

## Review of complex numbers, complex plane, polar forms, powers and roots

- A complex number is an ordered pair  $(x, y)$  of real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , written  $z = (x, y)$ .
 

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 Real                      Imag.  
 part of  $z$                 part  
    of  $z$ .
- $(x, y) \neq (y, x)$  unless  $x = y$ .
- $(x, y) = (a, b)$  if and only if  $x = a$  &  $y = b$ .  
(iff)
- Let  $z_1 = (x_1, y_1)$  and  $z_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ . Then define
 
$$z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$z_1 z_2 = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2, x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)$$
- These definitions of addition and multiplication turn the set of all complex numbers into a field with  $(0, 0)$  &  $(1, 0)$  taking the role of  $0$  &  $1$  in the set of real numbers
- $(x, 0) + (y, 0) = (x + y, 0)$  as in the case of
- $(x, 0)(y, 0) = (xy, 0)$  addition & multiplication of real numbers

Thus, complex numbers extend the real numbers & we write  $(x, 0) = x$ . The set is denoted by  $\mathbb{C}$

Def. Let  $i := (0, 1)$  (Imaginary unit)

- Then  $iy = (0, 1)(y, 0) = (0, y) \rightarrow$  (purely imaginary number)
- $i^2 = (0, 1)(0, 1) = (-1, 0) = -1$ .
- $(a + bi) = (a, 0) + (0, b)i$

Thus, addition becomes

$$(x_1 + iy_1) + (x_2 + iy_2) = (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$$

& multiplication becomes

$$\begin{aligned}(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) &= x_1x_2 + ix_1y_2 + iy_1x_2 + i^2y_1y_2 \\ &= (x_1x_2 - y_1y_2) + i(x_1y_2 + x_2y_1).\end{aligned}$$

Subtraction of two complex numbers:

Let  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then the difference  $z_1 - z_2$  is the complex number  $z$  for which

$$z_1 = z + z_2. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$z_1 - z_2 = (x_1 - x_2) + i(y_1 - y_2).$$

Division of two complex numbers

The quotient  $z = \frac{z_1}{z_2}$  ( $z_2 \neq 0$ ) is the complex number  $z$  for which  $z_1 = z z_2$ .

If  $z = x + iy$ , then

$$x_1 + iy_1 = (x + iy)(x_2 + iy_2) = (xx_2 - yy_2) + i(xy_2 + yx_2)$$

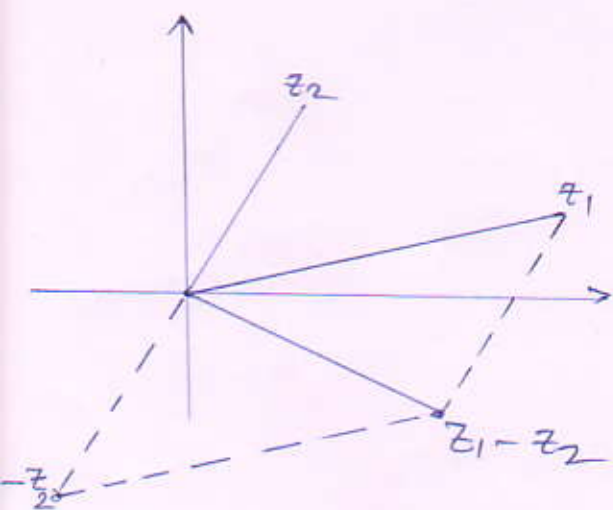
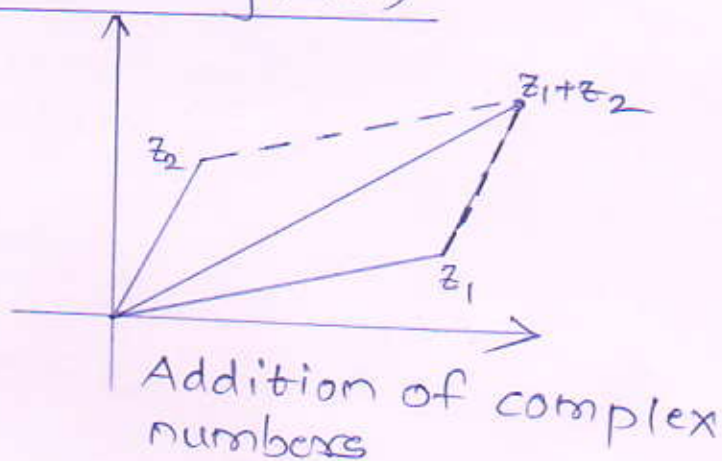
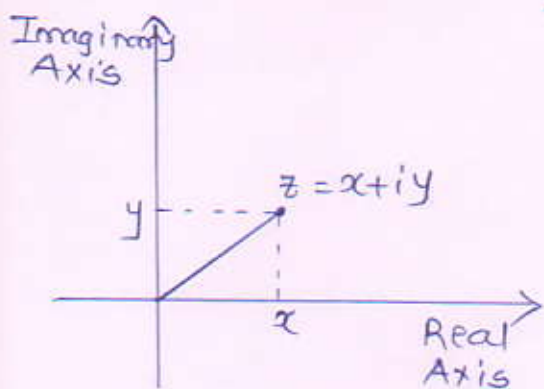
Solving for  $x$ , we get  $x = \frac{x_1x_2 + y_1y_2}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}$  and

$$y = \frac{x_2y_1 - x_1y_2}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}$$

$$z = \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{x_1 + iy_1}{x_2 + iy_2} = \frac{(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 - iy_2)}{(x_2 + iy_2)(x_2 - iy_2)}$$

Complex numbers satisfy the same commutative, associative and distributive laws as real numbers  
 $\Rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a field.

## Complex plane (Argand Diagram)



Complex conjugate: Let  $z = x + iy$ .

Then  $\bar{z} = x - iy$ . (Reflection of  $z$  in  $x$ -axis).

- $z\bar{z} = (x + iy)(x - iy) = x^2 + y^2$  (Real!)

- $z + \bar{z} = 2x$ ,  $z - \bar{z} = 2iy$

$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}$ ,  $\operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$

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

- $\overline{|z_1|} = \bar{z}_1$

# Polar form of Complex numbers, powers and roots

- $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ .

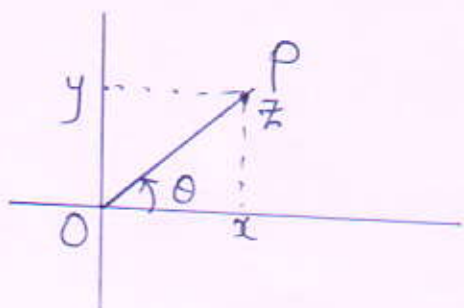
Then  $z = x + iy = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ .

- $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{(r \cos \theta)^2 + (r \sin \theta)^2} = r$   
(Absolute value) (or modulus)

- $|z| = \sqrt{z \bar{z}}$ . ( $|z|$ : distance of  $z$  from origin)

- $|z_1 - z_2| \rightarrow$  distance between  $z_1$  and  $z_2$

- $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$  ( $\theta$ : Argument of  $z$ ; denoted by  $\text{Arg}(z)$ )  
↓  
directed angle from +ve x-axis



- Angles measured in radians and +ve in counter-clockwise direction.

- For  $z = 0$ ,  $\theta$  is undefined.

- For  $z \neq 0$ ,  $\text{arg}(z)$  is unique upto integral multiples of  $2\pi$ , due to the periodicity of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$ .

- Principal value of  $\theta$  ( $\text{Arg}(z)$ ) is such that  $-\pi < \text{Arg} z \leq \pi$ .

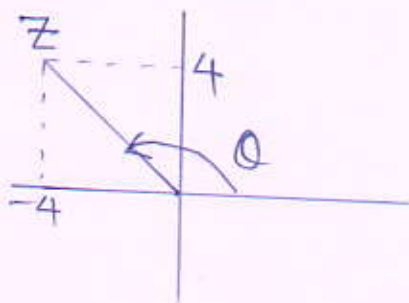
- $z = x$  (real),  $x > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Arg}(z) = 0$ .

- $z = x$  (real)  $z < 0 \Rightarrow \text{Arg}(z) = \pi$ .

•  $\arg(z) = \text{Arg}(z) \pm 2n\pi$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ), for  $z \neq 0$

Eg.  $z = -4 + 4i$

$|z| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2}$



$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$

↓  
principal value

$\Rightarrow z = 4\sqrt{2} \left( \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} + 2n\pi\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} + 2n\pi\right) \right)$

Warning: Let  $\theta_1 = \arg(1+i)$ ,  $\theta_2 = \arg(-1-i)$ .  
 $\tan \theta_1 = \tan \theta_2 = 1$ .

Triangle Inequality. No ordering of complex numbers.

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

Generalization:  $|z_1 + \dots + z_n| \leq |z_1| + \dots + |z_n|$

Multiplication & Division in polar form

•  $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$      $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$

•  $z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2))$  (Prove!)

$\Rightarrow |z_1 z_2| = r_1 r_2 = |z_1| |z_2|$

&  $\arg(z_1 z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2)$  (up to multiples of  $2\pi$ )

•  $\left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}$  Since  $z = \frac{z_1}{z_2} \cdot z_2$  so that  $|z| = \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| |z_2|$   
( $z_2 \neq 0$ )

•  $\arg(z_1) = \arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2} \cdot z_2\right) = \arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) + \arg(z_2)$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} [\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)]$$

Example  $z_1 = -2 + 2i$ ,  $z_2 = 3i$

$$z_1 z_2 = -6 - 6i \quad \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{(-2 + 2i)(-3i)}{(3i)(-3i)} = \frac{2}{3} + i\frac{2}{3}$$

$$|z_1 z_2| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 2^2} \sqrt{3^2} = 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$\left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Arg}(z_1) = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \quad \text{Arg}(z_2) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \text{Arg}(z_1 z_2) = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Arg} \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$