
Complex Analysis

Math 312 Spring 2016

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Class 1: Wednesday January 20

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 $x + iy$.

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

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: _____