

Q3: Suppose  $z, w \in S^2$ . We have that their distance on the sphere is given by

$$d(z, w)^2 = |z - w|^2 = (z_1 - w_1)^2 + (z_2 - w_2)^2 + (z_3 - w_3)^2 = 2 - 2(z_1 w_1 + z_2 w_2 + z_3 w_3).$$

Using the fact that for any vector  $x \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \left( \frac{x + \bar{x}}{1 + |x|^2}, \frac{x - \bar{x}}{i(1 + |x|^2)}, \frac{|x|^2 - 1}{|x|^2 + 1} \right),$$

therefore we compute that

$$\begin{aligned} d(z, w)^2 &= 2 - 2 \left( \frac{(z + \bar{z})(w + \bar{w})}{(1 + |z|^2)(1 + |w|^2)} - \frac{(z - \bar{z})(w - \bar{w})}{(1 + |z|^2)(1 + |w|^2)} + \frac{(|z|^2 - 1)(|w|^2 - 1)}{(1 + |z|^2)(1 + |w|^2)} \right) \\ &= 2 - 2 \left( \frac{z\bar{w} + \bar{z}w + z\bar{w} + \bar{z}w + |z|^2|w|^2 - |z|^2 - |w|^2 + 1}{(1 + |z|^2)(1 + |w|^2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{2(1 + |z|^2 + |w|^2 + |z|^2|w|^2) - 2(z\bar{w} + \bar{z}w + z\bar{w} + \bar{z}w + |z|^2|w|^2 - |z|^2 - |w|^2 + 1)}{(1 + |z|^2)(1 + |w|^2)} \\ &= \frac{4|w - z|^2}{(1 + |z|^2)(1 + |w|^2)} \end{aligned}$$

Taking the square root gives the desired result. If we wish to compute  $d(z, \infty)$ , we write  $\infty = (0, 0, 1)$ . The same computations as above except with  $w = (0, 0, 1)$  gives us

$$d(z, \infty)^2 = 2 - 2 \left( \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|^2 + 1} \right) = \frac{4}{|z|^2 + 1}.$$

We are done.