

Exercise 1: Complex Number Inverse

Suppose a and b are real numbers, not both 0. Find real numbers c and d such that

$$\frac{1}{a+bi} = c+di.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{a+bi} \cdot \frac{a-bi}{a-bi} &= \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} \\ &= \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2+b^2}i\end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c+di = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2+b^2}i$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} \\ d = -\frac{b}{a^2+b^2} \end{cases}$$

True if $a \neq 0$, $b \neq 0$.

Exercise 2: Cube Root of Unity

Show that

$$\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

is a cube root of 1 (meaning that its cube equals 1).

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^3 &= \frac{(-1+\sqrt{3}i)^2(-1+\sqrt{3}i)}{8} \\ &= \frac{(1-2i\sqrt{3}-3)(-1+\sqrt{3}i)}{8} \\ &= \frac{-1+2i\sqrt{3}+3+i\sqrt{3}+2\cdot 3-3i\sqrt{3}}{8}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{8+0i}{8}$$

$$= 1$$

$\frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ is indeed a cube root of 1.

Exercise 3: Square Roots of i

Find two distinct square roots of i (i.e., find two different complex numbers z such that $z^2 = i$).

$$z^2 = i \Leftrightarrow z^2 - i = 0$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= 0 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-1)$$

$$= 4i$$

$$z_1 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-\sqrt{4i}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$$

$$z_2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}i}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$$

Exercise 4

Prove the following properties and name them:

1. Show that $\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$.
2. Show that $(\alpha + \beta) + \lambda = \alpha + (\beta + \lambda)$ for all $\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.
3. Show that $(\alpha\beta)\lambda = \alpha(\beta\lambda)$ for all $\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.
4. Show that for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, there exists a unique $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\alpha + \beta = 0$.
5. Show that for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ with $\alpha \neq 0$, there exists a unique $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\alpha\beta = 1$.
6. Show that $\lambda(\alpha + \beta) = \lambda\alpha + \lambda\beta$ for all $\lambda, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$.

1. Let: $\alpha = a + bi$ and $\beta = x + yi$ where $a, b, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \alpha + \beta = (a + bi) + (x + yi) & \beta + \alpha = (x + yi) + (a + bi) \\ = (a + x) + (b + y)i & = (a + x) + (b + y)i \end{array}$$

Both: $\alpha + \beta$ and $\beta + \alpha$ give the same result, therefore:

$$\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha, \text{ when } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Commutativity of complex numbers

2. Let: $\alpha = a + bi$

$$\beta = c + di$$

$$\lambda = e + fi$$

where: $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(\alpha + \beta) + \lambda = (a + bi + c + di) + e + fi$$

$$= (a + c + e) + (b + d + f)i$$

moreover:

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

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta) + \lambda = \alpha + (\beta + \lambda) \quad , \quad \text{where: } \alpha + \beta + \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Associativity of complex addition

3. Let: $\alpha = a + bi$
 $\beta = c + di$, where $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\lambda = e + fi$

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha\beta)\lambda &= [(a+bi)(c+di)](e+fi) \\ &= (ac + adi + bci - bd) (e + fi) \\ &= \underline{ace} + \underline{adei} + \underline{bcei} - \underline{bde} + \underline{acf} - \underline{adf} - \underline{bcf} - \underline{bdfi} \\ &= (ace - bde - adf - bcf) + (ade + bce + acf - bdf)i\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\beta\lambda) &= (a+bi)[(c+di)(e+fi)] \\ &= (a+bi)(ce + cfi + dei - df) \\ &= \underline{ace} + \underline{acf} + \underline{adei} - \underline{adf} + \underline{bcei} - \underline{bcf} - \underline{bde} - \underline{bdfi}\end{aligned}$$

$$= (ace - adf - bcf - bde) + (acf + ade + bce - bdf)i$$

From this we observe that: $(\alpha\beta)\lambda = \alpha(\beta\lambda)$ where $\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

$\Rightarrow$ Associativity of complex multiplication

4. Let $\alpha = a+bi$ and $\beta = -a-bi$ where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

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

$$= a - a + bi - bi$$

$$= 0$$

This means there exists at least one additive inverse for α .

Now suppose $\exists \beta' \in \mathbb{C} : \beta = \beta'$, we get:

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta = 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ \alpha + \beta' = 0 & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2}: \alpha + \beta - (\alpha + \beta') = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha - \alpha + \beta - \beta' = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \beta = \beta'$$

In conclusion: $\forall \alpha, \exists \beta : \alpha + \beta = 0$

Also: β is a unique additive inverse.

5. Given $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^*$ where $\alpha = a+bi$ $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ suppose $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ where

$$\beta = \frac{1}{a+bi} :$$

$$\alpha\beta = (a+bi) \frac{1}{a+bi}$$

$$= (a+bi) \left(\frac{1}{a+bi} \cdot \frac{a-bi}{a-bi} \right)$$

$$= (a+bi) \left(\frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a^2 - abi + abi + b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$= \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$= 1$$

There then exists at least one multiplicative inverse.

Suppose now $\exists \beta'$ such that $\alpha\beta' = 1$

$$\text{take: } \alpha\beta = 1 \quad | \cdot \beta'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha \cdot \beta \cdot \beta' = \beta'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\alpha \cdot \beta') \cdot \beta = \beta'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 \cdot \beta = \beta'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \beta = \beta'$$

The solution for the multiplicative inverse therefore is unique.

6. Let $\alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ where: $\alpha = a+bi$ $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\beta = c+di$$

$$\lambda = e+fi$$

$$\lambda(\alpha + \beta) = (e+fi) \left[(a+bi) + (c+di) \right]$$

$$= (e+fi)(a+c+bi+di)$$

$$= ae + ce + bei + dei + afi + cfi - bf - df$$

$$= (ae + ce - bf - df) + (be + de + af + cf)i$$

Comparing this to:

$$\lambda\alpha + \lambda\beta = (e+fi)(a+bi) + (e+fi)(c+di)$$

$$= ae + bei + afi - bf + ce + dei + cfi - df$$

$$= (ae - bf + ce - df) + (be + af + de + cf)i$$

Both of these expressions give the same complex number, they must therefore be equal:

$$\underline{\lambda(\alpha + \beta) = \lambda\alpha + \lambda\beta}$$

Exercise 5: Vector Equation in $\mathbb{R}^4$

Find $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ such that

$$(4, -3, 1, 7) + 2x = (5, 9, -6, 8).$$

We have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 9 \\ -6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 4 + 2x_1 = 5 & \textcircled{1} \\ -3 + 2x_2 = 9 & \textcircled{2} \\ 1 + 2x_3 = -6 & \textcircled{3} \\ 7 + 2x_4 = 8 & \textcircled{4} \end{cases}$$

$$\textcircled{1}: 4 + 2x_1 = 5 \Leftrightarrow 2x_1 = 5 - 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{2}: -3 + 2x_2 = 9 \Leftrightarrow 2x_2 = 12$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_2 = 6$$

$$\textcircled{3}: 1 + 2x_3 = -6 \Leftrightarrow x_3 = -\frac{7}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{4}: 7 + 2x_4 = 8 \Leftrightarrow x_4 = \frac{1}{2}$$

We get x to be: $x = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 6 \\ -\frac{7}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$

Exercise 6: Non-Existence of Scalar Multiplication

Explain why there does not exist $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$\lambda(2 - 3i, 5 + 4i, -6 + 7i) = (12 - 5i, 7 + 22i, -32 - 9i).$$

We have:

$$\lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 - 3i \\ 5 + 4i \\ -6 + 7i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 - 5i \\ 7 + 22i \\ -32 - 9i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(2 - 3i) &= 12 - 5i \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{12 - 5i}{2 - 3i} \\ &= \frac{(12 - 5i)(2 + 3i)}{2^2 + 3^2} \\ &= \frac{24 + 38i - 10i + 15}{13} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{39 + 28i}{13}$$

$$= 3 + 2i$$

If λ for each of the equations does not equal this result the assumption in the exercise is true. λ can not be multi valued.

$$\lambda(5+4i) = 7+22i \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{7+22i}{5+4i}$$

$$= \frac{(7+22i)(5-4i)}{5^2+4^2}$$

$$= \frac{35-28i+110i+88}{41}$$

$$= \frac{123+82i}{41}$$

$$= 3+2i$$

Still true.

$$\lambda(-6+7i) = -32-9i \Leftrightarrow \lambda = -\frac{32+9i}{-6+7i}$$

$$= -\frac{(32+9i)(-6-7i)}{6^2+7^2}$$

$$= -\frac{-192-224i-54i+63}{85}$$

$$= -\frac{-129-278i}{85}$$

$$= \frac{129+278i}{85}$$

Not all values for λ are equal, there does not exist a unique λ for which, the assumption is true.

Exercise 7

Prove the following:

1. Show that $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}^n$.
2. Show that $(ab)x = a(bx)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$ and all $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$.
3. Show that $1x = x$ for all $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$, where 1 is the multiplicative identity in $\mathbb{F}$.
4. Show that $\lambda(x + y) = \lambda x + \lambda y$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and all $x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$.
5. Show that $(a + b)x = ax + bx$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ and all $x \in \mathbb{F}^n$.

1. Let: $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$

$$y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$$

$$(x+y)+z = [(x_1+y_1)+z_1, \dots, (x_n+y_n)+z_n]$$

Since addition of scalars is associative this is equivalent to:

$$= [x_1 + (y_1 + z_1), \dots, x_n + (y_n + z_n)]$$

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



2. Let $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$

$$(ab)x = (ab)(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Since multiplication of scalars is commutative, this is equivalent to:

$$= a(bx_1, bx_2, \dots, bx_n)$$

$$= a(bx)$$

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3. Let: $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$

$$1 \cdot x = 1 \cdot (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= (1 \cdot x_1, \dots, 1 \cdot x_n)$$

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

$$= x$$

□

4. Let: $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ and $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$

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

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

$$= \lambda \cdot x + \lambda \cdot y$$

□

5. Let: $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$

$$(a+b)x = (a+b) \begin{pmatrix} x_1, \dots, x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (a+b)x_1, \dots, (a+b)x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} ax_1 + bx_1, \dots, ax_n + bx_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} ax_1, \dots, ax_n \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} bx_1, \dots, bx_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= ax + bx$$

