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### Theorem 1.1 (Properties of complex arithmetic)

- **Commutativity**

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

- **Associativity**

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

- **Identities**

$\lambda + 0 = \lambda$  and  $\lambda \cdot 1 = \lambda$  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**

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

**Proof.** For all  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ , let  $\alpha = a + bi, \beta = c + di, \lambda = e + fi$ , where  $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbf{R}$ .

- **Commutativity**

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + \beta &= (a + bi) + (c + di) \\ &= (a + c) + (b + d)i \\ &= (c + a) + (d + b)i \\ &= (c + di) + (a + bi) \\ &= \beta + \alpha.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha\beta &= (a + bi)(c + di) \\ &= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i \\ &= (ac - bd) + (da + cb)i \\ &= (ca - db) + (cb + da)i \\ &= (c + di)(a + bi) \\ &= \beta\alpha.\end{aligned}$$

- **Associativity**

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha + \beta) + \lambda &= [(a + bi) + (c + di)] + (e + fi) \\
&= [(a + c) + (b + d)i] + (e + fi) \\
&= (a + c + e) + (b + d + f)i \\
&= (a + bi) + [(c + e) + (d + f)i] \\
&= (a + bi) + [(c + di) + (e + fi)] \\
&= \alpha + (\beta + \lambda).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha\beta)\lambda &= [(a + bi)(c + di)](e + fi) \\
&= [(ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i](e + fi) \\
&= (ace - bde - adf - bcf) + (acf - bdf + ade + bce)i \\
&= (a + bi)[(ce - df) + (cf + de)i] \\
&= (a + bi)[(c + di)(e + fi)] \\
&= \alpha(\beta\lambda).
\end{aligned}$$

- **Identities**

$$\lambda + 0 = (e + fi) + (0 + 0i) = (e + 0) + (f + 0)i = e + fi = \lambda.$$

$$\lambda \cdot 1 = (e + fi)(1 + 0i) = (e \cdot 1 - f \cdot 0) + (e \cdot 0 + f \cdot 1)i = e + fi = \lambda.$$

- **Additive inverse**

Let  $c = -a$  and  $d = -b$ , then

$$\alpha + \beta = (a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i = (a - a) + (b - b)i = 0 + 0i = 0.$$

- **Multiplicative inverse**

Because  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$ . Let  $c = a/(a^2 + b^2)$  and  $d = -b/(a^2 + b^2)$ , then

$$\alpha\beta = (a + bi) \left( \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} + \frac{-b}{a^2 + b^2}i \right) = \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 + b^2} + \frac{-ab + ab}{a^2 + b^2}i \right) = (1 + 0i) = 1.$$

- **Distributive property**

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda(\alpha + \beta) &= (e + fi)[(a + bi) + (c + di)] \\
&= (e + fi)[(a + c) + (b + d)i]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (ea + ec - fb - fd) + (eb + ed + fa + fc)i \\
&= [(ea - fb) + (eb + fa)i] + [(ec - fd) + (ed + fc)i] \\
&= (e + fi)(a + bi) + (e + fi)(c + di) \\
&= \lambda\alpha + \lambda\beta.
\end{aligned}$$

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**Corollary 1.1** For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{F}$  and all positive integers  $m, n$ , there is  $(\alpha^m)^n = \alpha^{mn}$  and  $(\alpha\beta)^m = \alpha^m\beta^m$ .

**Proof.** For all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{F}$  and all positive integers  $m, n$ , there is

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha^m)^n &= \underbrace{\alpha^m \alpha^m \cdots \alpha^m}_n = \alpha^{mn}. \\
(\alpha\beta)^m &= \underbrace{(\alpha\beta)(\alpha\beta) \cdots (\alpha\beta)}_m = (\underbrace{\alpha\alpha \cdots \alpha}_m)(\underbrace{\beta\beta \cdots \beta}_m) = \alpha^m\beta^m.
\end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 1.2 (Commutativity of addition in  $\mathbf{F}^n$ )** If  $x, y \in \mathbf{F}^n$ , then  $x + y = y + x$ .

**Proof.** For  $x, y \in \mathbf{F}^n$ , let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
x + y &= (x_1, \dots, x_n) + (y_1, \dots, y_n) \\
&= (x_1 + y_1, \dots, x_n + y_n) \\
&= (y_1 + x_1, \dots, y_n + x_n) \\
&= (y_1, \dots, y_n) + (x_1, \dots, x_n) \\
&= y + x.
\end{aligned}$$

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**Theorem 1.3 (Unique additive identity)** A vector space has a unique additive identity.

**Proof.** Suppose that a vector space  $V$  has another additive identity  $0'$ , so  $v + 0 = v + 0' = v$  for all  $v \in V$ . Then

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0 + 0' &= 0' + 0 \\ 0 + 0' &= 0' \\ 0' + 0 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow 0 = 0'.$$

Thus, a vector space has a unique additive identity.

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**Theorem 1.4 (Unique additive inverse)** Every element in a vector space has a unique additive inverse.

*Proof.* Suppose that every element in a vector space  $V$  has another additive inverse, so for every  $v \in V$ , there exists  $w, w' \in V$  such that  $v + w = v + w' = 0$ . Then

$$w = w + 0 = w + (v + w') = (w + v) + w' = 0 + w' = w'.$$

Thus, every element in a vector space has a unique additive inverse.

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**Theorem 1.5 (The number 0 times a vector)**  $0 \cdot v = 0$  for every  $v \in V$ .

*Proof.* For every  $v \in V$ , we have

$$0 \cdot v = (0 + 0) \cdot v = 0 \cdot v + 0 \cdot v \Rightarrow 0 \cdot v = 0.$$

Thus,  $0 \cdot v = 0$  for every  $v \in V$ .

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**Theorem 1.6 (A number times the vector 0)**  $a \cdot 0 = 0$  for every  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ .

*Proof.* For every  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , we have

$$a \cdot 0 = a \cdot (0 + 0) = a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot 0 = 0.$$

Thus,  $a \cdot 0 = 0$  for every  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ .

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**Theorem 1.7 (The number  $-1$  times a vector)**  $(-1) \cdot v = -v$  for every  $v \in V$ .

*Proof.* For every  $v \in V$ , we have

$$v + (-1) \cdot v = 1 \cdot v + (-1) \cdot v = [1 + (-1)] \cdot v = 0 \cdot v = 0.$$

Thus,  $(-1) \cdot v = -v$  for every  $v \in V$ .

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