

Complex Variable

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I hope this textbook will be helpful *COMPLEX VARIABLES, Second Edition, Stephen D. Fisher.*

A concrete choice of $\arg z$ is made by defining $\mathbf{Arg} z$ to be that number θ_0 in the interval $[-\pi, \pi)$ such that

$$z = |z|(\cos \theta_0 + I \sin \theta_0) \quad (6)$$

Then we may can write

$$\mathbf{Arg}(zw) = \mathbf{Arg} z + \mathbf{Arg} w, \quad \text{mod } 2\pi \quad (7)$$

where the expression $(\text{mod } 2\pi)$ means that the two sides of this last formula differ by some integer multiple of 2π .

1 The Complex Plane

1.1 The Complex Numbers and the Complex Plane

- **Basic Definitions**

real numbers; complex numbers; real part of z ($x = \mathbf{Re} z$), imaginary part of z ($y = \mathbf{Im} z$), the modulus (or the absolute value) $|z| = \sqrt{\mathbf{Re} z^2 + \mathbf{Im} z^2}$; complex conjugate. Then we have

$$|x| \leq |z|, \quad |y| \leq |z|, \quad |z| \leq |x| + |y| \quad (1)$$

Basis Computation Rules follow the ordinary rules of arithmetic.

- **Polar Representation**

1. Definition (polar representation): The polar coordinate system gives

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta \quad (2)$$

where $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and θ is the angle measured from the positive x-axis to the line segment from the origin to $P(x, y)$, then

$$z = |z|(\cos \theta + I \sin \theta) \quad (3)$$

2. Theorem (De Moivre's Theorem):

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad (4)$$

3. Definition (argument): nonzero complex number z , $\forall \theta$

$$\arg z = \theta, \quad \text{is equivalent to} \quad z = |z|(\cos \theta + I \sin \theta) \quad (5)$$

- **Complex Numbers as Vectors**

The angel α between the vector z and w is found by using

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\mathbf{Re}(z\bar{w})}{|z||w|} \quad (8)$$

In summary, the usual xy-plane has a natural interpretation as the location of the complex variable $z = x + iy$ and all the rules for the geometry of the vectors $P(x, y)$ can be recast in terms of z . Henceforth, then, we refer to the xy-plane as the complex plane, or simply, the plane. The x-axis will be called the real axis, and the y-axis will be called the imaginary axis.

- **A Formal View of the Complex Numbers**

Two complex numbers $z_1 = (x_1, y_1)$, $z_2 = (x_2, y_2)$.

Basic Computation Rules; (There is a thing we need to remember: the additive identity is $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0)$, and the multiplicative identity is $\mathbf{1} = (1, 0)$.)

A nonzero $z = (x, y)$ necessarily satisfies the condition $x^2 + y^2 > 0$, and its unique multiplicative inverse is

$$z^{-1} = \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \right). \quad (9)$$

The complex number $(0, 1)$ has the interesting property that its square is -1 . We denote $(0, 1)$ by the symbol \mathbf{i} .

1.2 Some Geometry

• The Triangle Inequality

$$|z + w| \leq |z| + |w| \quad (10)$$

• Straight Line

The equation of a nonvertical straight line $y = mx + b$, m and b real, can be formulated as

$$0 = \operatorname{Re}((m + i)z + b) \quad (11)$$

More generally, if $a = A + iB$ is a nonzero complex number and b is any complex number (not just a real number), then

$$0 = \operatorname{Re}(az + b) \quad (12)$$

is exactly the straight line $Ax - By + \operatorname{Re}(b) = 0$, this formulation also includes the vertical lines, $x = \operatorname{Re} z = \text{constant}$.

• Roots of Complex Numbers

A complex number z satisfying the equation $z^n = w$ is called an **n th root of w** .

We define

$$\theta_k = \frac{\psi}{n} + k\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}\right), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \quad (13)$$

Then $n\theta_k = \psi + 2\pi k$ and so $\cos n\theta_k = \cos \psi$ and $\sin n\theta_k = \sin \psi$. Complex number z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} are defined by the rule

$$z_k = |w|^{\frac{1}{n}} (\cos \theta_k + i \sin \theta_k), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \quad (14)$$

Then each of z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1} is distinct, and each satisfies

$$z_k^n = w, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \quad (15)$$

Moreover, these complex numbers z_0, \dots, z_{n-1} are the only possible roots of the equation $z^n = w$. For if

$$\cos n\theta = \cos \psi, \quad \sin n\theta = \sin \psi \quad (16)$$

then we have $n\theta = \psi + 2\pi j$, for some integer j . The values $j = 0, \dots, n-1$ yield distinct numbers $\cos \theta_j + i \sin \theta_j$, whereas other values of j just give a repetition of numbers already obtained.

For a nonzero complex number a , we define $a^z = e^{z \log a}$

• Circles

In this part, we give a way to use complex numbers to describe circles.

If p and q are distinct complex numbers, then those complex numbers z with

$$|z - p| = |z - q| \quad (17)$$

are equidistant from p and q . If ρ is a positive real number not equal to 1, those z with

$$|z - p| = \rho |z - q| \quad (18)$$

form a circle. The proof is as below.

Suppose that $0 < \rho < 1$. Let $z = w + q$ and $c = p - q$; then the equation becomes

$$|w - c| = \rho |w| \quad (19)$$

Upon squaring and transposing terms, this can be written as

$$|w|^2(1 - \rho^2) - 2\operatorname{Re} w\bar{c} + |c|^2 = 0 \quad (20)$$

We complete the square of the left side and find that

$$(1 - \rho^2)|w|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re} w\bar{c} + \frac{|c|^2}{1 - \rho^2} = \frac{|c|^2\rho^2}{1 - \rho^2} \quad (21)$$

Equivalently

$$\left|w - \frac{c}{1 - \rho^2}\right| = c \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho^2} \quad (22)$$

Thus, w lies on the circle of radius $R = \frac{|c|\rho}{(1 - \rho^2)}$ centered at the point $\frac{c}{(1 - \rho^2)}$, and so z lies on the circle of the same radius R centered at the point

$$z_0 = \frac{p - \rho^2 q}{1 - \rho^2} = \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} p - \frac{\rho^2}{1 - \rho^2} q \quad (23)$$

Then, we use a similar method to derive a special pattern called Circles of Apollonius.

Let C_1 be the family of circles of the form

$$|z - p| = \rho |z - q|, \quad 0 < \rho < \infty \quad (24)$$

where we include the case $\rho = 1$ for completeness. Let L be the perpendicular bisector of the line segment from p to q . Take C_2 to be the family of circles through p and q and centered on the line L . We shall show that each circle in the family C_1 is perpendicular to each circle in the family C_2 at their two points of intersection. The computation is considerably simplified by locating the origin at the point of intersection of

the line L and the line L' , which passes through p and q . L' can then be taken to be the real axis and L to be the imaginary axis; in this way, we may assume that $0 < p = -q$. A circle from the family C_1 is then centered at a point on the real axis, and because there is no loss in assuming $0 < \rho < 1$, the center of that circle is at the point $s = \frac{p(1+\rho^2)}{(1-\rho^2)}$. The center of the circle from the family C_2 is at the point $t = i\alpha$ (α real), and this circle must pass through p and $-p$. Let $z = x + iy$ be on both circles. Since z is on the

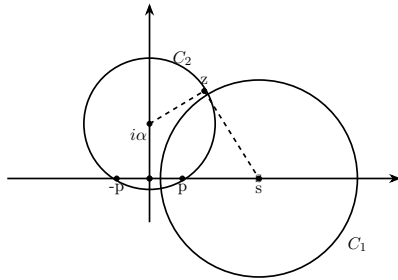


Figure 1: Two Families of mutually perpendicular circles

circle C_1 ,

$$|z - p| = \rho|z + p|, \quad (25)$$

and consequently,

$$x^2(1-\rho^2) - 2\rho x(1+\rho^2) + p^2(1-\rho^2) + y^2(1-\rho^2) = 0 \quad (26)$$

For notational convenience, set $\nu = \frac{(1+\rho^2)}{(1-\rho^2)}$; the above equation then becomes

$$x^2 - 2\rho\nu x + p^2 + y^2 = 0 \quad (27)$$

On the other hand, since $z = x + iy$ is also on the circle C_2 ,

$$|z - i\alpha| = |p - i\alpha| = |-p - i\alpha| = \sqrt{p^2 + \alpha^2} \quad (28)$$

and so

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2\alpha y = p^2 \quad (29)$$

1.3 Subsets of the Plane

- Preliminary Definitions; (omitted)
- Some Sums

$$1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n = \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x} \quad (30)$$

$$1 + x + 2x^2 + \cdots + nx^n = 1 - (n+1)\frac{x^{n+1}}{1-x} + x\frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{(1-x)^2} \quad (31)$$

1.4 The Exponential, Logarithm, and Trigonometric Functions

- **Definition (the exponential function):**

$$e^z = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y), \quad z = x + iy \quad (32)$$

- **Properties (the exponential function):**

1. z and w are two complex numbers then

$$e^{z+w} = e^z e^w \quad (33)$$

2. $|e^z| = e^{\operatorname{Re} z}$, especially $|e^{it}| = 1$, t real. Additionally, $e^{2\pi i m} = 1$ for $m = 0, \pm 1, \dots$ and $e^{\pi i} = -1$.

3. The function $f(z) = e^z$ never has the value zero. And, if w is any nonzero complex number, $e^z = w$ has infinitely many solutions.

- **The Logarithm Function:**

z is any nonzero complex number,

$$\operatorname{Log} z = \ln |z| + i \operatorname{Arg} z, \quad z \neq 0 \quad (34)$$

- **Trigonometric Functions:**

1. **Definition:**

$$\cos z = \frac{1}{2}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz}) \quad (35)$$

$$\sin z = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{iz} - e^{-iz}) \quad (36)$$

2. If $\cos z + \alpha = \cos z$, for z , then

$$e^{iz}(e^{i\alpha} - 1) = e^{-i\alpha}e^{-iz}(e^{i\alpha} - 1) \quad (37)$$

If $e^{i\alpha} - 1$ is nonzero, it can be canceled

$$e^{iz} = e^{-i\alpha}e^{-iz} \quad (38)$$

- **Inverse Trigonometric Functions**

$$\operatorname{Arcsin} z = -i \operatorname{Log}(iz + \sqrt{1 - z^2}), \quad z \in D \quad (39)$$

$$\operatorname{Arccos} z = -i \operatorname{Log}(z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1}), \quad z \in D \quad (40)$$

$$\operatorname{Arctan} z = \frac{i}{2} \operatorname{Log}\left(\frac{1 - iz}{1 + iz}\right), \quad z \neq \pm i \quad (41)$$

1.5 Line Integrals and Green Theorem

- **Definition (Curves):** A curve γ is a continuous complex-valued function $\gamma(t)$ defined for t in some interval $[a, b]$ in the real axis. The curve is simple if $\gamma(t_1) \neq \gamma(t_2)$ whenever $a \leq t_1 < t_2 < b$ and it's closed if $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$.

- **Smooth Curve:** Suppose γ is a curve,; separate the complex number $\gamma(t)$ into its real and imaginary parts and write $\gamma(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$. The function $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are real functions.

Assume $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are both differentiable at t_0 , then we say that γ is differentiable at t_0 .

A curve γ is smooth if $\gamma'(t)$ not only exists, but is also continuous on $[a, b]$ as well. Moreover, if the curve is piecewise smooth, it is composed of a finite number of smooth curves, the end of one coinciding with the beginning of the next. Each curve γ is oriented by increasing t . Similarly, we can define the reverse orientation. A simple closed curve γ is positively oriented if, for each point p on the inside of γ , the argument of $\gamma - p$ increases by 2π as t increases from a to b .

- **Integral:**

1. **Definition(Integral):** Suppose $g(t) = \sigma(t) + i\tau(t)$ is a continuous complex-valued function on the interval $[a, b]$. Define the integral of g over $[a, b]$ by

$$\int_a^b g(t)dt = \int_a^b \sigma(t)dt + i \int_a^b \tau(t)dt \quad (42)$$

2. **Definition (line integral of u):**

$$\int_{\gamma} u(z)dz = \int_a^b u(\gamma(t))\gamma'(t)dt \quad (43)$$

For a piecewise smooth curve, the line integral of u along γ becomes

$$\int_{\gamma} u(z)dz = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} u(\gamma(s))\gamma'(s)ds \quad (44)$$

The properties of the Integration is quite similar with the real-valued functions' integration.

3. The length of the curve that is the range of $\gamma(t)$ is given by

$$\text{length}(\gamma) = \int_a^b \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2}dt \quad (45)$$

$$= \int_a^b |\gamma'(t)|dt \quad (46)$$

Thus,

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} u(z)dz \right| \leq (\max_{z \in \gamma} |u(z)|) \text{length}(\gamma) \quad (47)$$

- **Green Theorem and Green Formula**

1. **Green Theorem:** Green's Theorem is formulated for a domain Ω whose boundary Γ consists of a finite number of disjoint, piecewise smooth simple closed curves $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n$. We orient the boundary Γ of Ω positively by requiring that Ω remain on the left as we walk along Γ . Thus, the outer piece of the boundary of Ω is oriented counterclockwise, and each inner piece of Γ is oriented clockwise.

Assume that there is some open set D that contains both Ω and Γ and, on D , f has continuous partial derivatives with respect to both x and y . That is, if $f = p + iq$, then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} \quad (48)$$

where all of $\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial q}{\partial y}$ are continuous on D .

Theorem: $\int_{\Gamma} f(z)dz = i \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right\} dxdy$, which can also be stated in another way:

$$\int_{\Gamma} \{u dx + v dy\} = \int \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dxdy \quad (49)$$

2. **Green Formula:**

$$\int_{\Gamma} \left(g \frac{\partial f}{\partial n} - f \frac{\partial g}{\partial n} \right) ds = \int \int_{\Omega} (g \triangle f - f \triangle g) dxdy \quad (50)$$

- **Harmonic**

1. **Definition:** A function $u(z) = u(x, y)$ with continuous first and second partial derivatives with respect to both x and y is harmonic on an open set D if

$$\triangle u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \text{on } D. \quad (51)$$

2. **Theorem:** Suppose that u is real-valued harmonic function on an open set D and D contains a domain Ω and the boundary Γ of Ω . Assume that Γ consists of a finite number of disjoint, piecewise smooth simple closed curves. If $u = 0$ on Γ , then $u = 0$ in Ω as well.