

GA 2450 Complex analysis I

Textbook: Basic complex analysis, Marsden-Hoffman.

Office hours: Thursday 1:30-3:00 pm.

Notations: \mathbb{R} , \mathbb{C} , \mathbb{Z} , $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and \mathbb{Z}_+

• open intervals: (a, b) , $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. — textbook: $]a, b[$.

• closed intervals: $[a, b]$

• mappings (functions): $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

• \exists : exist, \forall : for all.

Complex numbers.

Historically: Solving quadratic equations. $x^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{-1}$.

— called imaginary,
denoted by i .

Generally: a complex number $z = x + iy$

$x = \operatorname{Re} z$, real part of z .

$y = \operatorname{Im} z$, imaginary part of z .

Complex variables are essential to many math problems:

— Solving polynomial equations of any degree.

Thm (Fundamental Thm of algebra): $P(z) = a_n z^n + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$, $a_j \in \mathbb{C}$.

Then $P(z) = 0$ has n roots (counted w/ multiplicity) in \mathbb{C} .

— Computing real integrals.

EX: $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{1+x} dx = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\alpha\pi)}$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$)

The complex number system: \mathbb{C} .

Def: \mathbb{C} is the set \mathbb{R}^2 with the following operations: for any $z = x + iy$, identify \mathbb{C} with the pair $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then for $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$, $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$,

— Addition $z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$

\Leftrightarrow vector addition

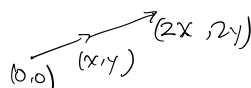
$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

— scalar multiplication: if $a \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$a z = a x + i(a y)$$

— complex multiplication.

$$z_1 z_2 = (x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + i(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)$$



Reason: complex linear + distributive law.

Ex: $(\pi + \sqrt{2}i) + (2 - i) = (\pi + 2) + (\sqrt{2} - 1)i$

$(\pi + \sqrt{2}i) \cdot (2 - i) = (2\pi + \sqrt{2}) + (2\sqrt{2} - \pi)i$

Note: $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ are equal $\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re} z_1 = \operatorname{Re} z_2, \operatorname{Im} z_1 = \operatorname{Im} z_2$

Field structure of \mathbb{C}

- \mathbb{C} is closed under addition and multiplication.
- Addition and multiplication are associative and commutative, and multiplication is distributive over addition.
- Identity for $+$: $0 = 0 + 0 \cdot i$.
Identity for multiplication: $1 = 1 + 0 \cdot i$

- $z = a + bi$ has additive inverse $-z = -a - bi$
Multiplicative inverse:

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{a+bi} = \frac{a-bi}{(a+bi)(a-bi)} = \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2+b^2}i$$

EX: $\frac{1}{3-2i} = \frac{3+2i}{(3-2i)(3+2i)} = \frac{3+2i}{3^2+2^2} = \frac{3}{13} + \frac{2}{13}i$ $\hookrightarrow \frac{1}{z}$ exists whenever $z \neq 0$

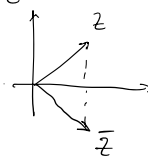
Important operations:

- Conjugation: $z = a + bi$. Say $w = a - bi$ the complex conjugate of z

$\overline{\overline{z}} = z$

$\operatorname{Re} z = \frac{z + \overline{z}}{2}, \quad \operatorname{Im} z = \frac{z - \overline{z}}{2}$

$\overline{z_1 + z_2} = \overline{z_1} + \overline{z_2}$
 $\overline{z_1 z_2} = \overline{z_1} \cdot \overline{z_2}$



Application: Consider a polynomial equation

$$a_n z^n + \dots + a_1 z + a_0 = 0 \quad (1)$$

Suppose w is a solution. Then \overline{w} solves

$$\overline{a_n} \overline{z}^n + \dots + \overline{a_1} \overline{z} + \overline{a_0} = 0$$

Thus, if each a_j is real, $a_j = \overline{a_j}$, then \overline{w} is also a solution to (1)

\Rightarrow nonreal roots of a polynomial of real coefficients occur in complex conjugate pairs

- Modulus

For $z = a + bi$, call $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ the modulus of z .



• $|z|^2 = z\bar{z}$. Thus, multiplicative inverse

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}$$

• $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}, -|z| \leq \operatorname{Re} z \leq |z|, -|z| \leq \operatorname{Im} z \leq |z|$

• For $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}, |z_1 z_2|^2 = z_1 z_2 \overline{z_1 z_2} = z_1 \bar{z}_1 \overline{z_2 z_2} = |z_1|^2 |z_2|^2$
 $\Rightarrow |z_1 z_2| = |z_1| \cdot |z_2|$

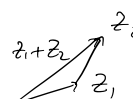
• For $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C},$

$$|z_1 + z_2|^2 = (z_1 + z_2)(\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2) = z_1 \bar{z}_1 + \underbrace{z_1 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{z}_1 z_2}_{2 \operatorname{Re}(z_1 \bar{z}_2)} + z_2 \bar{z}_2$$

$$= |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re}(z_1 \bar{z}_2)$$

$$\leq |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + 2|z_1||z_2| = (|z_1| + |z_2|)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2| \quad \text{— triangle inequality.}$$



Square roots.

Let $z = a + bi$. Suppose w is a square root of z , $w = x + yi$.

Then: $(x + yi)^2 = a + bi$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - y^2 + 2xyi = a + bi \quad \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 - y^2 = a & (1) \\ 2xy = b & (2) \end{cases}$$

First, observe $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = a^2 + b^2 \quad (|w|^2 = |z|)$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

Thus $x^2 = \frac{1}{2}(a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}), \quad y^2 = \frac{1}{2}(-a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2})$

(2) tells us how to choose sign of x, y .

if $b \geq 0$, then

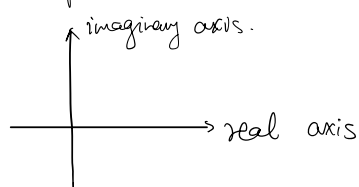
$$(x, y) = \pm \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2})}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(-a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2})} \right)$$

if $b < 0$, then

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

Geometric representation of complex numbers.

• Complex plane



Triangle inequality: $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$

Similarly: $|z_1 + z_2| \geq ||z_1| - |z_2||$

• Modulus: distance

e.g. $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, $R > 0$. Then circle w/ center z_0 and radius R

$$= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| = R\}.$$

Disk w/ center z_0 and radius $R = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| \leq R\}$

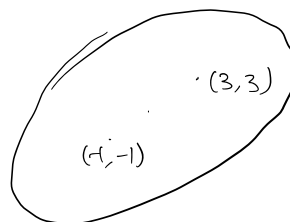
ε neighborhoods: $\{z : |z - z_0| < \varepsilon\}$

Sometimes, we also talk about deleted nbhds, or punctured disk:

$$\{z : 0 < |z - z_0| < \varepsilon\}.$$

EX: $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z + 1 + i| + |z - 3 - 3i| = 6\sqrt{2}\}$

represents an ellipse. foci = $(-1, -1)$ and $(3, 3)$



Polar coordinate representation:

recall: for $p = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, polar coord (r, θ) represents:

r = dist from $(0, 0)$ to p .

θ = angle from positive x -axis to \vec{OP}

$$\theta \in [0, 2\pi).$$

and: $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$. Hence:

$$z = x + yi = r \cos \theta + r \sin \theta i = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

θ is called the argument of z .

Now if we let

$$z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1), \quad z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 z_2 &= r_1 r_2 \left(\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 + i(\cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2) \right) \\ &= r_1 r_2 \left(\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Prop: $|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| \cdot |z_2|$, $\arg(z_1 z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2) \pmod{2\pi}$

In particular, when w is unit, i.e. $|w| = 1$, then $w = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ for some θ

Thus, zw = rotating z counterclockwise by θ .

If $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, then

$$z^n = r^n (\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)).$$

Prop (de Moivre): $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)$

n -th root: if $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, then n -th roots of z can be computed:

$$w = \rho(\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma) \text{ satisfies } w^n = z$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \rho^n = r, \quad n\gamma = \theta \pmod{2\pi}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \rho = r^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ \gamma = \frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2\pi k}{n}, \quad k=0, \dots, n-1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow w = r^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\theta+2\pi k}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta+2\pi k}{n}\right) \right), \quad k=0, \dots, n-1$$

Particularly, n -th root of unity:

$$\cos \frac{2\pi k}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi k}{n}, \quad k=0, \dots, n-1.$$

The Riemann sphere.

• We will soon see: consider the set $\hat{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$.

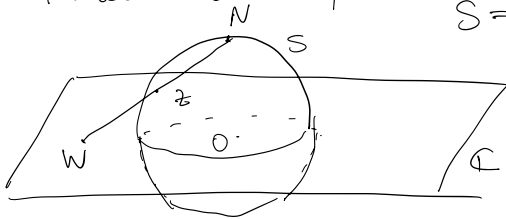
∞ = infinity, s.t.:

- $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad z + \infty = \infty + z = \infty,$
- $\forall z \in \hat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \{0\}, \quad z \cdot \infty = \infty \cdot z = \infty,$
- $\forall z \in \hat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \{0\}, \quad \frac{z}{0} = \infty.$
- $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \frac{z}{\infty} = 0.$

Geometrically, $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ = complex plane + one point at ∞ .

Model: Riemann sphere.

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$



$$\forall z = (x, y, z) \in S \setminus N,$$

$$\text{assigns } w \in \mathbb{C} \text{ by } w = \frac{x+iy}{1-z}.$$

this is an one-to-one and onto map.

$z \mapsto w$ is a homeomorphism between $S \setminus \{N\}$ and \mathbb{C} .

$$\text{Define } \varphi: S \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}, \quad \begin{cases} \varphi(N) = \infty \\ \varphi(z) = \frac{x+iy}{1-z} \\ \quad \quad \quad (x, y, z) \end{cases}$$

Geometrically this is called the stereographic projection.