



Chair of Econometrics, Statistics and Empirical Economics

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**Preparatory Course for  
Mathematical Methods in Economics and Business**

**5. Exercise Sheet**

**Exercise 1 (Complex Numbers I)**

Calculate:

$$a) (4 + 2i) + (5 - i) \quad b) (3 + 5i)(2 - i) \quad c) \overline{(321 - 12i)}$$

**Exercise 2 (Complex Numbers II)**

Simplify to the algebraic form  $(a + ib)$ :

$$a) z = i^6 + i^3 + 2 \quad b) w = \frac{i - 2}{3i + 6}$$

**Exercise 3 (Complex Numbers III)**

Calculate the absolute value and the complex conjugate:

$$a) w = i^{17} \quad b) z = (1 + i)^6$$

**Exercise 4 (Combinatorics)**

A birthday party is attended by 12 guests. Alice and Bob are among them.

- a) How many possibilities exist for 2 guests to toast with their champagne glass?
- b) After raising their glasses, the guests perform a polonaise. How many arrangement possibilities exist if the polonaise is danced in a line?
- c) How many arrangement possibilities are there if there are just 2 people between Alice and Bob and the polonaise is danced in a line?
- d) The polonaise is closed to form a circle. How many arrangement possibilities are there now?