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# 1 Complex Number and the Complex Plane

# 1.1 Complex Numbers and Their Properties

We define the imaginary unit i by  $i^2 = -1$ . A complex number is any number of the form

$$z = a + ib, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

where a is real part of z, and b is the imaginary part. That is,

$$Re(z) = a, Im(z) = b$$

In addition,  $z_1 = z_2$  are equal if  $a_1 = a_2$ ,  $b_1 = b_2$ .

#### **Arithmetic Operations**

let  $z_1 = a_1 + b_1 i$ ,  $z_2 = a_2 + b_2 i$ 

- Addition:  $z_1 + z_2 = (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)i$
- Subtraction:  $z_1 z_2 = (a_1 a_2) + (b_1 b_2)i$
- Multiplication:  $z_1z_2 = (a_1 + b_1i)(a_2 + b_2i) = a_1a_2 + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)i b_1b_2$
- Division:  $\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{a_1 + b_1 i}{a_2 + b_2 i} = \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2}{a_2^2 + b_2^2} + \frac{a_2 b_1 a_1 b_2}{a_2^2 + b_2^2} i$

The commutitive, associative, and distributive laws also hold for complex numbers:

- Commutative laws:  $\begin{cases} z_1 + z_2 = z_2 + z_1 \\ z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1 \end{cases}$
- Associative laws:  $\begin{cases} z_1 + (z_2 + z_3) = (z_1 + z_2) + z_3 \\ z_1(z_2 z_3) = (z_1 z_2) z_3 \end{cases}$
- Distributive law:  $z_1(z_2 + z_3) = z_1z_2 + z_1z_3$

#### Complex Conjugate

The **complex conjugate** of z, denoted by  $\overline{z}$  or  $z^*$ , is obtained by changing the sign of its imaginary part:

$$\overline{z} = z^* = a - bi.$$

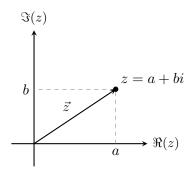
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The complex conjugate satisfies the following properties:

- $\bullet \ \overline{z_1 \pm z_2} = \overline{z_1} \pm \overline{z_2}$
- $\bullet \ \overline{z_1 z_2} = \overline{z_1} \, \overline{z_2}$
- $\overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} = \frac{\overline{z_1}}{\overline{z_2}}, \quad (z_2 \neq 0)$

## 1.2 Complex Plane

A complex number z = a + bi can be uniquely represented by an ordered pair of real numbers (a, b). In this way, we associate each complex number with a point in the coordinate plane, or equivalently, with the position vector  $\vec{z} = \langle a, b \rangle$  originating from the origin.



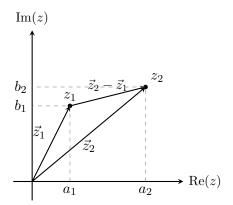
The **modulus** (or **absolute value**) of a complex number is the length of its vector representation:

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{z\,\overline{z}}.$$

Thus, each complex number corresponds both to a point (a, b) in the plane and to a vector  $\vec{z}$  from the origin to that point.

#### The difference between two complex number

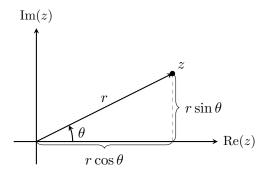
The difference between two complex numbers  $z_2 - z_1$  represents the vector pointing from  $z_1$  to  $z_2$ :



#### Inequalities

#### 1.3 Polar Representation of Complex Numbers

Complex numbers can also be represented in terms of polar coordinatess.



This is called the **polar form** of a complex number:

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

where  $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  and  $\theta = \arg(z)$ , called the argument of z

## Principle Argument

 $\theta$  is called the **principle value** or **principle argument** of z, denoted by Arg(z), if

$$-\pi < \theta \le \pi$$

In general, arg(z) and Arg(z) are related by

$$\arg(z) = \text{Arg}(z) + 2n\pi, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$