

18.100B Lecture Notes

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Defn \mathbb{C} is the set \mathbb{R}^2 containing pairs (a, b) with operations:

$$(a, b) + (c, d) = (a + c, b + d)$$

$$(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac - bd, ad + bc)$$

We write (a, b) as $a + bi$, with $i = (0, 1)$.

Note \mathbb{C} contains \mathbb{R} as a subfield in the form $(a, 0)$. We will write $\text{Re}(a + ib) = a$, and $\text{Im}(a + ib) = b$

Defn The complex conjugate of $z = a + ib$ is $\bar{z} = a - ib$
The complex conjugate has the following properties:

a) $\overline{(z + w)} = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$

b) $\overline{(zw)} = \bar{z}\bar{w}$

c) $z + \bar{z} = 2\text{Re}(z)$ and $z - \bar{z} = 2i\text{Im}(z)$

d) $z\bar{z}$ is real and positive (if $z \neq 0$)

Defn $|z| = \sqrt{z\bar{z}}$

Claim a) $|z| > 0$ if $z \neq 0$, and 0 otherwise

b) $|z| = |\bar{z}|$

c) $|zw| = |z||w|$

d) $|\text{Re}z| \leq |z|$

e) $|z + w| \leq |z| + |w|$ (“Triangle inequality”)

Defn The vector space over \mathbb{C} consists of n -tuples $\vec{z} = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$ $z_n \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\vec{z} + \vec{w} = (z_1 + w_1, z_2 + w_2, \dots, z_n + w_n)$$

if $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}, \lambda \vec{z} = (\lambda z_1, \lambda z_2, \dots, \lambda z_n)$

Defn The Hermitian inner product is

$$\langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \overline{w_k}$$

Note $\langle \vec{z}, \vec{z} \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k \overline{z_k} \in \mathbb{R}, > 0 \text{ if } \vec{z} \neq (0, 0, \dots)$

Defn $\|\vec{z}\| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{z}, \vec{z} \rangle}$

Claim a) $\langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle = \overline{\langle \vec{w}, \vec{z} \rangle}$

b) $\langle \lambda \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle = \lambda \langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle$
 $\langle \vec{z}, \lambda \vec{w} \rangle = \overline{\lambda} \langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle$

c) $\langle \vec{z} + \vec{w}, \vec{s} \rangle = \langle \vec{z}, \vec{s} \rangle + \langle \vec{w}, \vec{s} \rangle$

Thm (Cauchy-Schwartz inequality)

$$|\langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle| \leq \|\vec{z}\| \cdot \|\vec{w}\|$$

Equivalently:

$$|\langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle|^2 \leq \langle \vec{z}, \vec{z} \rangle \langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n z_k \overline{w_k} \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n z_k \overline{z_k} \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n w_k \overline{w_k} \right)$$

Pf

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \langle \vec{z} - \lambda \vec{w}, \vec{z} - \lambda \vec{w} \rangle \\ &= \langle \vec{z}, \vec{z} \rangle - \lambda \langle \vec{w}, \vec{z} \rangle \\ &\quad - \bar{\lambda} \langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle + \lambda \bar{\lambda} \langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle \\ \text{Set } \lambda &= \frac{\langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle}{\langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle} \\ 0 &\leq \langle \vec{z}, \vec{z} \rangle - \frac{\langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle}{\langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle} \langle \vec{w}, \vec{z} \rangle \\ &\quad - \frac{\langle \vec{w}, \vec{z} \rangle}{\langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle} \langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle + \frac{\langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle \langle \vec{w}, \vec{z} \rangle}{\langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle} \\ \langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle \langle \vec{w}, \vec{z} \rangle &\leq \langle \vec{z}, \vec{z} \rangle \langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle \\ |\langle \vec{z}, \vec{w} \rangle|^2 &\leq \langle \vec{z}, \vec{z} \rangle \langle \vec{w}, \vec{w} \rangle \end{aligned}$$