

Q1

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{a+bi} &= \frac{1}{a+bi} * \frac{a-bi}{a-bi} \\ &= \frac{a-bi}{a^2+abi-abi+b^2} \\ &= \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} \\ c+di &= \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} - \frac{bi}{a^2+b^2}\end{aligned}$$

therefore $c = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2}$ and $d = \frac{-b}{a^2+b^2}$

Q2

$$\left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8} * (-1+\sqrt{3}i)^3$$

using the identity $(a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$ where $a = -1$ and $b = \sqrt{3}i$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{8} * (-1+\sqrt{3}i)^3 &= (-1)^3 + 3 * (-1)^2 * (\sqrt{3}i) + 3 * (-1) * (\sqrt{3}i)^2 + (\sqrt{3}i)^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} * (-1 + 3 * \sqrt{3}i + 9 - 3 * \sqrt{3}i) \\ &= \frac{8}{8} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Q3

$-\sqrt{i}$ and $+\sqrt{i}$ are two distinct square roots of i

Q4

To show:

$$\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$$

let $\alpha = a + bi$ and $\beta = c + di$

by definition of addition of complex numbers

$$(a+bi) + (c+di) = (a+c) + (b+d)i \tag{1}$$

by definition of complex numbers we know $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

so addition is commutative in \mathbb{R}

as a consequence $a + b = b + a$ and $c + d = d + c$
there (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}(a + bi) + (c + di) &= (a + c) + (b + d)i \\ &= (c + a) + (d + b)i \\ &= (c + di) + (a + bi) \text{ (from bidirectionality of how complex number addition is defined)} \\ &= \beta + \alpha\end{aligned}$$

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Q5

To prove:

$$\alpha + (\beta + \gamma) = (\alpha + \beta) + \gamma \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$$

Assuming $\alpha = a + bi$, $\beta = c + di$, and $\gamma = e + fi$
evaluating $\alpha + (\beta + \gamma)$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + (\beta + \gamma) &= (a + bi) + ((c + di) + (e + fi)) \\ &= (a + bi) + ((c + e) + (d + f)i) \text{ (From addition of complex numbers)} \\ &= (a + (c + e)) + (b + (d + f))i \text{ (From addition of complex numbers)} \\ &= ((a + c) + e) + ((b + d) + f)i \text{ (from associativity of real numbers)} \\ &= ((a + c) + (b + d)i) + (e + fi) \text{ (Bidirectionality of addition of complex numbers)} \\ &= ((a + bi) + (c + di)) + (e + fi) \text{ (Bidirectionality of addition of complex numbers)} \\ &= (\alpha + \beta) + \gamma\end{aligned}$$

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Q6

To prove:

$$\alpha (\beta \gamma) = (\alpha \beta) \gamma \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$$

Assuming

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= a + bi \\ \beta &= c + di \\ \gamma &= e + fi\end{aligned}$$

It will do us well to remember the general formula of complex number multiplication i.e

$$(u + vi)(x + yi) = (ux - vy) + (vx + uy)i$$

Proof:

Evaluating $(\alpha\beta)\gamma$

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha\beta)\gamma &= ((a+bi)(c+di))(e+fi) \\&= ((ac-bd) + (ad+cb)i)(e+fi) \\&= ((ac-bd)e - f(ad+cb)) + ((ac-bd)f + e(ad+cb))i \\&= (ace - bde - fad - fcb) + (acf - bdf + ead + ecb)i \\&= (a(ce - fd) - b(de + fc)) + (a(de + fc) + b(ce - fd))i \\&= (a+bi)((ce - fd) + (de + fc)i) \\&= (a+bi)((c+di)(e+fi)) \\&= \alpha(\beta\gamma)\end{aligned}$$

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Q7

To prove: $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \exists \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\alpha + \beta = 0$

Assumption:

1. if $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, then α can be written as $(a+bi)$ where both a and b are real numbers i.e $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
2. $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \exists (-\alpha)$ such that $\alpha + (-\alpha) = 0$

Proof:

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, so from our assumption it can be written in the form $(a+bi)$

let $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\alpha + \beta = 0$, again from our assumption β can be written in the form $(x+yi)$

$$\begin{aligned}(a+bi) + (x+yi) &= 0 \\(a+x) + (b+y)i &= 0 \text{ (from addition of complex numbers)} \\(a+x) + (b+y)i &= 0 + 0i \text{ (zero of the complex number field)}\end{aligned}$$

from the last equation above, we equate the real and imaginary parts of both the L.H.S and the R.H.S to each other, we get

$$\begin{aligned}a+x &= 0 \\b+y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Using assumption (2) we arrive at $x = -a$ and $y = -b$
so $\beta = (-a + (-b)i) = -(a+bi) = -\alpha$

Proof of uniqueness: (Proof by contradiction)

There exists another unique complex number γ such that $\alpha + \gamma = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + \gamma &= 0 \text{ (From assumption above)} \\ \alpha + \beta &= 0 + \beta \text{ (Adding } \beta \text{ to both sides)} \\ 0 + \gamma &= \beta \text{ (From proven result and concept of 0)} \\ \gamma &= \beta\end{aligned}$$

This disproves our assumption, hence β is unique in that $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, $\exists \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\alpha + \beta = 0$ and β is unique ■

Q8

To prove: $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, with $\alpha \neq 0$, $\exists \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, $(\alpha\beta = 1) \wedge (\beta \text{ is unique})$

Assumption:

1. if $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, then α can be written as $(a + bi)$ where both a and b are real numbers i.e $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Proof:

For a general complex number α which can be represented as $a + bi$ (from assumption) we will try to find a complex number β such that $\alpha\beta = 1$ whose components (real and imaginary) can be expressed in terms α 's real and imaginary components (i.e a and b)

We take $\beta = c + di$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha\beta &= 1 \\ (a + bi)(c + di) &= 1 \\ (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i &= 1 + 0i \text{ from multiplication of two complex numbers}\end{aligned}$$

Equating the real and complex parts of the L.H.S to the R.H.S

$$ac - bd = 1 \tag{2}$$

$$ad + bc = 0 \tag{3}$$

Multiplying (1) with $-b$ and (2) with a we have

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -abc & +b^2d & = -b \\ +abc & +a^2d & = 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(a^2 + b^2)d = -b$$

and therefore we have $d = \frac{-b}{a^2+b^2}$ and if we plug this into (2) we have

$$ac = 1 + bd \text{ (from (2))}$$

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

$$ac = 1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2+b^2}$$

$$c = \frac{a^2}{a(a^2+b^2)}$$

$$c = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2}$$

Therefore $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, with $\alpha \neq 0$, $\exists \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, $\alpha\beta = 1$ where $\beta = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{-b}{a^2+b^2}i$

Proof of uniqueness (proof by contradiction):

Let's assume there exists another complex number other than β , γ such that $\alpha\gamma = 1$

$$\alpha\gamma = 1 \text{ (from assumption)}$$

$$(\alpha\gamma)\beta = \beta \text{ (multiplying both sides with } \beta)$$

$$(\gamma\alpha)\beta = \beta \text{ (commutativity of multiplication on } \mathbb{C})$$

$$\gamma(\alpha\beta) = \beta \text{ (associativity of multiplication on } \mathbb{C})$$

$$\gamma \cdot 1 = \beta \text{ (from above construction of beta such } \alpha\beta = 1)$$

$$\gamma = \beta \text{ (multiplicative identity defined on } \mathbb{C})$$

disproving our assumption and hence β is unique ■

Q9

To prove: $\lambda(\alpha + \beta) = \lambda\alpha + \lambda\beta$, $\forall \lambda, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$

Assumption:

1. if $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, then α can be written as $(a + bi)$ where both a and b are real numbers i.e $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Proof:

Let

$$\alpha = a + bi$$

$$\beta = c + di$$

$$\lambda = x + yi$$

Evaluation $\lambda(\alpha + \beta)$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda(\alpha + \beta) &= (x + yi)\left((a + bi) + (c + di)\right) \\ &= (x + yi)\left((a + c) + (b + d)i\right) \text{ (from addition defined on } \mathbb{C}) \\ &= \left(x(a + c) - y(b + d)\right) + \left(x(b + d) + y(a + c)\right)i \text{ (from multiplication defined on } \mathbb{C}) \\ &= (xa + cd - yb - yd) + (xb + xd + ya + yc)i \\ &= (xa - yb) + (xb + ya)i + (xc - yd) + (xd + yc)i \\ &= (x + yi)(a + bi) + (x + yi)(c + di) \\ &= \lambda\alpha + \lambda\beta\end{aligned}$$

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Q10

Find: $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ such that $(4, -3, 1, 7) + 2x = (5, 9, -6, 8)$

Solution:

because $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ we can assume x to be of form (a, b, c, d) and we get the equation

$$(4, -3, 1, 7) + 2(a, b, c, d) = (5, 9, -6, 8)$$

we get 4 equations

$$\begin{aligned}4 + 2a &= 5 \\ 3 + 2b &= 9 \\ 1 + 2c &= -6 \\ 7 + 2d &= 8\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}a &= \frac{1}{2} \\ b &= 6 \\ c &= -\frac{7}{2} \\ d &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Q11

To show $\lambda \notin \mathbb{C}$ such that $\lambda(2 - 3i, 5 + 4i, -6 + 7i) = (12 - 5i, 7 + 22i, -32 - 9i)$

Assumption:

1. λ is of form $(a+bi)$ because $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

Because we have scalar multiplication defined on \mathbb{F}^n
 $\lambda(2 - 3i, 5 + 4i, -6 + 7i) = (12 - 5i, 7 + 22i, -32 - 9i)$ becomes
 $(\lambda(2 - 3i), \lambda(5 + 4i), \lambda(-6 + 7i)) = (12 - 5i, 7 + 22i, -32 - 9i)$
so because of that we three equations

$$\lambda(2 - 3i) = 12 - 5i \quad (4)$$

$$\lambda(5 + 4i) = 7 + 22i \quad (5)$$

$$\lambda(-6 + 7i) = -32 - 9i \quad (6)$$

From (4) we have

$$\lambda(2 - 3i) = 12 - 5i$$

$$(a + bi)(2 - 3i) = 12 - 5i \text{ (definition of } \lambda)$$

$$(2a + 3b) + (-3a + 2b)i = 12 + 5i \text{ (multiplication defined on } \mathbb{C})$$

Equating the real and imaginary parts of the last equation we get

$$2a + 3b = 12 \quad (7)$$

$$-3a + 2b = -5 \quad (8)$$

Multiplying (7) with 3 and (8) with 2 we have

$$\begin{array}{r} 6a + 9b = 36 \\ + \quad -6a + 4b = -10 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$13b = 26$$

hence $b = 2$, $a = 3$ and $\lambda = (2 + 3i)$
substituting the value of λ in (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2 + 3i)(-6 + 7i) &= (-12 - 21) + (14 - 18)i \\ &= -33 - 4i \neq -32 + 9i \end{aligned}$$

hence there cannot be $\lambda \notin \mathbb{C}$ such that $\lambda(2 - 3i, 5 + 4i, -6 + 7i) = (12 - 5i, 7 + 22i, -32 - 9i)$ ■