

Matematiske metoder (MM 529)

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Complex numbers

Set of complex numbers $\mathbb{C} = \{a + i \cdot b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

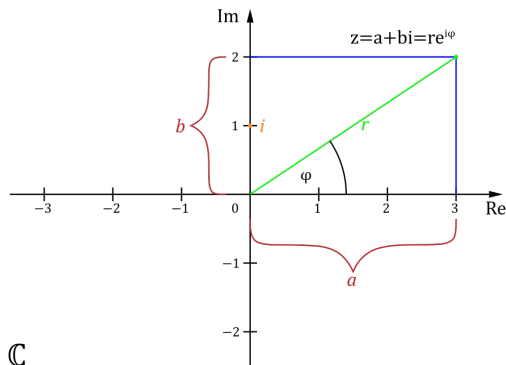
i : imaginary unit.

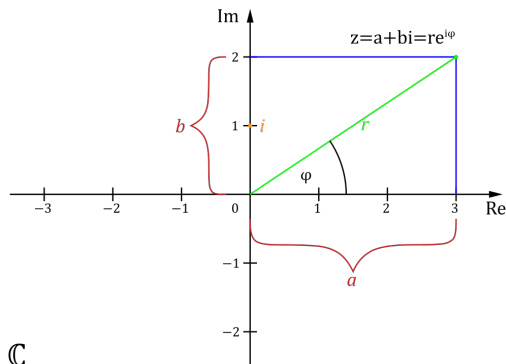
$z = a + ib$: $a = \operatorname{Re}(z)$ real part, $b = \operatorname{Im}(z)$ imaginary part.

Conjugate complex number of $z = a + ib$: $\bar{z} = a - ib$,

i.e. the complex number with $\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}) = \operatorname{Re}(z)$ and $\operatorname{Im}(\bar{z}) = -\operatorname{Im}(z)$.

Representation in the complex plane: Real axis for the real part, imaginary axis for the imaginary part.



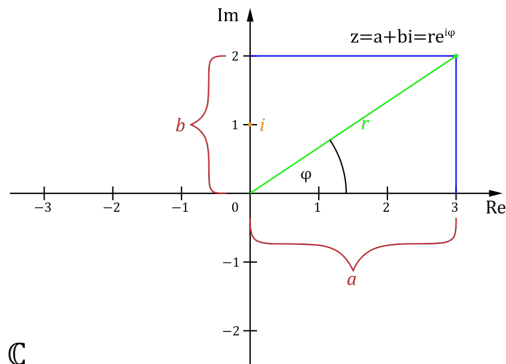


\mathbb{C}

Each complex number z is a point in the complex plane represented by a vector.

Uniquely described by pair (a, b) , where $a = \operatorname{Re}(z)$ and $b = \operatorname{Im}(z)$,
or
by pair (r, φ) of length r and direction (angle) φ of the vector.

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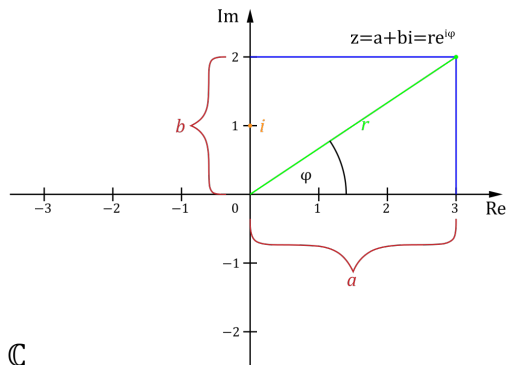
Polar coordinates:

Length: $r = |z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ **absolute value** (or **modulus**) of z .

Angle $\varphi = \arg(z)$ with the positive real axis (**argument** of z).

Argument not unique, $\varphi + 2k\pi$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ further arguments
(usual agreement: any angle φ is an argument of $z = 0$).

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$z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi)$, i.e. $\operatorname{Re}(z) = r \cos \varphi$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z) = r \sin \varphi$.

Algebraic representation by real part a and imaginary part b :

$$z = a + ib.$$

Polar coordinates: absolute value r and angle φ :

$$z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi).$$

Exponential representation: $z = re^{i\varphi}$.

(in fact, exponential function on the imaginary axis satisfies $e^{i\varphi} = \cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi$, $\varphi \in \mathbb{R}$. Periodic with period 2π .)

Changing representations:

Given (r, φ) then

$$a = r \cos \varphi, \quad b = r \sin \varphi.$$

Given (a, b) then $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$, $\tan \varphi = \frac{\sin \varphi}{\cos \varphi} = \frac{b}{a}$ if $a \neq 0$.

Therefore

$$\varphi = \begin{cases} \arctan \frac{b}{a} & \text{if } a > 0, \\ \arctan \frac{b}{a} + \pi & \text{if } a < 0, \\ \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } a = 0, b > 0, \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } a = 0, b < 0, \end{cases}$$

is an argument of the form $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \varphi < \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

Arithmetic operations, algebraic representation:

Addition/Subtraction

$$(a + ib) \pm (c + id) = (a \pm c) + i(b \pm d).$$

Multiplication

$$(a + ib) \cdot (c + id) = (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc).$$

Division

$$\frac{a + ib}{c + id} = \frac{(a + ib)(c - id)}{(c + id)(c - id)} = \frac{(ac + bd) + i(bc - ad)}{c^2 + d^2},$$

if $c + id \neq 0$.

Powers? Example:

$$(a + ib)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2ib + 3a(ib)^2 + (ib)^3 = a^3 - 3ab^2 + i(3a^2b - b^3).$$

Polar coordinates, exponential representation:

$$z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi) = re^{i\varphi}, \quad w = s(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = se^{i\theta}.$$

Addition/Subtraction

Rewrite z and w in algebraic representation!

Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} z \cdot w &= rs(\cos(\varphi + \theta) + i \sin(\varphi + \theta)) \\ &= rse^{i(\varphi + \theta)} = |z||w|e^{i(\arg(z) + \arg(w))}. \end{aligned}$$

Division

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z}{w} &= \frac{r}{s}(\cos(\varphi - \theta) + i \sin(\varphi - \theta)) \\ &= \frac{r}{s}e^{i(\varphi - \theta)} = \frac{|z|}{|w|}e^{i(\arg(z) - \arg(w))}, \quad w \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

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Form quotient of absolute values, subtract angles.

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Powers of complex numbers

n th power of z .

$$z^n = r^n(\cos n\varphi + i \sin n\varphi) = r^n e^{in\varphi} = |z|^n e^{in \arg(z)}, n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Take n th power of absolute value, multiply angle by n .

Example:

$$(1 + i)^{10} = (\sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4})^{10} = (\sqrt{2})^{10}e^{i \cdot 10 \cdot \pi/4} = 2^5 e^{i5\pi/2} = 32i.$$

Roots: Square roots of 4: ± 2 , all solutions of $x^2 = 4$, all zeroes of the polynomial $x^2 - 4$.

In \mathbb{R} : Polynomial of degree $n \geq 0$ has at most n zeroes.

Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Every (real or complex) polynomial of degree $n \geq 0$ has exactly n zeroes in \mathbb{C} (counting multiplicities).

Polar coordinates, exponential representation:

$$z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi) = re^{i\varphi}.$$

Calculate all n th roots of z , $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

If w is an n th root of z , then $w^n = z$, therefore

$$|w| = \sqrt[n]{|z|} \text{ and } n \arg(w) = \arg(z) = \varphi + 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Example: All 5th roots of $1 = 1 + i \cdot 0 = 1e^{i \cdot 0} \in \mathbb{C}$.

$w^5 = 1$, therefore

$$|w| = 1 \text{ and } 5 \arg(w) = \arg(1) = 0 + 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$\arg(w) = \frac{2k\pi}{5}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ has the five different solutions for $0 \leq k \leq 4$:

$$\arg(w) = 0, \frac{2\pi}{5}, \frac{4\pi}{5}, \frac{6\pi}{5}, \frac{8\pi}{5}, \text{ since } \frac{10\pi}{5} = 2\pi = 0 + 2\pi,$$

$$\frac{12\pi}{5} = \frac{2\pi}{5} + 2\pi.$$

Geometric interpretation: The 5th (n th) roots of one are the vertices of a regular 5-gon (n -gon) inscribed in the unit circle in the complex plane.

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Therefore $\arg(w) = \frac{\varphi}{n} + 2\pi \frac{k}{n}$ with the n different solutions for $0 \leq k \leq n-1$:

$$\arg(w) = \frac{\varphi}{n}, \frac{\varphi}{n} + \frac{2\pi}{n}, \frac{\varphi}{n} + \frac{4\pi}{n}, \dots, \frac{\varphi}{n} + \frac{2(n-1)\pi}{n}.$$

Geometric interpretation: The n th roots of $z \neq 0$ are the vertices of a regular n -gon inscribed in the circle of radius $\sqrt[n]{|z|}$ around the origin of the complex plane.

Example: Third roots w of $z = 1 + i = \sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4}$ satisfy

$|w| = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt[6]{2}$ and $3 \arg w = \frac{\pi}{4}$, with the three different solutions $\arg(w) = \frac{\pi}{12} + k\frac{2\pi}{3}$, $k = 0, 1, 2$. Therefore

$$w = \sqrt[6]{2}e^{i\pi/12}, \sqrt[6]{2}e^{i9\pi/12}, \sqrt[6]{2}e^{i17\pi/12}$$

are the three different third roots of z

Is $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ convergent, where all $a_n > 0$?

Two more criteria:

Root test

Suppose

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{1/n} = c.$$

If $c < 1$ then the series is convergent and if $c > 1$ then the series diverges to infinity. If $c = 1$ both is possible.

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Example: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$ is convergent, since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{1/n} = \frac{1}{2} < 1$.

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Which one to choose? Depends mainly on the structure of the summands (even though the ratio test is a tiny little bit stronger).

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Examples: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ satisfies $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1,$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ satisfies } c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{2n+1}{(n+1)^2} \right) = 1.$$

The first series diverges while the second converges.

Absolute and conditional convergence

$\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ is called **absolutely convergent** if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ is convergent.

If $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent but $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$ is divergent then the first series is called **conditionally convergent**.

Examples: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ is conditionally convergent,

while $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$ is absolutely convergent.

Theorem

Every absolutely convergent series is convergent.

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Reordering summands:

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ is (conditionally) convergent, but first summing the even index summands and then the odd index summands gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \dots - \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} \\ &= \infty - \infty = ? \end{aligned}$$

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Reordering Theorem

If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = s \in \mathbb{R}$ is absolutely convergent, then for any reordering (including the signs) of the summands the sum converges to s .

Alternating series

A sequence (a_n) is called **alternating** if $a_n \cdot a_{n+1} < 0$ for all $n \geq k$.

The infinite sum $\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n$ over an alternating sequence is an **alternating series**.

I.e., consecutive summands have different signs (where 0 counts for both signs).

Example: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ is an alternating series.

Convergence of alternating series under much weaker circumstances than in the general case:

Alternating series test

If $(|a_n|)$ is monotonously decreasing (i.e. $|a_{n+1}| \leq |a_n|$) and

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent.

Definition: Ordinary differential equation (ODE)

An ordinary differential equation is an equation of the form

$$y^{(n)} = f(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)}),$$

where $y = y(x)$ is a function of the variable x .

The highest derivative n occurring in the equation is the **order** of the ODE.

Counterpart: partial differential equation (PDE) with more than one variable x .

The general solution: all functions $y(x)$ that satisfy the equality.

Examples:

$$y'' = \frac{y^2}{x}; \quad y' = y - x; \quad y''' = 2y'' - y' + y + e^x.$$

First order differential equation

$$y'(x) = f(x, y) = f(x, y(x)).$$

The derivative of y at x depends on x and on the function value $y(x)$.

Example: $y' = y - x$.

Initial value problem

Solve $y'(x) = f(x, y)$ subject to $y(x_0) = a$.

Example: Solve $y' = y - x$ subject to $y(0) = 1$.

Solution: $y(x) = x + 1$, because $y(0) = 0 + 1 = 1$ and $1 = y'(x) = x + 1 - x = 1$.

General initial value problem

Solve $y^{(n)}(x) = f(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$ subject to $y(x_0) = a_0, y'(x_0) = a_1, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(x_0) = a_{n-1}$.

$$y'(x) = f(x, y).$$

For every point (x, y) of the plane, $f(x, y)$ is the derivative of the function $y(x)$ at x .

Slope field

To every point (x, y) of the plane we assign the slope $f(x, y)$.

Solutions of the ODE: any function whose graph follows the slopes of the slope field.

Example: slope field

Slope field of $y' = f(x, y) = y - x$: Solution $y = x + 1$ visible.

