

Q: Why do we need to check closure first?

Field: has closed under +, ·

Q: How do you prove that

$$-\xi - 1 = \xi + 1 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$$

↑      ↑  
" [0]" " [1]"

In  $\mathbb{Z}$  under relation of equivalence  
modulo 2,

$$[1] = \{ \dots, -7, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, \dots \}$$

↑  
same in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$

Another way to look @ this:

" $-\xi$ " is the additive inverse of  $\xi$

BINARY:  $\xi + \xi = 0$

$$\text{so } -\xi = \xi$$

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FIELD:  $\mathbb{F}$ , closed under binary ops  $+, \cdot$

(F1) Commutativity

(F2) Associativity

(F3) Identity

(F4) Inverses (always  $a^{-1}$  when nonzero for  $\cdot$ )

(F5) Distributive

THM (Cancellation Laws) For arbitrary  $a, b, c$  in a field  $\mathbb{F}$ , the following hold:

(i) If  $a+b = c+b$ , then  $a=c$ .

(ii) If  $ab = cb$   $\underline{\text{and}} \quad b \neq 0$ , then  $a=c$ .

Pf (i) Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ , assume  $a+b = c+b$ .

$$a = a + 0 \quad (\text{Identity})$$

$$= a + (b + (-b)) \quad (\text{Inverses})$$

$$= (a+b) + (-b) \quad (\text{Assoc.})$$

$$= (c+b) + (-b)$$

$$= c + (b + (-b)) \quad (\text{Assoc.})$$

$$= c + 0 \quad (\text{Inverses})$$

$$= c$$

(iii) Essentially the same proof, but replace  
 "+" w/ "-"  
 and "0" w/ "1"  $\square$

COR The additive identity 0 and multiplicative identity 1 are unique. Furthermore, if  $x \in F$ , the additive inverse of  $x$  is unique, and, if  $x \neq 0$ , then the mult. inverse of  $x$  is unique.

Pf Suppose 0, e are additive identities,  
 that is,  $x + 0 = x$  for all  $x \in F$ ,  
 $x + e = x$  for all  $x \in F$ .

$$e = e + 0 = 0 + e = 0$$

(Add. Id.)      (Conn)      (Add. Id.)

If 1, f are mult. identities, then

$$1 = 1 \cdot f = f \cdot 1 = f$$

Now suppose  $y, z$  are both additive inverses of  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } x+y = 0 &= x+z \\ \Rightarrow y+x &= z+x \quad (\text{Comm.}) \\ \Rightarrow y &= z \quad (\text{Cancellation}) \end{aligned}$$

Similar for mult. inverses.  $\square$

NOTATION

$$\begin{aligned} -x &: \text{the additive inverse of } x \\ x^{-1} &: \text{the mult. inverse of } x \\ x-y &:= x + (-y) \\ \frac{x}{y} &:= x \cdot y^{-1} \quad (\text{assuming } y \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

THM Let  $a, b \in F$ , a field. Then:

$$(a) a \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$(b) (-a) \cdot b = a \cdot (-b) = -(a \cdot b)$$

$$(c) (-a) \cdot (-b) = a \cdot b$$

Pf (a)  $a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 = a \cdot (0+0)$  (Dist)  
 $= a \cdot 0$  (Id)  
 $= a \cdot 0 + 0$  (Id)  
 $= 0 + a \cdot 0$  (Comm)

By cancellation,  $a \cdot 0 = 0$ .  $\square$

(b), (c): Exploit the uniqueness of additive inverses

To show  $(-a) \cdot b = -(a \cdot b)$ ,

show that  $ab + (-a)b = 0$ .

Since additive inverses are unique,

$(-a)b = -(ab)$ .  $\square$

COR The additive identity of a field has no multiplicative inverse.

PF Suppose  $x$  is a mult inverse of 0.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } 1 &= 0 \cdot x \\ &= x \cdot 0 \quad (\text{Com}) \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{above}) \end{aligned}$$

But  $0, 1$  distinct,  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$   $\square$

### COMPLEX NUMBERS

DEF The complex numbers are defined as

$$\mathbb{C} := \mathbb{R}[i] = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = -1\}.$$

If  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$ , then the real part of  $z$  is  $\operatorname{Re}(z) := x$  and the imaginary part of  $z$  is  $\operatorname{Im}(z) := y$ .

THM The set  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers w/  
operations addition, mult. is a field.

SKETCH: Main thing (or "most subtle"):  
multiplicative inverses?

Let  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z \neq 0$ .

So:  $x, y$ : not both 0.

$$\begin{aligned} (x + iy)(x - iy) &= x^2 - (iy)^2 \\ &= x^2 - i^2y^2 \\ &= x^2 + y^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x, y$  are not both 0,

$$x^2 + y^2 \neq 0.$$

$x^2 + y^2 \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$  it has a mult.  
inverse.

$$\text{so: } (x + iy) \cdot \left[ (x - iy) \cdot (x^2 + y^2)^{-1} \right] = 1$$

$$(x + iy) \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} - i \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} \right) = 1$$

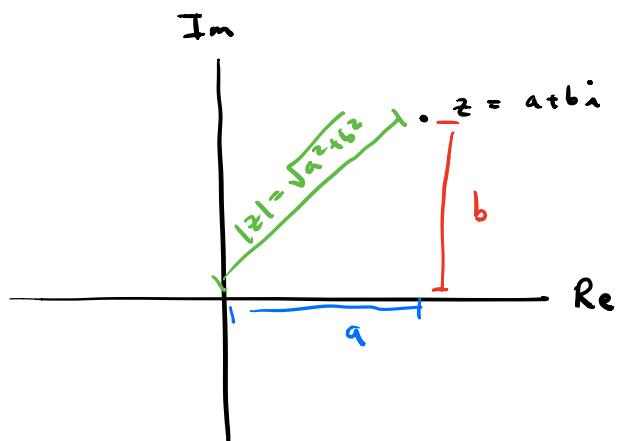
DEF The (complex) conjugate of a complex number  $z = a + bi$  is  
 $\bar{z} := a - bi$ .

DEF Let  $z = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The absolute value (or modulus) of  $z$  is the real number

$$|z| := \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{z\bar{z}}$$

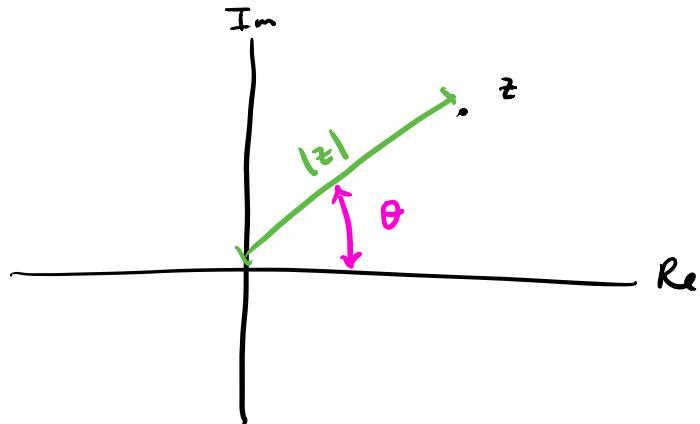
IDEA :



EULER'S FORMULA  $e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$

For any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $z = |z| e^{i\theta}$ ,

where



THM (THE FUNDAMENTAL THM OF ALGEBRA)

Suppose  $p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$

is a polynomial in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$  of degree  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $p(x)$  has a zero; that is, there is  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $p(z) = 0$ .

COR If  $p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  is a polynomial of degree  $n \geq 1$  w/ complex coefficients, then there exist complex numbers  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  (not necessarily distinct) such that  $p(x) = a_n (x-z_1)(x-z_2)\dots(x-z_n)$

DEF A field  $\mathbb{F}$  is called algebraically closed if every polynomial of degree

$n \geq 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}[x]$  factors as a product  
of  $n$  polynomials of degree 1.

( $\mathbb{C}$ : algebraically closed)

READ : § 1.1 - 1.2