

Assignment 1

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EXERCISE 1: COMPLEX NUMBERS

1. Assume $x = a_1 + b_1i$, $x = a_2 + b_2i$, $x = a_3 + b_3i$,

we have $x + y + z = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)i$,

To a complex number $n = a + bi$ we have $n^* = a - bi$,

so

$$|x|^2 = x \cdot x^* = a_1^2 - b_1^2(i)^2 = a_1^2 - b_1^2 \cdot (-1) = a_1^2 + b_1^2,$$

x^*y

$$= (a_1 - b_1i) \cdot (a_2 + b_2i)$$

$$= a_1a_2 + a_1b_2i - a_2b_1i - b_1b_2i^2$$

$$= a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)i,$$

$$Re(x^*y) = a_1a_2 + b_1b_2,$$

similarly, we have

$$|y|^2 = a_2^2 + b_2^2,$$

$$|z|^2 = a_3^2 + b_3^2,$$

$$Re(y^*z) = a_2a_3 + b_2b_3$$

$$Re(x^*z) = a_1a_3 + b_1b_3$$

and

$$(x + y + z)^* = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 - (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)i,$$

$$|x + y + z|^2$$

$$= (x + y + z) \cdot (x + y + z)^*$$

$$= ((a_1 + a_2 + a_3) + (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)i) \cdot ((a_1 + a_2 + a_3) - (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)i)$$

$$= ((a_1 + a_2 + a_3)^2 - (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)^2 \cdot (-1))$$

$$= ((a_1 + a_2 + a_3)^2 + (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)^2)$$

$$= a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + 2a_1a_2 + 2a_1a_3 + 2a_2a_3 + b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2 + 2b_1b_2 + 2b_1b_3 + 2b_2b_3$$

$$= a_1^2 + b_1^2 + a_2^2 + b_2^2 + a_3^2 + b_3^2 + 2(a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + a_2a_3 + b_2b_3 + a_1a_3 + b_1b_3)$$

$$= |x|^2 + |y|^2 + |z|^2 + 2[Re(x^*y) + Re(y^*z) + Re(x^*z)]$$

This shows that

$$|x + y + z|^2 = |x|^2 + |y|^2 + |z|^2 + 2[Re(x^*y) + Re(y^*z) + Re(x^*z)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2. \quad & (i+2)(3-4i)/(2-i) \\
&= (3i-4i^2+2*3-2*4i)/(2-i) \\
&= (3i-4 \times (-1)+2*3-2*4i)/(2-i) \\
&= (3i+4+6-8i)/(2-i) \\
&= (10-5i)/(2-i) \\
&= 5(2-i)/(2-i) \\
&= 5 \\
3. \quad & (i-4)/(2i-3) \\
&= [(i-4)(2i+3)]/[(2i-3)(2i+3)] \\
&= (2i^2+3i-8i-4*3)/((2i)^2-3*3) \\
&= [2 \times (-1)+3i-8i-4*3]/[4 \times (-1)-3*3] \\
&= (-2-5i-12)/(-4-9) \\
&= (-14-5i)/(-13) \\
&= [(-1)(14+5i)]/(-1 \times 13) \\
&= (14+5i)/13 \\
&= 14/13+5/13i
\end{aligned}$$

so, the real part is $14/13$ and imaginary part is $5/13$.

$$\begin{aligned}
4. \quad & i^{33} \\
&= i^{32}i \\
&= i^{2 \times 16}i \\
&= (i^2)^{16}i \\
&= (-1)^{16}i \\
&= i
\end{aligned}$$

so, the absolute value of i^{33} is $|i|$

$$\begin{aligned}
|i| &= |0+i| = \sqrt{|0+i|^2} = \sqrt{(0+i)(0+i)^*} = \sqrt{(0+i)(0-i)} = \sqrt{-i^2} = \\
&= \sqrt{-(-1)} = \sqrt{1} = 1
\end{aligned}$$

5. i. For complex number $c_1 = a_1 + b_1i$ and $c_2 = a_2 + b_2i$, we have

$$|c_1|^2 = a_1^2 + b_1^2$$

$$|c_2|^2 = a_2^2 + b_2^2$$

$$|c_1 + c_2|^2 = (a_1 + a_2)^2 + (b_1 + b_2)^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 + b_1^2 + b_2^2 + 2b_1b_2$$

so we need to find a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 that makes

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 + b_1^2 + b_2^2 + 2b_1b_2 \geq a_1^2 + b_1^2$$

and

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 + b_1^2 + b_2^2 + 2b_1b_2 < a_2^2 + b_2^2$$

so we have

$$a_2^2 + 2a_1a_2 + b_2^2 + 2b_1b_2 \geq 0$$

and

$$a_1^2 + 2a_1a_2 + b_1^2 + 2b_1b_2 < 0$$

so, we need $2a_1a_2+2b_1b_2 \geq -(a_2^2+b_2^2)$ and $2a_1a_2+2b_1b_2 < -(a_1^2+b_1^2)$, which means $-(a_2^2+b_2^2) \leq 2a_1a_2+2b_1b_2 < -(a_1^2+b_1^2)$,

Through observing, it is easy to find $a_1 = -1, a_2 = 3, b_1 = 1, b_2 = -3$ makes $|c_1+c_2|^2 \geq |c_1|^2$ and $|c_1+c_2|^2 < |c_2|^2$.

ii. To make $|c_1+c_2|^2 < |c_1|^2$ and $|c_1+c_2|^2 < |c_2|^2$, we need to make

$$a_1^2+a_2^2+2a_1a_2+b_1^2+b_2^2+2b_1b_2 < a_1^2+b_1^2$$

and

$$a_1^2+a_2^2+2a_1a_2+b_1^2+b_2^2+2b_1b_2 < a_2^2+b_2^2$$

so, we have

$$a_2^2+2a_1a_2+b_2^2+2b_1b_2 < 0$$

and

$$a_1^2+2a_1a_2+b_1^2+2b_1b_2 < 0$$

I don't think we can find a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 that can make $|c_1+c_2|^2 < |c_1|^2$ and $|c_1+c_2|^2 < |c_2|^2$ true.