

Complex Analysis

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Definition 1.1

Complex Numbers

The set of complex numbers \mathbb{C} is \mathbb{R}^2 , together with the operations

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

and

$$(x_1, y_1) \cdot (x_2, y_2) = (x_1x_2 - y_1y_2, x_1y_2 + x_2y_1)$$

Theorem 1.1

\mathbb{C} is a field. With $0 = (0, 0)$, $-(x, y) = (-x, -y)$, $1 = (1, 0)$ and

$$(x, y)^{-1} = \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) \text{ for } (x, y) \neq (0, 0)$$

Notation

If $z = (x, y)$ we call x the “real part” of z and write $x = \operatorname{Re}(z)$.

We call y the “imaginary part” of z and write $y = \operatorname{Im}(z)$.

Define $i = (0, 1)$.

Remark

There is an embedding

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R} &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ x &\mapsto (x, 0) \end{aligned}$$

so we view $\mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$.

Notation

Under the above embedding, any $z \in \mathbb{C}$ can be written as $z = \operatorname{Re}(z) + \operatorname{Im}(z) \cdot i$

and $i^2 = -1$

Definition 1.2

Conjugation

Define *conjugation* to be the map

$$\begin{aligned} - : \mathbb{C} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ z = x + yi &\longmapsto x - yi = \bar{z} \end{aligned}$$

Note

$$\operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}, \quad \operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

Note

If $z = x + yi \in \mathbb{C}$ it has a polar representation $(x, y) \mapsto (r, \theta)$ via $z = r \cos \theta + ir \sin \theta$ where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \geq 0$, $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$. The angle θ is defined modulo 2π when $z \neq 0$, and is arbitrary when $z = 0$.

Remark

If z_1, z_2 have polar representations

$$z_1 : (r_1, \theta_1), \quad z_2 : (r_2, \theta_2)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 \cdot z_2 &= (r_1 \cos \theta_1 + ir_1 \sin \theta_1) \cdot (r_2 \cos \theta_2 + ir_2 \sin \theta_2) \\ &= r_1 r_2 ((\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) + i(\cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2)) \\ &= r_1 r_2 (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)) \end{aligned}$$