

**Math 421 sec 1 (32001) - Complex Variables - Fall 2024**

TuTh 11:30 → 12:45 LGRC A201

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**Text:** *Complex Variables and Applications*, 8-th Edition, by James Ward Brown and Ruel V. Churchill, McGraw-Hill.

**Prerequisites:** Math 233.

**Homework:** Will be assigned weekly and will be due each Thursday unless mentioned otherwise. The homework will be graded by a special grader. Due to lack of funds it will not be possible to grade all the homework problems assigned. A few of the homework problems will be corrected and graded every week. Nevertheless, for your own benefit, you will be asked to hand in *all* the homework problems assigned. Your grade on each homework assignment will be calculated as follows:

70% The grade on the corrected problems.

30% Credit for handing in *most* of the homework problems assigned. Partial credit will be given.

Late homework will not be collected. Instead, your three lowest grades will be dropped.

**Grades:**

Homework–20%

Two Midterms–50% (each 25%)

Final Exam –30%

**First Midterm:** Thursday, October 10, during class period.

**Second Midterm:** Thursday, November 14, during class period.

**Final:** To be scheduled by the registrar. Make-ups will not be given to accommodate travel plans.

**Calculators Policy:** Calculators will **not** be allowed in the exams. Calculators and computers may be used to check answers on the homework assignments. Nevertheless, an unsubstantiated answer will not receive credit.

**See back . . .**

**Homework Assignment 1** (Due Thursday, September 12)

Section 2 page 5: 4

Section 3 page 8: 1 (a), (b)

Section 4 page 12: 4, 5 (a), (c), 6

Section 5 page 14: 1 (c), (d), 9, and the extra problem:

Use established properties of moduli to show that when  $|z_3| \neq |z_4|$ , then

$$\left| \frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_3 + z_4} \right| \leq \frac{|z_1| + |z_2|}{||z_3| - |z_4||}$$

Section 8 page 22: 1 (a), 2, 3, 4, 5 (c), 5 (a), 6, 9, 10.

Check our website for likely additional problems.

**Syllabus:**

- 1) Complex Numbers: algebraic and geometric properties, polar form, powers and roots.
- 2) Analytic functions: Differentiability and Cauchy-Riemann equations, Harmonic functions, examples.
- 3) Elementary functions of a complex variable: exponential and trigonometric functions, logarithms.
- 4) Path integrals: contour integration and Cauchy's integral formula; Liouville's theorem, Maximum modulus theorem, the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra.
- 5) Series: Taylor and Laurent expansions, convergence, term-by-term operations with infinite series.
- 6) Isolated singularities and residues. Essential singularities and poles.
- 7) Evaluation of Improper integrals via residues.

If time permits:

- 8) Mappings by elementary functions and linear fractional transformations; conformal mappings.

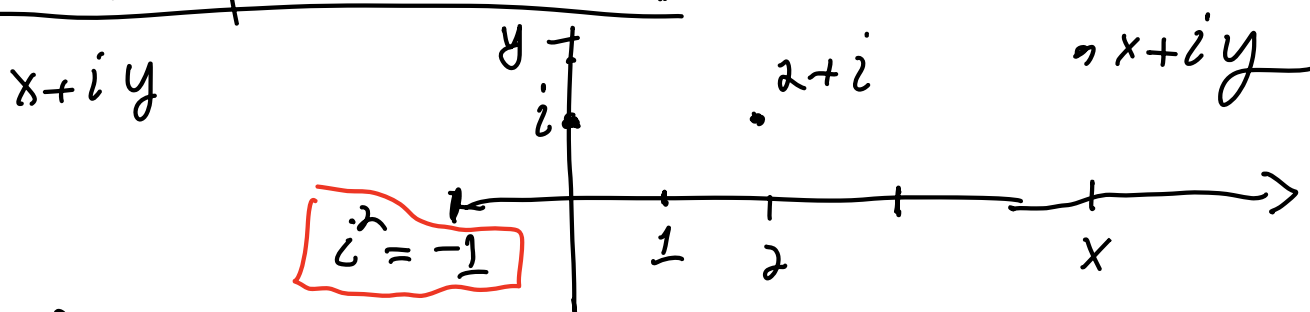
Complex numbers  $(x, y)$  are just vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

We usually write  $x + iy$ .

Addition: Like vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

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

Multiplication:



$$i^2 = (0, 1)^2 = -1$$

$$(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) = (x_1x_2 - y_1y_2) + (x_1y_2 + y_1x_2)i$$

$$z = x + iy, \quad x, y \text{ real}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{Real Part}}$

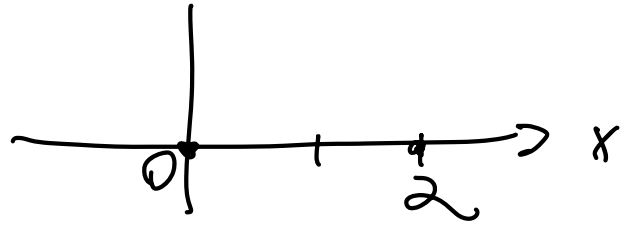
$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{Imaginary Part}}$

$$\text{Re}(2+3i) = 2, \quad \text{Im}(2+3i) = 3,$$

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

The real numbers are identified with the points in the complex plane on the  $x$ -axis.

$$2 = 2 + 0 \cdot i$$



### Algebraic Properties:

Addition, Multiplication,

- Zero complex number  $0 + i \cdot 0 = 0$

$$z + 0 = z$$

- $1 \cdot z = z$

- Negative  $z = (x, y) = x + iy$   
 $-z = -x - iy = -x - iy$

### Multiplicative Inverse:

If  $z = x + iy \neq 0 + 0i$ , then there exists a complex number  $z^{-1}$  such that  $z \cdot z^{-1} = 1$

Example!  $z = 1 + 2i$

$z^{-1} = u + iv$ . Find  $u, v$

$1 + 0i = (1 + 2i)(u + iv) = (u - 2v) + i(2u + v)$

$$\begin{cases} u - 2v = 1 \\ 2u + v = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} u - 2v = 1 \\ 0 \cdot u + 5v = -2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} u &= 1 + 2\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) = \frac{1}{5} \\ \text{so } v &= -\frac{2}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 Add  $-2$  Eq1 to Eq2

$$z^{-1} = u + iv = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{5}i$$

In general, If  $z = x + yi \neq 0$   
then  $z^{-1} = u + iv$ , where  $(u, v)$  is the  
solution to

$1 + 0i = (x + yi)(u + iv) = (xu - yv) + i(yu + xv)$

$$\begin{cases} xu - yv = 1 \\ yu + xv = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x & -y \\ y & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & -y \\ y & x \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ -y & x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{x^2+y^2} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z^{-1} = u + iv = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} + i \left( \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2} \right) = \frac{x-iy}{x^2+y^2}$$

Q.E.D

Division:  $\forall z_1, z_2$  are complex numbers, with  $z_2 \neq 0$ , then

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_1 \cdot (z_2^{-1})$$

Ex!

$$\frac{1+2i}{1+i} = (1+2i) \underbrace{(1+i)^{-1}}_{\frac{1-i}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(1+2i)(1-i)}_{3+i}$$

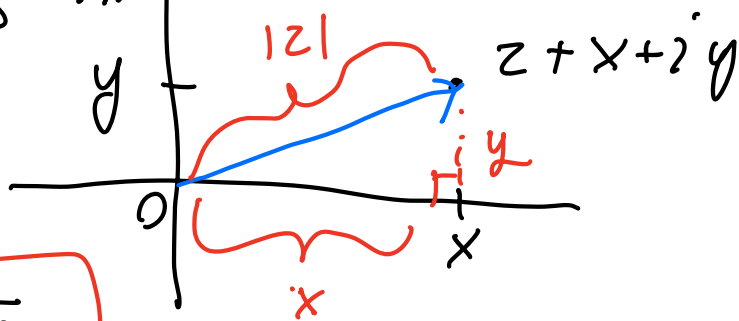
$$= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$$

# Absolute Value; (Modulus)

Let  $z = x + iy$  be a complex number

Def 1; The absolute value  $|z|$  is the distance of  $z$  from 0

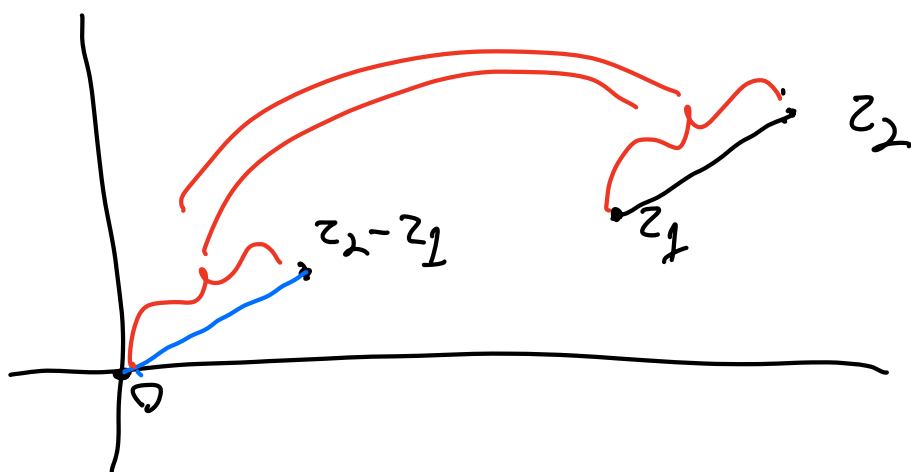
Pythagoras' Theorem  
 $|z|^2 = x^2 + y^2$



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

Ex!  $|2 + 3i| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{13}$

Def 2; The Distance between two complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  is  $|z_2 - z_1|$

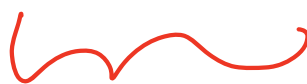


Ex: The distance between  $2+3i$  and  $1+i$  is

$$|(2+3i) - (1+i)| = |1+2i| = \sqrt{1^2+2^2} = \sqrt{5}.$$

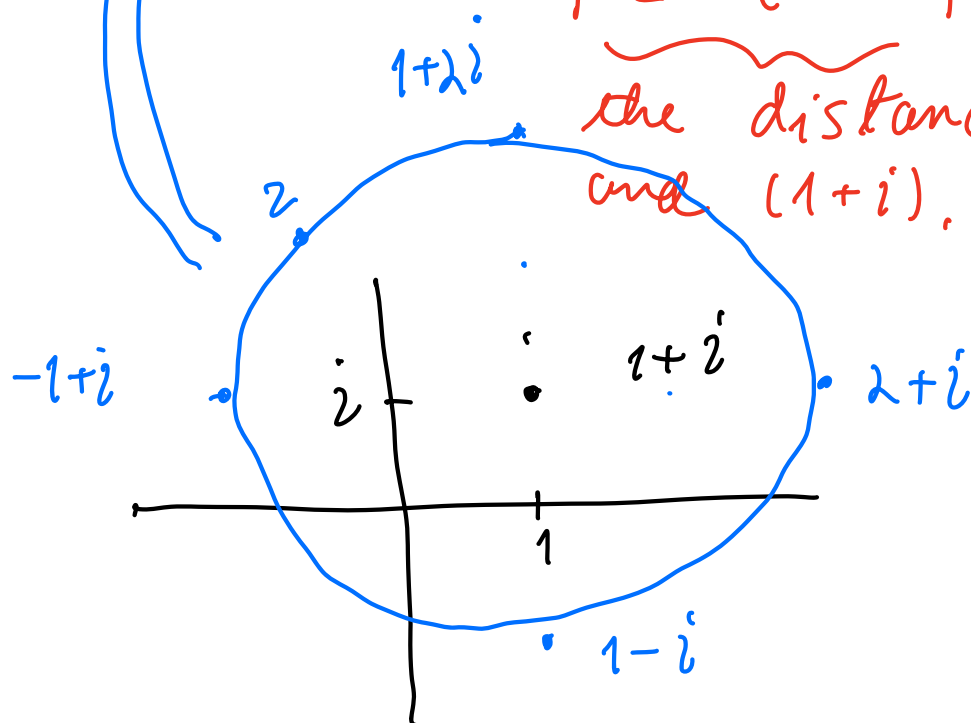
Ex: Describe geometrically the set

$$\left\{ z : |z - 1 - i| = 2 \right\}.$$



$$|z - (1+i)|$$

the distance between  $z$  and  $(1+i)$ .





# Complex Conjugation;

Def 3; Let  $z = x + iy$ . The complex

conjugate  $\bar{z}$  of  $z$  is the

complex number

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

Ex:  $2 + 3i = 2 - 3i$

Important Identity!

Let  $z = x + iy$ .

$$z\bar{z} = (x + iy)(x - iy) = \underbrace{(x^2 + y^2)}_{|z|^2} + i \underbrace{(x(-y) + yx)}_0$$

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

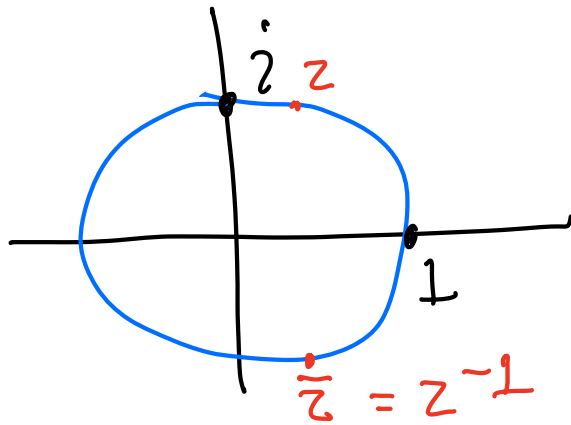
If  $z \neq 0$ , then

$$z \cdot \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2} = 1. \quad \text{So}$$

$$z^{-1} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2} = \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

Real Number!  $\odot$

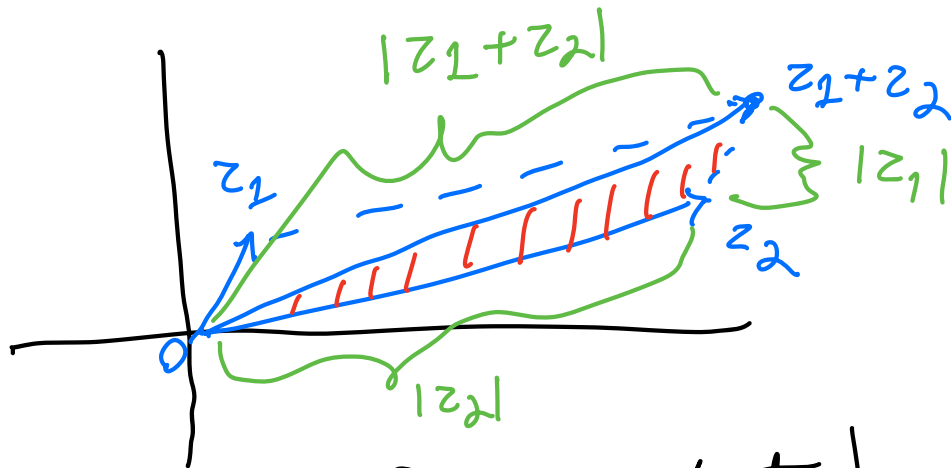
Ex: On the unit circle  $\{z: |z|=1\}$



## TRIANGLE INEQUALITY:

$$\text{If } z_1 = x_1 + iy_1, \quad z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$$

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



Thm: (Triangle Inequality)

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

and equality holds if and only if one of the two cpx numbers  $z_1, z_2$  is a non-zero real multiple of the other.

CON:  $|z_1 + z_2| \geq^{\textcircled{*}} \left| |z_1| - |z_2| \right|$

Proof:  $|z_1| = |(z_1 + z_2) - z_2| = |(z_1 + z_2) + (-z_2)|$   
 $\leq |z_1 + z_2| + \underbrace{|-z_2|}_{|z_2|}$

$|z_1| \leq |z_1 + z_2| + |z_2|$ , So

$|z_1 + z_2| \geq |z_1| - |z_2|$ ,

Interchanging the roles of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  we get

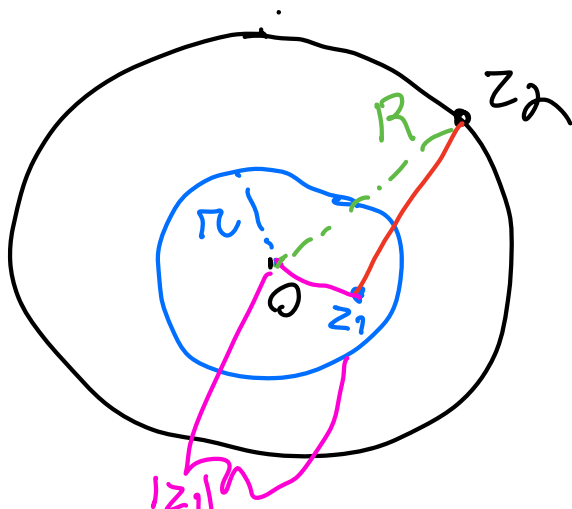
$|z_1 + z_2| \geq |z_2| - |z_1|$ .

So indeed

$\textcircled{*}$  hold,

Q.E.D

Ex: Let  $z_1$  be a complex number on the circle of radius  $R$  centered at  $0$ ,



Let  $z_1$  be a complex number inside the disk of radius  $R$  centered at  $0$ , show that the distance between  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  is larger than  $R - r$ .

$$|z_2 - z_1| > R - r,$$

$$|z_2 - z_1| \geq \underbrace{|z_2|}_{= R} - \underbrace{|z_1|}_{< r} > R - r.$$