

REVIEW SHEET 3, Math 540, Summer 2021, Melody Chan

Due Fri May 21 at 11:59pm Eastern Time

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for those of you who are typing your homework. I'll try to keep doing this for future homeworks.

- (1) Recall that \mathbb{C}^2 is a vector space over \mathbb{C} . Let's practice scalar multiplication in \mathbb{C}^2 . Let v be the vector

$$v = (2 + 2i, -1 + i).$$

(a) Compute $\frac{1}{2} \cdot v$.

(b) Compute $(3i) \cdot v$.

(c) Compute $(-1 + i) \cdot v$.

(d) (Optional, ungraded, but maybe helpful for intuition)

It's hard to draw the vector space \mathbb{C}^2 —I can't see in four real dimensions, can you? But you might try to “draw” a point $(z_1, z_2) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ as a pair of points z_1 and z_2 in the complex plane.¹ Try this for the vector v and its three scalar multiples that you computed. How are the pictures related?

- (2) For each of the following statements, write down its negation, then assert whether the original statement or the negation is true. Finally, prove your assertion.²

Example: In any field \mathbb{F} , for all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$, $ab = ac$ implies $b = c$.

Answer:

The negation is: There exists a field \mathbb{F} and $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$, such that $ab = ac$ but $b \neq c$.

The negation is true. Proof: Let $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$, and let $a = 0$, $b = 2$, and $c = 3$. Then $ab = 0$ and $ac = 0$, but $b \neq c$.

¹To draw points in the *complex plane*, draw $a + bi$ at location (a, b) .

²Remember in a *direct proof*, try to respond to a universal quantifier with “given,” and try to respond to an existential quantifier, i.e., a claim that something exists, by actually producing something with the desired properties.

(a) There is some $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\alpha \cdot (1 + i, 1 - i) = (1, i).$$

(b) For all $s \in \mathbb{C}$, there exist $t, u \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$(1, s) = t \cdot (u, -i).$$

(c) In any field \mathbb{F} and given any $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $a \neq 0$, there is some $x \in \mathbb{F}$ such that

$$ax = b.$$

(d) For every $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, not both 0, there exist $c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that the following equation holds in \mathbb{R} :

$$(a + b\sqrt{3})(c + d\sqrt{3}) = 1.$$