

# MAT215: Complex Variables And Laplace Transformations

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# Complex plane

As a set, the complex number field  $\mathbb{C}$  be the set  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ . The set is a plane, so we call it the complex plane. To make it a field, we define addition and product:

$$(a, b) + (c, d) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (a + c, b + d)$$

$$(a, b)(c, d) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (ac - bd, bc + da)$$

Why do we define the operations in such a way? One answer is to mimic the complex operation. Another is to consider the multiplication as the map  $z_1 \mapsto z_1 z_2$  (which is a real-linear operator).

$$a + ib = a \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

## Problem

*Show that the additive identity is  $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0)$ , the multiplicative identity is  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 0)$  and the multiplicative inverse  $(a, b)^{-1} = \left( \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}, \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2} \right)$*

## Problem

*Find the real numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $3x + 2iy - ix + 5y = 7 + 5i$*

## Problem

*Prove that every real-linear operator on  $\mathbb{C}$ , that is every  $2 \times 2$  real matrix  $M$ , can be represented by two complex numbers  $\xi$  and  $\zeta$  and the formula  $z \mapsto \xi z + \zeta \bar{z}$ .*

**Hint:** Use  $T(z) = T(x + iy)$

# Complex number

Given a complex number  $z \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x + iy$ , its "evil twin" is the complex conjugate of  $z$ :

$$\bar{z} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x - iy$$

Find the real and imaginary parts.

We can show that,

$$x^3 + y^3 + 3ixy = \left(\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}\right)^3 + 3i\left(\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}\right)$$

## Problem

*Guess all the properties of Conjugate.*

*$z$  and  $\bar{z}$  are not independent variables, why?*

# Problem

## Problem

*Find the square root of  $-15 - 8i$ .*

## Problem

*Solve the equation  $z^2 + (2i - 3)z + 5 - i = 0$ .*

The function **Arg**( $z$ ) :  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow (-\pi, \pi]$  is defined as follows:

$$\text{Arg}(z) = ??$$

Thus, if  $z = r(\cos \Theta + i \sin \Theta)$ , with  $r > 0$  and  $-\pi < \Theta \leq \pi$ , then

$$\arg(z) = \{\text{Arg}(z) + 2n\pi \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Properties of Modulus:

$$|z_1 \cdot z_2| = |z_1| \cdot |z_2|$$

$$\left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}$$

$$|z^m| = |z|^m$$

Properties of Arguments:

$$\text{Arg}(z_1 \cdot z_2) = \text{Arg}(z_1) + \text{Arg}(z_2)$$

$$\text{Arg}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \text{Arg}(z_1) - \text{Arg}(z_2)$$

$$\text{Arg}(z^m) = m \text{Arg}(z)$$

[https://scipp.ucsc.edu/~haber/ph116A/arg\\_11.pdf](https://scipp.ucsc.edu/~haber/ph116A/arg_11.pdf)

# Weird properties

$$\left((-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 = i^2 = -1 \neq 1 = \left((-1)^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\sqrt{(-4)(-4)} = \sqrt{-4}\sqrt{-4} = 2i \cdot 2i = -4 \neq 4 = \sqrt{16}$$

For real numbers ( $a > 0$ ),

$$a^z := e^{z \ln a}$$

where  $(\ln a)$  is a single real number. So:

$$(a^m)^n = e^{n \ln(a^m)} = e^{nm \ln a} = a^{mn}.$$

Everything works because  $\ln$  is single-valued.



Express each of the following complex numbers in polar form:

(a)  $2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$

(b)  $-5 + 5i$

## Problem

*Solve the equation:  $e^{4z} = i$*

## Problem

*Solve for  $x$  and  $y$ ,*

$$\left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)^{2024} = 3^{1012}(x + iy)$$

Good-bye

