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**Question 1** A complex number is a

- A. point in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}.$
- B. number of the form x + iy with  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $i^2 = -1$ .

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- C. number of the form  $z = e^{\log(r) + i\theta}$  with r = |z|.
- D. **A** and **B**.
- \*E. A, B, and C.

**Question 2** Stereographic projection is a one-to-one correspondence between

- A.  $\mathbb{C}$ , the complex plane and  $S \setminus \{(0,0,1)\}$ , the unit sphere minus the north pole.
- B.  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , the extended complex plane and *S*, the unit sphere.
- C.  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , 3-dimensional space and  $\mathbb{C}^2 = \{(z, w) \mid z, w \in \mathbb{C}\}$ , the set of ordered pairs of complex numbers.

- \*D. A and B
  - **E**. **A**, **B**, and **C**

**Question 3** How can you tell *i* and -i apart?

\*A. You can't. They're both outside the real number system and satisfy the defining relationship  $i^2 = (-i)^2 = -1$ .

- B. It's easy. Just look for the minus sign.
- C. -i is the conjugate of *i*.
- D. B and C
- E. Why bother? They're both purely imaginary.