

Math 313 Notes

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Complex Numbers

Complex Numbers as Ordered Pairs

Complex numbers can be defined as ordered pairs (x, y) , that are to be interpreted as points in the complex plane. Real numbers x are displayed as points $x, 0$ on the real axis, and complex numbers y are displayed as $0, y$ on the imaginary axis.

Definition 1.1 (Real and Imaginary Parts). For the imaginary number $z = (x, y)$, x is the real part and y is the imaginary part, and we write:

$$x = \operatorname{Re} z$$

$$y = \operatorname{Im} z$$

Identity (Sum of Complex Numbers).

$$(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

Identity (Product of Complex Numbers).

$$(x_1, y_1)(x_2, y_2) = (x_1x_2 - y_1y_2, y_1x_2 + x_1y_2)$$

Algebraic Properties of Imaginary Numbers

Addition and multiplication of imaginary numbers are both commutative and associative. Additionally, the additive identity $0 = (0, 0)$ and multiplicative identity $1 = (1, 0)$ for real numbers carry over to the complex number system. These identities are also unique. All nonzero complex numbers have a unique inverse, given by the equation:

Definition 1.2 (Inverse of Complex Numbers).

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

Identity (Subtraction of Complex Numbers).

$$z_1 - z_2 = z_1 + (-z_2)$$

Identity (Division of Complex Numbers). For $z_2 \neq 0$:

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = z_1 z_2^{-1}$$
$$= \left(\frac{x_1x_2 + y_1y_2}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}, \frac{y_1x_2 - x_1y_2}{x_2^2 + y_2^2} \right)$$

Theorem 1.1 (Binomial Formula).

$$(z_1 + z_2)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} z_1^k z_2^{n-k}$$

where

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

Definition 1.3 (Modulus). The modulus $|z|$ is defined as follows:

$$z = x + iy$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Definition 1.4 (Triangle Inequality).

$$|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$$

Definition 1.5 (Complex Conjugate). The complex conjugate of a complex number $z = x + iy$, denoted \bar{z} is:

$$\bar{z} = x - iy$$

Identity (Sums of Conjugates).

$$\overline{z_1 + z_2} = \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2$$

Identity (Product of Conjugates).

$$\overline{z_1 z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2$$

Identity (Modulus of Conjugates).

$$\overline{\bar{z}} = z$$

$$|\bar{z}| = |z|$$

Identity (Sum of Complex Number and its Conjugate).

$$\operatorname{Re} z = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} z = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

Identity.

$$z\bar{z} = |z|^2$$

Definition 1.6 (Polar Form of Complex Numbers).

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

Definition 1.7 (Principle Value). Each value of θ is called an argument of z , and the set of all such values is denoted by $\arg z$. The principal value of $\arg z$, denoted by $\operatorname{Arg} z$, is the unique value Θ such that $-\pi < \Theta < \pi$. Then:

$$\arg z = \operatorname{Arg} z + 2n\pi \quad (n \in \mathbb{Z})$$

Theorem 1.2 (Euler's Formula).

$$re^{i\theta} = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

Corollary 1.2.1. With z a complex number, we have:

$$z = re^{i\theta}$$

Identity.

$$e^{i\theta_1}e^{i\theta_2} = \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

Identity.

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1 e^{i\theta_1}}{r_2 e^{i\theta_2}} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

Identity.

$$\arg(z_1 z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2)$$

Identity (Roots of Complex Numbers).

$$z = re^{i\theta}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{z} = \sqrt[n]{r} \exp \left[i \frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n} \right]$$

Definition 1.8 (ϵ Neighborhood).

$$|z - z_0| < \epsilon$$

Definition 1.9 (Deleted Neighborhood).

$$0 < |z - z_0| < \epsilon$$

Definition 1.10 (Exterior, Boundary, and Interior points). A point z_0 is said to be an *interior point* of a set S whenever there is some neighborhood of z_0 that contains only points of S ; it is called an *exterior point* of S when there exists a neighborhood of z_0 containing no points of S . If z_0 is neither an interior point or exterior point of S , then it is a *boundary point* of S .

Definition 1.11 (Open and Closed Sets). A set is *open* if it contains none of its boundary points. It is *closed* if it contains all of its boundary points. The *closure* of a set S is a set consisting of all points in S together with all boundary points of S .¹

Definition 1.12 (Bounded and Unbounded Sets). A set S is *bounded* if every point of S lies inside some circle $|z| = R$; otherwise it is *unbounded*.

Definition 1.13 (Accumulation Point). A point z_0 is called an *accumulation point* of a set S if each deleted neighborhood of z_0 contains at least one point of S .²

¹ There exists sets that are neither open or closed, e.g. a set containing only one of its boundary points.

² If a set is closed, it contains all of its accumulation points.

Analytic Functions

Notation.

$$\begin{aligned}w &= u + iv = f(x + iy) \\f(z) &= u(x, y) + iv(x, y) \\u + iv &= f(re^{i\theta}) \\f(z) &= u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)\end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.14 (Limit). We say that $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = w_0$ if for all real ϵ greater than zero there exists δ such that $0 < |z - z_0| < \delta$ implies that $|f(z) - w_0| < \epsilon$.

Definition 1.15 (Continuity). A function f is continuous at a point z_0 if all three of the following conditions are satisfied:

1. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z)$ exists
2. $f(z_0)$ exists
3. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0)$

Definition 1.16 (Derivative).

$$\begin{aligned}f'(z_0) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} \\f'(z_0) &= \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + \Delta z) - f(z_0)}{\Delta z}\end{aligned}$$

Notation.

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta w &= f(z + \Delta z) - f(z) \\f'(z) &= \frac{dw}{dz} = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z}\end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.17 (Cauchy-Reimann equations).

$$\begin{aligned}u_x &= v_y \\u_y &= -v_x\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.3. If a function is defined in some ϵ neighborhood of a point z_0 , the first order partial derivatives with respect to x and y exist everywhere in this neighborhood, and these partial derivatives are continuous at x_0, y_0 and satisfy the cauchy-reimann equations, then $f'(z_0)$ exists.

Definition 1.18 (Analytic Function). A function f of the complex variable z is *analytic at a point* z_0 if it has a derivative at each point in some neighborhood of z_0 .

Definition 1.19 (Entire Function). An entire function is a function that is analytic at each point in the entire finite plane.

Definition 1.20 (Harmonic Function). A real-valued function H of two real variables x and y is said to be *harmonic* in a given domain of the xy plane if, throughout that domain, it has continuous partial derivatives of the first and second order and satisfies the partial differential equation:

$$H_{xx}(x, y) + H_{yy}(x, y) = 0$$

Theorem 1.4. If a function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic in a domain D , then its component functions u and v are harmonic in D .³

³ This is a consequence of Cauchy-Reimann equations.

Definition 1.21 (Harmonic Conjugate). If two given functions u and v are harmonic in a domain D and their first-order partial derivatives satisfy the Cauchy-Reimann equations throughout D , then v is said to be the *harmonic conjugate* of u .

Theorem 1.5. A function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic in a domain D if and only if v is a harmonic conjugate of u .

Elementary Functions

Identity.

$$e^z = e^x e^{iy} = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y)$$

Corollary 1.5.1.

$$|e^z| = e^x$$

$$\arg(e^z) = y + 2n\pi$$

Identity.

$$z = e^w$$

$$w = \ln r + i(\Theta + 2n\pi) = \log z$$