

Section 1.A

**Complex Numbers:** A complex number is an ordered pair  $(a, b)$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$ , but we will write this as  $a + bi$   
The set of all complex numbers is denoted by  $\mathbf{C}$  :

$$\mathbf{C} = \{a + bi : a, b \in \mathbf{R}\}$$

Addition and multiplication on  $\mathbf{C}$  are defined by

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

here  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}$

**Properties of complex arithmetic:**  
commutativity

$$\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \beta\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{C}$$

associativity

$$(\alpha + \beta) + \lambda = \alpha + (\beta + \lambda) \text{ and } (\alpha\beta)\lambda = \alpha(\beta\lambda) \text{ for all } \alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbf{C}$$

identities

$$\lambda + 0 = \lambda \text{ and } \lambda 1 = \lambda \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbf{C}$$

additive inverse for every  $\alpha \in \mathbf{C}$ , there exists a unique  $\beta \in \mathbf{C}$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = 0$   
multiplicative inverse for every  $\alpha \in \mathbf{C}$  with  $\alpha \neq 0$ , there exists a unique  $\beta \in \mathbf{C}$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 1$   
distributive property

$$\lambda(\alpha + \beta) = \lambda\alpha + \lambda\beta \text{ for all } \lambda, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{C}$$

**$-\alpha$ , subtraction,  $1/\alpha$ , division:** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{C}$  . Let  $-\alpha$  denote the additive inverse of  $\alpha$  .  
Thus  $-\alpha$  is the unique complex number such that

$$\alpha + (-\alpha) = 0$$

· Subtraction on  $\mathbf{C}$  is defined by

$$\beta - \alpha = \beta + (-\alpha)$$

· For  $\alpha \neq 0$ , let  $1/\alpha$  denote the multiplicative inverse of  $\alpha$  . Thus  $1/\alpha$  is the unique complex number such that

$$\alpha(1/\alpha) = 1$$

· Division on  $\mathbf{C}$  is defined by

$$\beta/\alpha = \beta(1/\alpha)$$

**list, length:** Suppose  $n$  is a nonnegative integer. A list of length  $n$  is an ordered collection of  $n$  elements (which might be numbers, other lists, or more abstract entities) separated by commas and surrounded by parentheses. A list of length  $n$  looks like this:

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Two lists are equal if and only if they have the same length and the same elements in the same order.  
 **$\mathbb{F}^n$ :**  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is the set of all lists of length  $n$  of elements of  $\mathbf{F}$  :

$$\mathbf{F}^n = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_j \in \mathbf{F} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n \right\}$$

For  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we say that  $x_j$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$

**addition in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :** Addition in  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is defined by adding corresponding coordinates:

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) = (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n)$$

**Commutativity of addition in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :** If  $x, y \in \mathbf{F}^n$ , then  $x + y = y + x$   
 **$\mathbf{o}$ :** Let  $\mathbf{o}$  denote the list of length  $n$  whose coordinates are all  $\mathbf{o}$ :

$$\mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$$

**additive inverse in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :** For  $x \in \mathbf{F}^n$ , the additive inverse of  $x$ , denoted  $-x$ , is the vector  $-x \in \mathbf{F}^n$  such that  $x + (-x) = \mathbf{0}$  In other words, if  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then  $-x = (-x_1, \dots, -x_n)$

**scalar multiplication in  $\mathbb{F}^n$ :** The product of a number  $\lambda$  and a vector in  $\mathbf{F}^n$  is computed by multiplying each coordinate of the vector by  $\lambda$  :

$$\lambda (x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n)$$

here  $\lambda \in \mathbf{F}$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{F}^n$

Section 1.B