = \cos[it]$, $i \sinh[t] = \sin[it]$ and standard properties of these functions.]

(a) We have $(1+i) = \sqrt{2} \exp(\frac{1}{4}i\pi)$ and $\exp(-i\pi/3) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\sqrt{3}$. Therefore

$$(1+i)e^{-i\pi/3} = \sqrt{2}e^{-i\pi/12} = \frac{1}{2}(1+i)(1-i\sqrt{3}) = \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2} + i\frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad [2+2]$$

Taking the real part, we have

$$\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{1}{12}\pi = \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \frac{1}{12}\pi = \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad [1]$$

(b) We have

$$\sin(x + iy) = \sin x \cos(iy) + \cos x \sin(iy) = \sin x \cosh y + i \cos x \sinh y$$

If $\sin z = 0$, both the real and imaginary parts must be zero, so that $\sin x \cosh y = 0 = \cos x \sinh y$. But $\cosh y \geq 1$, so we must have $\sin x = 0$. This means $\cos x \neq 0$, and so we must also have $\sinh y = 0$. But this only happens when $y = 0$, so that z must be real. [5]