

Defn The system of complex numbers \mathbb{C} is the set \mathbb{R}^2 with the following addition and multiplication operations for $z_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ and $z_2 = (x_2, y_2)$

$$(1) \quad z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$(2) \quad a z_1 = (a x_1, a y_1) \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(3) \quad z_1 z_2 = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2, x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)$$

Although there is not real number i such that $i^2 = -1$ there is a complex number.

Defn The complex number $i \in \mathbb{C}$ is the ordered pair

$$i \equiv (0, 1)$$

Remarks and notation

Given the defn (3) above

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

from which we have the identification

$$i^2 = -1$$

Theorem \mathbb{C} is a field

We verify only a few axioms.

Multiplication commutes $z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 z_2 &= (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2, x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) \\ &= (x_2 x_1 - y_2 y_1, x_2 y_1 + x_1 y_2) \\ &= z_2 z_1 \end{aligned}$$

Existence of additive identity $z + 0 = z$

The number $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ is the point $0 = (0, 0)$. Then

$$z + 0 = (x, y) + (0, 0) = (x, y) = z$$

Existence of multiplicative identity $1 \cdot z = z$

The number $1 \in \mathbb{C}$ is the point $1 = (1, 0)$:

$$1 \cdot z = (1, 0) \cdot (x, y) = (x, y) = z$$

For any real number $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$az = (a, 0) \cdot (x, y) = (ax, ay)$$

Multiplicative inverse z^{-1}

Let $z = (x, y) \neq 0$. Seek $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ with $z^{-1} = (u, v)$ such that

$$z \cdot z^{-1} = 1$$

is equivalent to

$$(1) \quad (x, y)(u, v) = (1, 0)$$

Expanding out (1) using the definition of multiplication and equating components:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} xu - yv = 1 \\ yu + xv = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{solve for } u, v$$

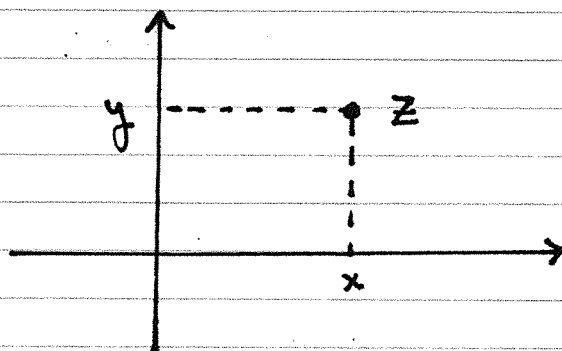
Solving

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

For this (unique) z^{-1} we have $z \cdot z^{-1} = 1$.

Complex Plane and simplified notation

Every complex number $z = (x, y)$ corresponds to a point in \mathbb{R}^2



and has a real and imaginary part

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

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

Simplified notation

$$z = (x, y)$$

$$(2) \quad z = x \underset{\uparrow}{(1, 0)} + y \underset{\uparrow}{(0, 1)}$$

$1 \qquad i$

Hence we abbreviate (2) as

$$z = x + iy$$

Multiplication using simplified notation

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 z_2 &= (x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) \\&= x_1(x_2 + iy_2) + iy_1(x_2 + iy_2) \\&= x_1 x_2 + ix_1 y_2 + iy_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 \overset{i^2}{=} -1\end{aligned}$$

Given $i = (0, 1)$ and $i^2 = (-1, 0)$ we get

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

which agrees with the original defn of multiplication.

Multiplicative inverse - simplified notation

$$z^{-1} = \frac{1}{(x+iy)} \frac{(x-iy)}{(x-iy)} \} 1$$

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

agrees with our previous formula for z^{-1}

Defn Let $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$. Then the quotient is defined by

$$\frac{z}{w} \equiv z \cdot w^{-1} \quad w \neq 0$$

EXAMPLE Let $z = 1 + 2i$ and $w = 1 - 3i$

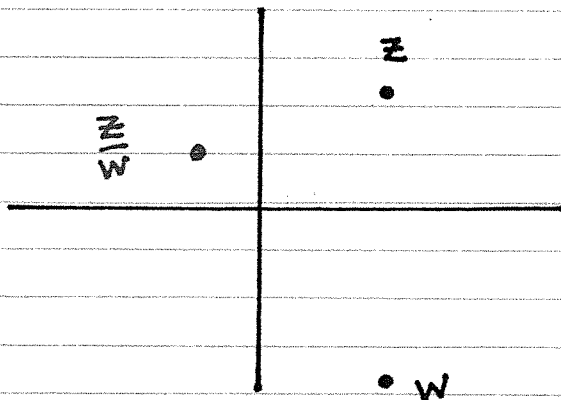
$$\frac{z}{w} = (1 + 2i) \frac{1}{(1 - 3i)} \frac{(1 + 3i)}{(1 + 3i)}$$

$$= (1 + 2i) \frac{(1 + 3i)}{10}$$

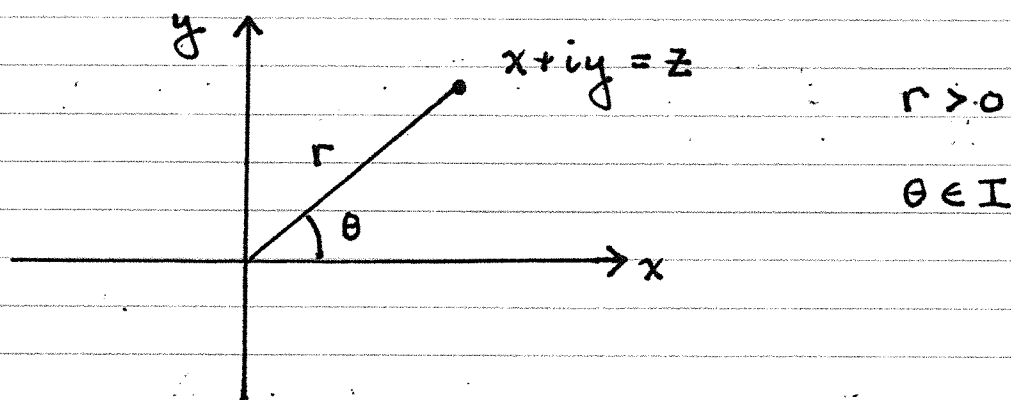
$$= (1 + 2i) \left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{3}{10}i \right)$$

$$= -\frac{5}{10} + \frac{5}{10}i$$

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



Polar Representation



Specification of an interval I so that the correspondence $(x, y) \leftrightarrow (r, \theta)$ is unique is known as choosing a branch of the argument

$$I = (-\pi, \pi]$$

yields the Principal Argument $\theta = \text{Arg } z$

Definition Let $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$. Then

(i) $|z| \equiv \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ modulus

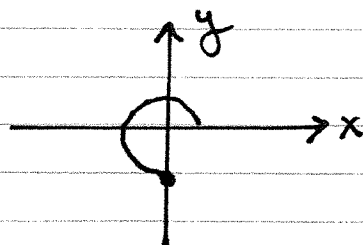
(ii) $\theta = \arg z$ $\theta \in I$, argument

EXAMPLE Let $\arg(z) \in [0, 2\pi)$ and $\text{Arg}(z) \in (-\pi, \pi)$

If $z = -i$ then

$$\arg(z) = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

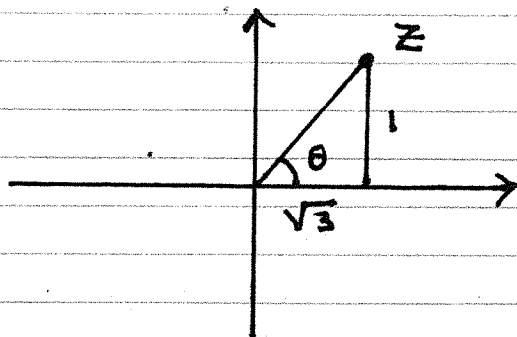
$$\text{Arg}(z) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$



EXAMPLE Let $z = \frac{1 + 3\sqrt{3}i}{\sqrt{3} + 2i}$

After some calculations $z = \sqrt{3} + i$

$$\operatorname{Re}(z) = \sqrt{3} \quad \operatorname{Im}(z) = 1$$



From this it is easy to deduce (for $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$)

$$|z| = 2 \quad \arg z = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

EXAMPLE Compute real and imaginary parts of $f(z)$ for $z = x + iy$

$$(i) \quad f(z) \equiv \frac{1}{2z+1} = \frac{(2x+1) - 2iy}{(2x+1)^2 + 4y^2}$$

$$(ii) \quad f(z) \equiv z^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + 2ixy$$

$$(iii) \quad f(z) \equiv |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

EXAMPLE: Simplify

$$z = \frac{i^3}{(1+i)}$$