

# CSM 166: Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science

Complex Numbers

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# Complex Numbers

## Definition 1 (Complex Numbers)

*A complex number is a number that can be expressed in the form  $z = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\mathbf{i}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $\mathbf{i}$  is the imaginary unit, that satisfies the equation  $\mathbf{i}^2 = -1$ .*

Let

$$z = a + bi \tag{1}$$

Then  $\mathbf{a}$  is the real part of  $z$  denoted by  $a = \text{Re}(z)$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is the imaginary part of  $z$  denoted  $b = \text{Im}(z)$

# Complex Numbers

1. If  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 0$  then  $z$  is purely imaginary:

$$z = bi$$

2. If  $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 0$  then  $z$  is a real number:

$$z = a$$

# Conjugate Of A Complex Numbers

## Definition 2

*The complex conjugate of a complex number  $z = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{bi}$  is defined as*

$$\overline{z} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{bi} \quad (2)$$

# Operations with Complex Numbers I

Let  $z_1 = a_1 + b_1\mathbf{i}$  and  $z_2 = a_2 + b_2\mathbf{i}$ . Then

## 1. Addition:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 + z_2 &= a_1 + b_1i + a_2 + b_2\mathbf{i} \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)\mathbf{i} \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Subtraction:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 - z_2 &= a_1 + b_1i - (a_2 + b_2)\mathbf{i} \\ &= (a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)\mathbf{i} \end{aligned}$$

# Operations with Complex Numbers II

## 3. Multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 \cdot z_2 &= (a_1 + b_1 \mathbf{i}) \cdot (a_2 + b_2) \mathbf{i} \\&= a_1 a_2 + a_1 b_2 \mathbf{i} + a_2 b_1 \mathbf{i} + b_1 b_2 \mathbf{i}^2 \\&= (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + (a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1) \mathbf{i}\end{aligned}$$

## 4. Division:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{a_1 + b_1 \mathbf{i}}{a_2 + b_2 \mathbf{i}} = \frac{a_1 + b_1 \mathbf{i}}{a_2 + b_2 \mathbf{i}} \cdot \frac{a_2 - b_2 \mathbf{i}}{a_2 - b_2 \mathbf{i}} \\&= \frac{1}{(a_2^2 + b_2^2)} [a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + (a_2 b_1 - a_1 b_2) \mathbf{i}]\end{aligned}$$

# Properties Of Complex Conjugates

$$1. \overline{\overline{z}} = z$$

$$2. \operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{z + \overline{z}}{2} \text{ and } \operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{z - \overline{z}}{2i}$$

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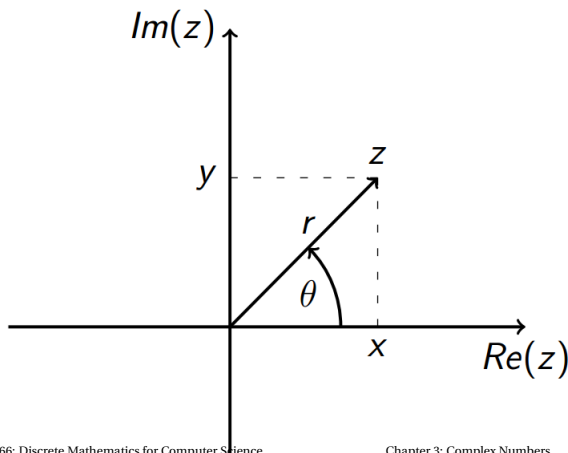
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# Geometric Representation Of A Complex Number (Argand Diagram)

Let  $z = x + yi$



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# Argument Of A Complex Numbers

## Definition 4

*The angle  $\theta$  is called the **argument** of the complex number  $z$ .*

The Principal Argument is  $0 < \theta \leq 2\pi$  or  
 $-\pi < \theta < \pi$

# Deduction From The Argand Diagram

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## 3. Multiplication :

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1} \cdot r_2 e^{i\theta_2} = r_1 r_2 e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

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End of Lecture

Questions...???

Thanks