

Quiz 1: Complex Numbers Review

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Question 1: Complex Geometry

✓ 1. Plot and label the point $z = -2 + 2i$.

✓ 2. Write z in terms of its polar coordinates r and θ .

✓ 3. Plot and label its complex conjugate $z^* = -2 - 2i$

✓ 4. Plot and label the sum $z + z^* = -4$

✓ 5. Plot and label the difference $z - z^* = 4i$

✓ 6. Plot and label the product $\frac{z^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 e^{i2\theta} = 4e^{\frac{3\pi}{2}} = -4i$ $\theta = 135^\circ$ from the plot of z ,

✓ 7. Plot and label the product $\frac{|z|^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2} r^2 = 4$

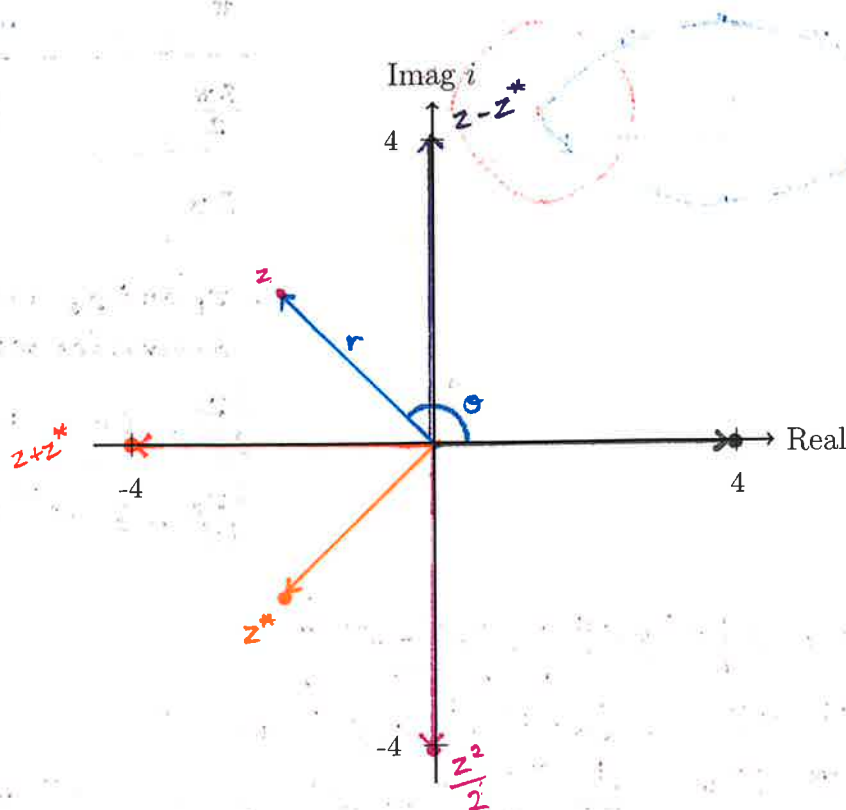
$$z = a + ib = r e^{i\theta}$$

$$r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{8}$$

$$\theta = \arctan 2(-2, 2) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

Without a calculator,
need to do this geometrically:

and using $\pi \text{ rads} = 180^\circ$ we can
get back to radians.



$$z = a + ib = r e^{i\theta}$$

Question 2: Complex Functions

Suppose we have a complex functions z_1 , z_2 , and z_3 defined as a function of $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$:

$$\checkmark z_1(\phi) = 2 + e^{i\phi} \quad (1)$$

$$\checkmark z_2(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\phi} + 3e^{-i\phi}) \quad (2)$$

$$\checkmark z_3(\phi) = \frac{3\sqrt{2}ie^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{2}(e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}) = 3\sqrt{2}ie^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}\cos\phi \quad (3)$$

1. Plot and label z_1 , z_2 , and z_3 over $\phi \in [0, 2\pi]$.

2. What shapes do z_1 , z_2 , and z_3 form?

z_1 : Circle

z_2 : Ellipse

z_3 : Line

3. Which way are z_1 and z_2 rotating as ϕ increases?

z_1 : CCW

z_2 : CW

4. How can you know which way z_1 and z_2 are rotating? Justify it with a calculation.

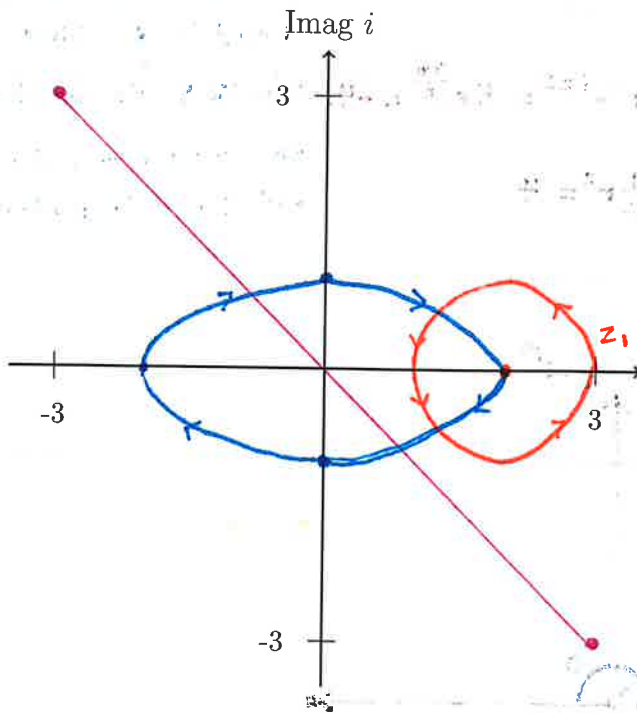
At $\phi=0$, $z_3(0) = 3\sqrt{2}ie^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$
Remember that i is just a 90° rotation: $i = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow z_3(0) = 3\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} = a + ib$$

$$a = 3\sqrt{2}\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$a = -3$$

$$b = 3$$



ϕ	z_1	z_2	z_3
0	3	2	$-3+3i$
$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$2+i$	$-i$	0
π	1	-2	$3-3i$
$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$2-i$	i	0
2π			

4. z_1 and z_2 rotation: Take derivative with respect to ϕ :

$$\frac{dz_1}{d\phi} = ie^{i\phi} = i \text{ at } \phi=0$$

$$\frac{dz_2}{d\phi} = \frac{1}{2}(ie^{i\phi} - 3ie^{-i\phi}) = -i \text{ at } \phi=0$$

Question 3: Fourier Transform

Calculate the Fourier Transform of $x(t) = 2\cos(t) + \sin(t)$. Recall that $X(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t)e^{-i\omega t} dt$

$$x(t) = 2\cos(t) + \sin(t) = 2\left[\frac{e^{it} + e^{-it}}{2}\right] + \left[\frac{e^{it} - e^{-it}}{2i}\right]$$

$$\text{Collect by } e\text{-terms: } x(t) = \frac{1}{2}(2-i)e^{it} + \frac{1}{2}(2+i)e^{-it}$$

$$\text{Set up Fourier Transform: } X(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{2}(2-i)e^{it} + \frac{1}{2}(2+i)e^{-it} \right] e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[\frac{1}{2}(2-i) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i(1-\omega)t} dt}_{2\pi\delta(\omega-1)} + \frac{1}{2}(2+i) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-i(1+\omega)t} dt}_{2\pi\delta(1+\omega)} \right]$$

$$X(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[(2-i)\delta(\omega-1) + (2+i)\delta(\omega+1) \right]$$