

Problem 1:

Part a:

The set of points z in the complex plane described by $|z - z_1| = |z - z_2|$ is the set of points equidistant from z_1 and z_2 .

That is, it's described by the line going through the midpoint of z_1 and z_2 that is perpendicular to the line going through z_1 and z_2 .

Part b:

The set of points z in the complex plane described by $1/z = \bar{z}$ is the set of points with $z\bar{z} = 1$, so that $|z| = \sqrt{z\bar{z}} = 1$.

That is, it's the unit circle centered at the origin.

Part c:

The set of points z in the complex plane described by $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 3$ is the set of points with real component 3.

That is, it's described by a vertical line with x-intercept 3.

Part d:

The set of points z in the complex plane described by $\operatorname{Re}(z) > c$ is the set of points with real component larger than c .

That is, it's described by the right half of a plane cut by the vertical line with x-intercept c (excluding the line itself).

Problem 2:

Let $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$, with $z \neq w$, be vertices of a square, with $z = (x, y)$ and $w = (x', y')$.

Either z and w are the opposite vertices of a square or they are adjacent vertices of a square.

If they are opposite vertices of a square, then there is a uniquely determined square given these vertices. (And this is geometrically clear.)

In this case, we proceed by finding the center of the square, finding a line perpendicular to the line through z and w through the midpoint, and finding points a and b on this line that make a square.

The center of the square is given by $A = (\frac{x+x'}{2}, \frac{y+y'}{2})$; it is the midpoint of two opposite sides.

Now, consider the vector $p = z - w = (x - x', y - y')$, and the vector $q = (y - y', -(x - x'))$. It is readily checked that $p \cdot q = 0$, so that these vectors are perpendicular.

Now, the points given by $a = A + q/2 = (\frac{x+x'+y-y'}{2}, \frac{y+y'-(x-x')}{2})$ and $b = A - q/2 = (\frac{x+x'-(y-y')}{2}, \frac{y+y'+x-x'}{2})$ are the desired points, as a, b, z, w are four points equidistant from A with the property that $(a - b) \cdot (z - w) = 0$ (that is, we can make opposite sides make a right angle with a point). We've already shown the second part: $p = z - w$ and $q = a - b$. Also, z and w are equidistant from A , as A is their midpoint. It is also readily checked that A is a and b 's midpoint. Moreover, the length of p and q are the same (by symmetry). So $z = A + p/2$ and $a = A + q/2$ are equidistant from A ; all of a, b, w, z are the same distance from A .

If they are adjacent vertices of a square, then there are exactly two different squares given these vertices. (And this is geometrically clear.)

In this case, we proceed by making a line through z perpendicular to the line through z and w , finding points of the appropriate length, and repeating the process with a line through w perpendicular to the line through z and w .

Now, consider the vector $p = z - w = (x - x', y - y')$, and the vector $q = (y - y', -(x - x'))$. It is readily checked that $p \cdot q = 0$, so that these vectors are perpendicular.

The points given by $a = z + q$ and $b = w + q$ together with z and w make a square.

Also, the points given by $a' = z - q$ and $b' = w - q$ together with z and w make a square.

To summarize the above:

If z and w are the opposite corners of the square, then...

If z and w are adjacent corners of the square, then...

Problem 3:

Let $|a| = |b| = 1$, with $a = (x, y)$ and $b = (x', y')$, with $a \neq b$ and $\bar{a}b \neq 1$.

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}(1 - \bar{a}b)\overline{(1 - \bar{a}b)} &= (1 - xx' + yy', -xy' - x'y)(1 - xx' + yy', xy' + x'y) \\ &= ((1 - xx' + yy')(1 - xx' + yy') - (-xy' - x'y)(xy' + x'y), (-xy' - x'y)(1 - xx' + yy'))\end{aligned}$$