MATH 185: Homework 1

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1. *Show that multiplication of complex numbers satisfies the associative, commutative, and distributive laws.*

Theorem 1. *Given that $\mathbb{C}$ is Abelian under addition, $\mathbb{C}$ is a field.*

Proof. Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$. Then recall that for any $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $z = |z|e^{i\theta_z}$, where $\theta_z = Argz$. We show that $\mathbb{C}$ satisfies associative, commutative, and distributive laws.

Using that $\mathbb{R}$ is a field, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
(ab)c &= (|a|e^{i\theta_a}|b|e^{i\theta_b})|c|e^{i\theta_c} \\
&= |a||b|e^{i(\theta_a+\theta_b)}|c|e^{i\theta_c} \\
&= |a||b||c|e^{i(\theta_a+\theta_b+\theta_c)} \\
&= |a|e^{i\theta_a}|b||c|e^{i(\theta_b+\theta_c)} \\
&= a(bc).
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Without the assumption of eulers identity , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
(ab)c &= ((a_1 + ia_2)(b_1 + ib_2))(c_1 + ic_2) \\
&= ((a_1b_1 - a_2b_2) + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)i)(c_1 + ic_2) \\
&= ((a_1b_1 - a_2b_2)c_1 - (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)c_2) \\
&\quad + ((a_1b_1 - a_2b_2)c_2 + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)c_1)i \\
&= a_1b_1c_1 - a_2b_2c_1 - a_1b_2c_2 + a_2b_1c_2 \\
&\quad + (a_1b_1c_2 - a_2b_2c_2 + a_1b_2c_1 + a_2b_1c_1)i \\
&= a_1(b_1c_1 - b_2c_2) - a_2(b_2c_1 + b_1c_2) \\
&\quad + (a_1(b_1c_2 + b_2c_1) - a_2(b_2c_2 + b_1c_1))i \\
&= (a_1 + a_2i)((b_1c_1 - b_2c_2) + (b_1c_2 + b_2c_1)i) \\
&= a(bc).
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

In a similar fashion, consider the following rearrangement which follows by the field properties of $\mathbb{R}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
ab &= (a_1b_1 - a_2b_2) + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)i \\
&= (b_1a_1 - b_2a_2) + (b_2a_1 + b_1a_2)i \\
&= ba.
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Lastly we show the distributive property:

$$\begin{aligned}
a(b+c) &= a(b_1 + b_2 i + c_1 + c_2 i) \\
&= a((b_1 + c_1) + (b_2 + c_2)i) \\
&= (a_1(b_1 + c_1) - a_2(b_2 + c_2)) + (a_1(b_2 + c_2) + a_2(b_1 + c_1))i \\
&= (a_1 b_1 - a_2 b_2) + (a_1 c_1 - a_2 c_2) + (a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1)i + (a_1 c_2 + a_2 c_1)i \\
&= ab + ac
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Therefore $\mathbb{C}$ is a ring. □

2. Gamelin Exercise I.1.7 (Chapter I, Section 1, Exercise 7)

Theorem 2. *Let $\rho > 1, \rho \neq 1$ and fix $z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$. Then*

$$S = \{|z - z_0| = \rho |z - z_1| : z \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

is isometric to some $S^1_r \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ for some r.

Proof. Since all $s \in S$ satisfy the above equation, we have that

$$\sqrt{(s_1 - z_{01})^2 + (s_2 - z_{02})^2} = \rho \sqrt{((s_1 - z_{11})^2 + (s_2 - z_{12})^2}. \tag{5}$$

The form of (5) is identical to a distance meterization in $\mathbb{R}^2$; that is, take the isometry $\phi : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{R}^2, ((x + iy) \mapsto (x, y)$ and

$$d(\phi(s), \phi(z_0)) = \rho d(\phi(s), \phi(z_1)) \frac{d(S, Z_0)}{d(S, Z_1)} = \rho, \tag{6}$$

which from high school geometry one might recognize as the equation of the circle of Appolonius. □

The geometric proof of a equivalency between Appolonius' circle and the Euclidean circle is omitted.

However, if we take the euclidean distance on $\mathbb{R}^2$, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 3. *Suppose that $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and S such that*

$$\frac{\overline{PS}}{\overline{QS}} = k \in (0,1)[WLOG],$$

then S is a point on a circle.

Proof. Observe the following algebraic derivation using the parallelagram law inspired by J Wilson at the University of Georgia:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{|P - S|^2}{|Q - S|^2} &= k^2 \\
|P|^2 + |S|^2 - 2\langle P, S\rangle &= k^2(|Q|^2 + |S|^2 - 2\langle Q, S\rangle) \\
0 &= |P|^2 + |S|^2 - 2\langle P, S\rangle - k^2(|Q|^2 + |S|^2 - 2\langle Q, S\rangle) \\
&= (1 - k^2)|S|^2 + |P|^2 - k^2|Q|^2 - 2\langle P - Q, k^2 S\rangle
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

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