

1. Prove that for any pair z, w of complex numbers, the following properties hold:

- $\overline{z + w} = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$
- $\overline{zw} = \bar{z}\bar{w}$
- $|zw| = |z||w|$

Proof. Let $z = a + bi$ and $w = c + di$.

- $\overline{z + w} = \overline{(a + bi) + (c + di)} = \overline{(a + c) + (b + d)i} = (a + c) - (b + d)i = (a - bi) + (c - di) = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$
- $\overline{zw} = \overline{(a + bi)(c + di)} = \overline{(ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i} = (ac - bd) - (ad + bc)i = (a - bi)(c - di) = \bar{z}\bar{w}$
- $|zw| = |(a + bi)(c + di)| = |(ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i| = (ac - bd)^2 + (ad + bc)^2 = a^2c^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2d^2 + b^2d^2 = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = |a + bi||c + di| = |z||w|$

□

2. Prove that the modulus function $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is continuous.

Lemma. A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous if the preimage of every basic open set, for a fixed basis of Y , is open.

Proof. Let \mathcal{B} be a basis for Y , and suppose $f^{-1}(B)$ is open for every $B \in \mathcal{B}$. Let $U \subseteq Y$ be open. Then there exists some collection $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ such that $U = \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{C}} B$. Therefore,

$$g^{-1}(U) = g^{-1}\left(\bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{C}} B\right) = \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{C}} g^{-1}(B)$$

is a union of open sets, and hence open. So the preimage of every open set is open, thus f is continuous. □

Main proof. The set $\mathcal{B} = \{[0, b) : b > 0\} \cup \{(a, b) : a, b \geq 0\}$ of open balls in $[0, \infty)$ forms a basis for $[0, \infty)$. The preimage of any open ball of the form $[0, b)$ is the open ball $\{x \in \mathbb{C} : d(0, x) < b\}$ in \mathbb{C} , and the preimage of any ball of the form (a, b) is the open annulus $\{x \in \mathbb{C} : a < d(0, x) < b\}$. (Clearly, this annulus is open - it is the intersection of two open sets: the open ball of radius b centered at 0, and the complement of the closed ball of radius a centered at 0). Hence, by the lemma, the modulus function is continuous. □

3. Let $p : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a polynomial with real coefficients. Prove that the roots of p occur in conjugate pairs.

Proof. Let $p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k$ for some $a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$, and suppose that $p(z) = 0$. Recall that conjugation distributes over addition and multiplication, and also that conjugation is the identity on the real numbers. Observe that

$$p(\bar{z}) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \bar{z}^k = \sum_{k=0}^n \overline{a_k z^k} = \overline{\sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k} = \overline{p(z)} = \bar{0} = 0$$

so \bar{z} is a root of p as well.

Now, suppose that $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ has multiplicity r as a root. We will show by induction on r that \bar{z} has multiplicity r as well. This is trivial if $r = 0$, since then neither z nor \bar{z} is a root. Assuming this holds for some r , suppose z has multiplicity $r + 1$. We know that \bar{z} is a root, so we may consider the polynomial

$$q(x) = \frac{p(x)}{(x - z)(x - \bar{z})}.$$

We know that z is a root of $q(x)$ with multiplicity r . By the inductive hypothesis, \bar{z} is a root with multiplicity r as well. Clearly, then, $p(x) = (x - z)(x - \bar{z})q(x)$ has \bar{z} as a root with multiplicity $r + 1$. □

4. Describe the following sets geometrically and draw a picture of each:

(a) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z + i| \leq 1\}$

This is the set of all points of distance at most 1 from the point $-i$.

(b) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 1| = |z - i|\}$

This is the set of points equidistant from 1 and i , which we know from geometry is the perpendicular bisector of the line segment between these two points.

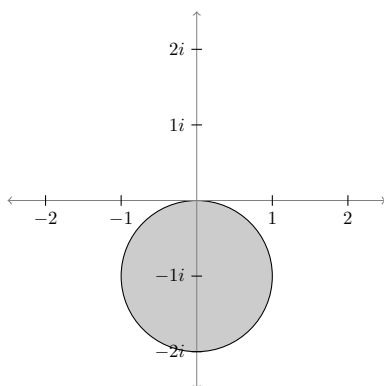
(c) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 4i| + |z + 4i| = 10\}$

An ellipse is the set of points for which the sum of the distances to some two foci is constant. The major axis must have length 10. Since $|3 - 4i| + |3 + 4i| = 10$, the minor axis has length 6.

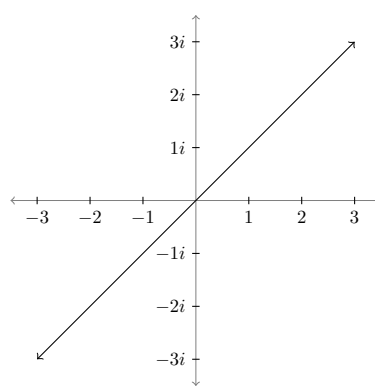
(d) $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{z} = \bar{z}\}$

Multiplying both sides by z gives the equation $|z| = 1$. So this is the unit circle centered at the origin.

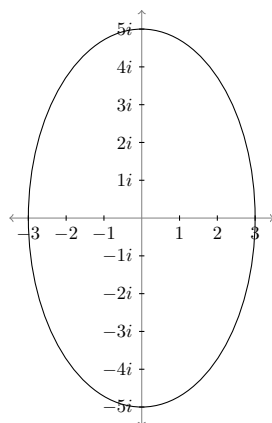
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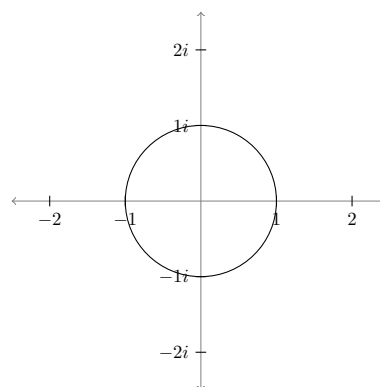
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5. Prove that \mathbb{C} cannot be made into an ordered field.

Proof. Suppose $(\mathbb{C}, <)$ is an ordered field. First, assume $i > 0$. This means that $-1 = i \cdot i > 0$, and by the same logic $1 = (-1)(-1) > 0$. But then we must have $0 = 1 + (-1) > 0$, a contradiction because no element is strictly less than itself in a total ordering.

Next, assume $i < 0$. Subtracting i from both sides gives $-i > 0$. Again, we have $(-i)^2 = -1 > 0$. We have just shown this to be a contradiction. The only remaining possibility now is $i = 0$, which is absurd. Therefore, no such ordered field $(\mathbb{C}, <)$ exists. \square

6. Let $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$. Fix $w \in \mathbb{D}$ and define $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$f(z) = \frac{w - z}{1 - \bar{w}z}.$$

Show the following:

- f maps \mathbb{D} to \mathbb{D} and $\partial\mathbb{D}$ to $\partial\mathbb{D}$.
- f is a bijection on \mathbb{D} .
- f is holomorphic on \mathbb{D} .

Proof. We are given that $|w| < 1$. To prove that f maps \mathbb{D} to \mathbb{D} and $\partial\mathbb{D}$ to $\partial\mathbb{D}$, we need to show that if $|z| < 1$ then $|f(z)| < 1$ and if $|z| = 1$ then $|f(z)| = 1$. Note that

$$|f(z)| = \left(\frac{w - z}{1 - \bar{w}z} \right) \overline{\left(\frac{w - z}{1 - \bar{w}z} \right)} = \frac{(w - z)(\bar{w} - \bar{z})}{(1 - \bar{w}z)(1 - w\bar{z})} = \frac{|w| + |z| - (w\bar{z} + \bar{w}z)}{1 + |w||z| - (w\bar{z} + \bar{w}z)}.$$

If $|z| = 1$ then $f(z) = 1$, since the numerator equals the denominator. So f maps $\partial\mathbb{D}$ into itself.

To see that f maps \mathbb{D} into itself as well, it suffices to show that if $|z| < 1$ then the numerator is less than the denominator, which is equivalent to showing that $|w| + |z| < 1 + |w||z|$. This is equivalent to showing

$$0 < 1 + |w||z| - |w| - |z| = (|w| - 1)(|z| - 1).$$

Given the restriction $|w|, |z| < 1$, this inequality holds since both factors on the right-hand side are negative.

f is its own inverse, so it is a bijection:

$$f(f(z)) = \frac{w - \frac{w - z}{1 - \bar{w}z}}{1 - \bar{w} \frac{w - z}{1 - \bar{w}z}} = \frac{(1 - \bar{w}z)w - (w - z)}{(1 - \bar{w}z) - \bar{w}(w - z)} = \frac{w - |w|z - w + z}{1 - \bar{w}z - |w| + \bar{w}z} = z \left(\frac{1 - \bar{w}}{1 - \bar{w}} \right) = z.$$

We will now show that f is holomorphic on \mathbb{D} . The numerator and denominator of f are both linear combinations of holomorphic functions, since z is holomorphic and any constant function is holomorphic. Also, the denominator is nonzero on \mathbb{D} : we know that $|1 - \bar{w}z| \geq ||1| - |\bar{w}z|| > 0$ because $|\bar{w}z| = |w||z| < 1$ for $z, w \in \mathbb{D}$. Therefore, by the quotient rule, f must be holomorphic on \mathbb{D} . \square