Complex Analysis

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Class 1: Wednesday January 22

TITLE Properties of Complex Numbers
READING Zill & Shanahan, Section 1.1
HOMEWORK Zill & Shanahan, Section 1.1# 1, 4, 5, 7, 11, 27 Extra Credit: 45

SUMMARY

We will review how complex numbers are similar and different from real numbers.

EXAMPLE

Consider two complex numbers z = x + iy and p = a + ib. Let's discuss how the following properties and operations apply.

- 1. EQUALITY
- 2. CONJUGATE
- 3. MODULUS (absolute value)
- 4. ADDITION
- 5. MULTIPLICATION
- 6. DIVISION

GROUPWORK

With your nearest neighbor compute the value of the expressions A and B so that they are complex numbers of the form x + iy.

$$A = \frac{3 + 2\mathbf{i} + (-2 + \mathbf{i})}{3 - 4\mathbf{i}}, \quad B = (\frac{6}{5} + 2\mathbf{i} - (3 - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{i}))$$

Exercise

Then answer the following questions:

(a) Is A = B?

(b) Which is bigger, A or B?

From this example write down one significant difference between the set of real numbers and the set of complex numbers: