

Computational Linear Algebra, Assignment 1

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1. Suppose $z_1 = a_1 + ib_1$ and $z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$.

(a) Prove $\overline{z_1 + z_2} = \overline{z_1} + \overline{z_2}$ Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{z_1 + z_2} &= \overline{a_1 + ib_1 + a_2 + ib_2} \\ &= \overline{a_1 + a_2 + i(b_1 + b_2)} \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) - i(b_1 + b_2) \\ &= (a_1 - ib_1) + (a_2 - ib_2) \\ &= \overline{a_1 + ib_1} + \overline{a_2 + ib_2} \\ &= \overline{z_1} + \overline{z_2}\end{aligned}$$

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(b) Prove $\overline{z_1 - z_2} = \overline{z_1} - \overline{z_2}$ Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{z_1 - z_2} &= \overline{(a_1 + ib_1) - (a_2 + ib_2)} \\ &= \overline{(a_1 - a_2) + i(b_1 - b_2)} \\ &= (a_1 - a_2) - i(b_1 - b_2) \\ &= (a_1 - ib_1) - (a_2 - ib_2) \\ &= \overline{a_1 + ib_1} - \overline{a_2 + ib_2} \\ &= \overline{z_1} - \overline{z_2}\end{aligned}$$

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(c) Prove $\overline{z_1 z_2} = (\overline{z_1})(\overline{z_2})$ Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{z_1 z_2} &= \overline{(a_1 + ib_1)(a_2 + ib_2)} \\ &= \overline{a_1 a_2 + ia_1 b_2 + ia_2 b_1 - b_1 b_2} \\ &= \overline{((a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + i(a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1))} \\ &= (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) - i(a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1) \\ &= a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2 - ia_1 b_2 - ia_2 b_1 \\ &= (a_1 - ib_1)(a_2 - ib_2) \\ &= (\overline{z_1})(\overline{z_2})\end{aligned}$$

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