

## Exercises 1.1

**Exercise 5(b):** Write the following in the form of  $a + bi$

$$(8 + i) - (5 + i)$$

**Solution:**

By the addition and subtraction of complex numbers we get,

$$(8 + i) - (5 + i) = (8 - 5) + (1 - 1)i = 3 + 0i$$

**Exercise 6(a):** Write the following in the form of  $a + bi$

$$(-1 + i)^2$$

**Solution:**

By the multiplication of complex numbers we get,

$$(-1 + i)^2 = (-1 + i)(-1 + i) = ((-1)(-1) - (1)(1)) + ((-1)(1) + (-1)(1))i = 0 - 2i$$

**Exercise 7(b):** Write the following in the form of  $a + bi$

$$\frac{-1 + 5i}{2 + 3i}$$

**Solution:**

By the division of complex numbers we get,

$$\frac{-1 + 5i}{2 + 3i} = \frac{(-1)(2) + (5)(3)}{2^2 + 3^2} + \frac{(5)(2) - (-1)(3)}{2^2 + 3^2}i = 1 + 1i$$

**Exercise 12:** Write the following in the form of  $a + bi$

$$(2 + i)(-1 - i)(3 + 2i)$$

**Solution:**

By the associative law of multiplication and the multiplication of complex numbers we get the following,

$$\begin{aligned}(2 + i)(-1 - i)(3 + 2i) &= ((2 + i)(-1 - i))3 + 2i, \\ &= (-1 + -3i)(3 + 2i), \\ &= 3 - 11i.\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 14:** Show that  $Re(iz) = -Im(z)$  for every complex number  $z$ .

**Solution:**

Suppose a complex number  $z$ . By definition  $z$  is of the form  $z = a + bi$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Now consider the following,

$$iz = i(a + bi) = ai + bi^2 = b(-1) + ai = -b + ai.$$

From the equality we know the following,  $Re(iz) = -b$  and  $-Im(z) = -b$ . Thus,  $Re(iz) = -Im(z)$ .

**Exercise 15:** Let  $k$  be an integer. Show that,

1.

$$i^{4k} = 1$$

**Solution:**

Note that,

$$i^{4k} = i^{(2)(2)k} = \sqrt{-1}^{2^{2k}} = (-1)^{2k} = 1.$$

2.

$$i^{4k+1} = i$$

**Solution:**

Note that by substitution of the previous problem we get,

$$i^{4k+1} = i^{4k}i = 1(i) = i.$$

3.

$$i^{4k+2} = -1$$

**Solution:**

Note that by substitution of the previous problem we get,

$$i^{4k+2} = i^{4k}i^2 = 1 \sqrt{-1}^2 = -1.$$

4.

$$i^{4k+3} = -i$$

**Solution:**

Note that by substitution of the previous problem we get,

$$i^{4k+3} = i^{4k+2}i = (-1)i = -i.$$

**Exercise 18:** Show that the complex number  $z = -1 + i$  satisfies the following equation,

$$z^2 + 2z + 2 = 0.$$

**Solution:**

By substitution and algebra we get the following,

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 + 2z + 2 &= (-1 + i)^2 + 2(-1 + i) + 2, \\ &= -2i - 2 + 2i + 2, \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 23:** Let  $z$  be a complex number such that  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$ . Prove that  $\operatorname{Re}(1/z) > 0$

**Solution:**

Suppose a complex number  $z$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$ . By definition there  $z$  is of the form  $z = a + bi$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that,

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{a + bi} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} + \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2}i.$$

Recall that  $a = \operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$  and therefore  $\operatorname{Re}(1/z) = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} > 0$ .

**Exercise 24:** Let  $z$  be a complex number such that  $\operatorname{Im}(z) > 0$ . Prove that  $\operatorname{Im}(1/z) < 0$

**Solution:**

Suppose a complex number  $z$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$ . By definition there  $z$  is of the form  $z = a + bi$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that,

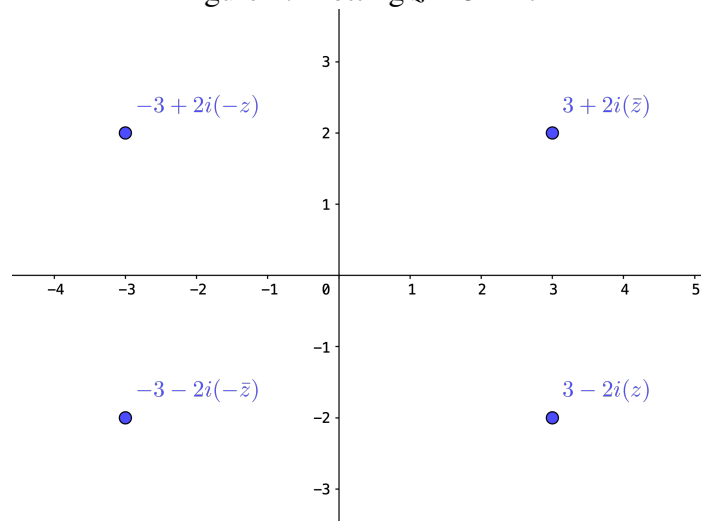
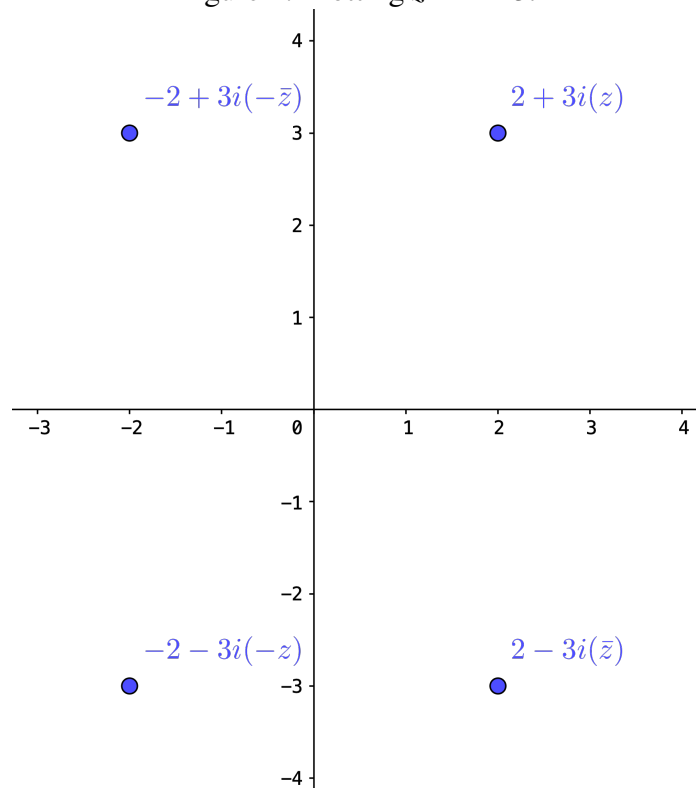
$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{a + bi} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} + \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2}i.$$

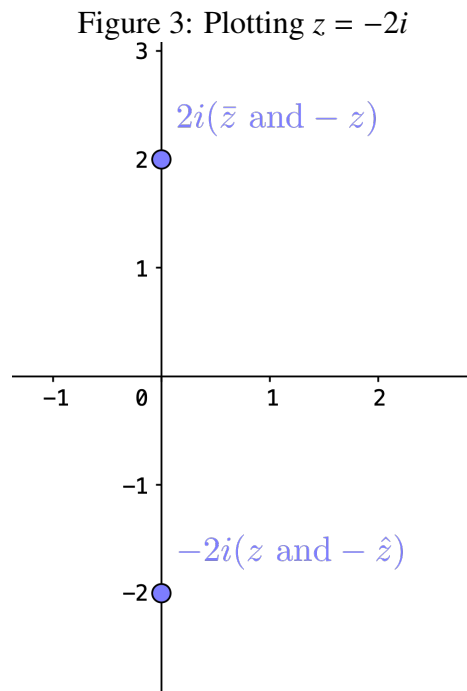
Recall that  $b = \operatorname{Im}(z) > 0$  and therefore  $\operatorname{Im}(1/z) = \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2} < 0$ .

## Exercises 1.2

**Exercise 4:** Let  $z = 3 - 2i$ . Plot the points  $z, -z, \bar{z}, -\bar{z}$  in the complex plane. Do the same for  $z = 2 + 3i$  and  $z = -2i$ .

**Solution:**

Figure 1: Plotting  $z = 3 - 2i$ Figure 2: Plotting  $z = 2 + 3i$ 



**Exercise 7:** Describe the set of points  $z$  in the complex plane that satisfies each of the following,

a  $\text{Im}(z) = -2$

**Solution:**

This plots a horizontal line across the complex plane parallel to the real numbers at a height of  $-2$ .

c  $|2z - i| = 4$

**Solution:**

Let  $z = x + yi$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . By substitution and through algebra we get,

$$|2z - i| = 4,$$

$$|2(x + yi) - i| = 4,$$

$$|2x + (2y - 1)i| = 4.$$

Applying the definition of modulus,

$$\begin{aligned} |2x + (2y - 1)i| &= 4, \\ \sqrt{(2x)^2 + (2y - 1)^2} &= 4, \\ (2x)^2 + (2y - 1)^2 &= 16. \end{aligned}$$

This final equation is a circle with radius 2 and center  $(1, 0)$ .

h  $\operatorname{Re} z \geq 4$

**Solution:**

This plots the inequality where everything to the right side of a vertical line at  $x = 4$  is shaded in.

i  $|z - i| < 2$

**Solution:**

Let  $z = x + yi$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . By substitution and through algebra we get,

$$\begin{aligned} |z - i| &< 2, \\ |x + (y - 1)i| &< 2. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the definition of modulus,

$$\begin{aligned} |x + (y - 1)i| &< 2, \\ \sqrt{x^2 + (y - 1)^2} &< 2, \\ x^2 + (y - 1)^2 &< 4. \end{aligned}$$

This inequality describes all the points within the circle with radius 2 and center  $(1, 0)$ .

**Exercise 8:** Show both analytically and graphically, that  $|z - 1| = |\bar{z} - 1|$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $z = a + bi$ , with  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . By definition  $\bar{z} = a - bi$ . By the definition of modulus,

$$|z - 1| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - 1} = \sqrt{a^2 + (-b)^2 - 1} = |\bar{z} - 1|.$$

Graphically we know that the conjugate of a complex number  $z$  simply reflects it about the real axis. Note that  $Re(z - 1) = Re(\bar{z} - 1)$ , and  $Im(z - 1) = -Im(\bar{z} - 1)$  so both numbers have the same distance from the origin, the only difference being direction.

**Exercise 12:** Verify properties (3), (4), and (5) for  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ . First let  $z_1 = a + bi$  and  $z_2 = c + di$  for all  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Demonstrating (3), consider the division of complex numbers,

$$\overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} = \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2} - \frac{bc - ad}{c^2 + d^2}i = \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2} + \frac{(-b)c - a(-d)}{c^2 + d^2}i = \frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_2}$$

Demonstrating (4), let  $z = a + bi$  and consider the following division,

$$\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2} = \frac{a + bi + a - bi}{2} = \frac{2a}{2} = a = Re(z).$$

Similarly we can demonstrate (5) by considering the following,

$$\frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i} = \frac{a + bi - a - bi}{2i} = \frac{2bi}{2i} = b = Im(z).$$

**Exercise 13:** Prove that if  $(\bar{z})^2 = z^2$ , then  $z$  is either real or pure imaginary.

**Solution:**

Let  $z = a + bi$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and suppose that,  $(\bar{z})^2 = z^2$ . Expanding we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (a - bi)^2 &= (a + bi)^2, (a - bi)(a - bi) &&= (a + bi)(a + bi), \\ a^2 - b^2 - 2abi &= a^2 - b^2 + 2abi, \\ 0 &= 4abi. \end{aligned}$$

By the last product we know that either  $Re(z) = a = 0$  which concludes that  $z$  is pure imaginary or  $Im(z) = b = 0$  which concludes that  $z$  is real, or the case where  $z = 0$ .



**Exercise 14:** Prove that  $|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|$  (Hint: Use equations (7) and (2)).

**Solution:**

Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be complex numbers, and consider the square of the modulus of their product,  $|z_1 z_2|^2$ . By equation (7) we know that the square of the modulus of a complex number equals the number times its conjugate so we get the following,

$$|z_1 z_2|^2 = z_1 z_2 \overline{z_1 z_2}$$

By equation (2) we can distribute the conjugate among the right hand side product to get,

$$|z_1 z_2|^2 = z_1 z_2 \overline{z_1} \overline{z_2}.$$

Since complex multiplication is commutative we can reorder the product and apply equation (7) to simplify,

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 z_2|^2 &= z_1 z_2 \overline{z_1} \overline{z_2}, \\ |z_1 z_2|^2 &= z_1 \overline{z_1} z_2 \overline{z_2}, \\ |z_1 z_2|^2 &= |z_1|^2 |z_2|^2, \\ |z_1 z_2| &= |z_1| |z_2|. \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 15:** Prove that  $(\bar{z})^k = \overline{(z^k)}$  for every integer  $k$  (provided  $z \neq 0$  when  $k$  is negative.)

**Solution:**

Suppose some complex number  $z$  let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Note that the case where  $k = 0$  is trivial. Consider the case where  $k = 1$  and note that,

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{z})^1 &= \overline{(z^1)}, \\ \bar{z} &= \bar{z}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $(\bar{z})^k = \overline{(z^k)}$  for some  $k$  and we will proceed by induction on  $k$ . Consider the following.

$$(\bar{z})^{k+1} = (\bar{z})^k (\bar{z}).$$

By the induction hypothesis we know that,

$$(\bar{z})^{k+1} = \overline{(z^k)} (\bar{z}) = \overline{(z^k)(z)} = \overline{(z^{k+1})}.$$

For the case where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^-$ , consider the previous result and with some algebra we get,

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{z})^k &= \overline{(z^k)}, \\ (\bar{z})^{k-1} &= \overline{(z^k)}^{-1}, \\ (\bar{z})^{(-1)k} &= \overline{(z^{(-1)k})}. \end{aligned}$$