

MA204: Mathematics IV

Complex Analysis: Topology on Complex numbers

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Metric or distance function

Recall that the modulus or absolute value of complex numbers naturally extend the concept of absolute value of real numbers.

Using the absolute value of complex numbers, we define the metric or distance function on complex numbers $d : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$d(z, w) = |z - w| = \sqrt{(a_1 - a_2)^2 + (b_1 - b_2)^2},$$

where $z = a_1 + ib_1$ and $w = a_2 + ib_2$.

Considering this metric for discussion on complex numbers, we introduce certain basic terms which shall be used throughout the course.

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- (g) **Closure of a Set:** The closure of a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, denoted by \bar{S} , defined by the set S together with all its limit points. Thus $\bar{S} = S \cup S'$.

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- (1) Find interior points, exterior points, boundary points, limit points, and closure of the following sets. State if they are open, closed, bounded, connected, domain, and region
- (a) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z) > 2\}$
 - (b) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im}(z) \leq 1\}$
 - (c) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 2 + 3i| > 2\}$
 - (d) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 4| \leq |z|\}$
 - (e) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1 \text{ or } |z - 2i| < 1\}$
- (2) A finite subset of complex numbers can not have any limit point.

Properties

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- (a) A set S is closed if and only if S^c is open.
- (b) \mathbb{C} and ϕ are both open and closed sets in \mathbb{C} .
- (c) Finite intersection of open sets in \mathbb{C} is open in \mathbb{C} .
- (d) Arbitrary union of open sets in \mathbb{C} is open in \mathbb{C} .

Thank You

Any Question!!!