

Complex Variables (Exam #1)

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1 Complex Plane

1.1 How do we represent complex number geometrically?

Complex numbers are represented as two dimensional coordinates in a plane, with the x axis as the real part of the complex number and the y is the imaginary part of the complex number.

1.2 What is meant under the following terms?

$Re(z)$ This represents only the real portion of the complex number. For example if $z = x + iy$ then $Re(z) = x$.

$Im(z)$ This represents only the imaginary portion of the complex number. For example if $z = x + iy$ then $Im(z) = y$.

$|z|$ This is the **modulus** of z , or the length. It is calculated as follows: if $z = x + iy$, then $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.

\bar{z} This is the **conjugate** of z . It is found by flipping the sign of the imaginary part of z . So if $z = x + iy$, then $\bar{z} = x - iy$.

$\arg(z)$ This is the **argument** of z . It is the set of all angles that represent the position of the complex variable. Since every multiple of 2π is equal, then this is the set of all angles offset by some multiple of 2π .

$\text{Arg}(z)$ This is the **principle value** of the argument of z . It is a single value in the range $-\pi$ to π which represents the angle that the complex number is at in polar coordinates.

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