

MAT215: Complex Variables And Laplace Transformations

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LECTURE-01

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 $(a, b)^{-1} = \left(\frac{a}{a^2+b^2}, \frac{-b}{a^2+b^2} \right)$

Complex numbers

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 2×2 real matrix M , can be represented by two complex numbers ξ and ζ 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 $z^2 + (2i - 3)z + 5 - i = 0$.

Argument

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

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

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

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

Polar form

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

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.

Polar form

Express each of the following complex numbers in polar form:

- (a) $2 + 2\sqrt{3}i$
- (b) $-5 + 5i$

problems

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

