

# Assignment 1.

1. In general,  $z^2 \neq |z|^2$ . For example, take  $z = i \in \mathbb{C}$  then  $z^2 = -1$  and  $|z|^2 = 1$ . Thus  $z^2 \neq |z|^2$ .

Let  $z = x + iy$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$z^2 = x^2 + 2xyi - y^2 \quad \text{and} \quad |z|^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

If  $z^2 = |z|^2$ , we have

$$x^2 + 2xyi - y^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \begin{cases} x^2 - y^2 = x^2 + y^2 \\ 2xy = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0$$

Therefore, we get  $z^2 = |z|^2 \iff y = 0$ , i.e.  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2. Riemann sphere is defined by

$$\Sigma := \left\{ (x, y, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3, x^2 + y^2 + \left(u - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \right\} \quad (1)$$

We know that there is a natural correspondence between

$\tilde{\mathbb{C}} := \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  and  $\Sigma$ , which is given by

$$z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} \iff z' = \left( \frac{x}{1+r^2}, \frac{y}{1+r^2}, \frac{r^2}{1+r^2} \right) \in \Sigma \quad (2)$$

$$r = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\infty \iff (0, 0, 1) \in \Sigma$$

The real axis of complex plane, which is denoted as  $X$ ,

Given by  $X = \{ z = x+iy \in \mathbb{C} : y = 0 \}$  (3)

The Imaginary axis of complex plane, which is denoted as  $Y$ ,

Given by  $Y = \{ z = x+iy \in \mathbb{C} : x = 0 \}$  (4)

Combining (1), (2) and (3), (4) we get

The subsets of the Riemann sphere corresponding to the real and the imaginary parts of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , which are denoted as  $\bar{\Sigma}_x$  and  $\bar{\Sigma}_y$  respectively, are the following:

$$\bar{\Sigma}_x = \left\{ (x, 0, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + (u - \frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, y, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + (u - \frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{1}{4}, y = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{1+x^2}, 0, \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^3, x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}_y = \left\{ (0, y, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : y^2 + (u - \frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ (x, y, u) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + (u - \frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{1}{4}, x = 0 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ \left( 0, \frac{y}{1+y^2}, \frac{y^2}{1+y^2} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^3, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

3. (i) Let  $z$  be the fixed point of  $f$ , then by the definition of  $f$  and fixed point, we have

$$f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} = z, \text{ where } ad-bc \neq 0.$$

i.e. we have  $cz^2 + (d-a)z - b = 0$  (\*)

Case 1: If  $c \neq 0$ , then equation (\*) is a quadratic equation.

It has one (repeated) or two distinct roots. Correspondingly,  $f$  has one or two fixed points.

Case 2: If  $c = 0$ ,  $d-a \neq 0$ , then (\*) is a linear equation.

It has one solution:  $z = \frac{b}{d-a}$ . In this case  $f$  has one fixed point.

Case 3: If  $c = 0$ ,  $d-a = 0$  ( $a = d \neq 0$ ), then in this

case  $b \neq 0$ . Otherwise,  $f$  is the identity map, and

$$f(z) = \frac{az+b}{a} = z + \frac{b}{a}.$$

Since  $f$  is a transformation from extended plane  $\tilde{C} = C \cup \{\infty\}$  to  $\tilde{C}$ ,  $f$  maps  $\infty$  to  $\infty$ . So  $\infty$  is the fixed point of  $f$  under this case.

In all, we proved that  $f$  has one or two fixed points.

(ii) By assumption,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two distinct fixed points of  $f$ , then <sup>by (i)</sup> we have

$$c\alpha^2 + (d-a)\alpha - b = 0, \text{ i.e. } c\alpha^2 - a\alpha = b - d\alpha \quad (1)$$

$$\text{and } c\beta^2 + (d-a)\beta - b = 0, \text{ i.e. } c\beta^2 - a\beta = b - d\beta \quad (2)$$

By the definition of  $w$ , we get

$$\frac{w-\alpha}{w-\beta} = \frac{\frac{a\zeta+b}{c\zeta+d} - \alpha}{\frac{a\zeta+b}{c\zeta+d} - \beta} = \frac{a\zeta+b - \alpha(c\zeta+d)}{a\zeta+b - \beta(c\zeta+d)}$$

$$= \frac{\zeta(a-c\alpha) + b - d\alpha}{\zeta(a-c\beta) + b - d\beta} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\zeta(a-c\alpha) - \alpha(a-c\alpha)}{\zeta(a-c\beta) - \beta(a-c\beta)} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{(a-c\alpha)(\zeta-\alpha)}{(a-c\beta)(\zeta-\beta)}$$

$$= k \frac{\zeta-\alpha}{\zeta-\beta}, \text{ where } k = \frac{a-c\alpha}{a-c\beta}$$

(a) It's clear that  $\left| \frac{z-a}{z-\beta} \right| = \lambda$  is a circline with inverse points  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Then  $f$  maps  $\left| \frac{z-a}{z-\beta} \right| = \lambda$  to another circline with inverse points  $f(\alpha)$  and  $f(\beta)$ .

Since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two fixed points, i.e.  $f(\alpha) = \alpha$ ,  $f(\beta) = \beta$ .

Thus ~~the circline under  $f$~~

$$\left| \frac{f(z) - f(\alpha)}{f(z) - f(\beta)} \right| = \left| \frac{w - \alpha}{w - \beta} \right|, \text{ which is exactly}$$

the image under  $f$  of the circline  $\left| \frac{z-a}{z-\beta} \right| = \lambda$ .

By previous result, we have  $\left| \frac{w-\alpha}{w-\beta} \right| = |k| \left| \frac{z-a}{z-\beta} \right| = |k| \lambda$ ,

where  $k = \frac{a-\alpha}{a-\beta}$ .

(b) Since  $\frac{w-\alpha}{w-\beta} = k \frac{z-a}{z-\beta}$ , then

$$\text{arc arg} \left( \frac{z-a}{z-\beta} \right) = \text{arc arg} \left( \frac{1}{k} \frac{w-\alpha}{w-\beta} \right), \#$$

$$\text{Since } \text{arg} \left( \frac{1}{k} \frac{w-\alpha}{w-\beta} \right) = \text{arg} \left( \frac{w-\alpha}{w-\beta} \right) - \text{arg } k.$$

Thus the image of  $\text{arc arg} \left( \frac{z-a}{z-\beta} \right) = \mu \pmod{2\pi}$  is

$$\text{arc arg} \left( \frac{w-\alpha}{w-\beta} \right) = \mu \pmod{2\pi} + \text{arg } k, \text{ where } k = \frac{a-\alpha}{a-\beta}.$$

(iii)  $\alpha$  is a single fixed point of  $f$ . From (\*), we have

$$c\alpha^2 + (d-a)\alpha - b = 0, \text{ i.e. } c\alpha^2 - a\alpha = b - d\alpha \quad (3)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha = \frac{a-d}{2c}, \quad d + c\alpha = a - c\alpha \quad (4)$$

By the representation of  $w$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{w-d} = \frac{1}{\frac{a\beta+b}{c\beta+d} - d} = \frac{c\beta+d}{a\beta+b-d(c\beta+d)}$$

$$= \frac{c\beta+d}{(a-cd)\beta + (b-d^2)}$$

$$= \frac{c\beta+d}{(a-cd)\beta - (a-cd)\alpha} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{c\beta+d}{(\beta-d)(a-cd)}$$

$$= \frac{c(\beta-d) + d + cd}{(\beta-d)(a-cd)}$$

$$= \frac{c}{a-cd} + \frac{d+cd}{(\beta-d)(a-cd)}$$

$$= \frac{c}{a-cd} + \frac{1}{\beta-d} \quad (4)$$

4. Let  $S = \{z_0\}$ . Then  $S^c = \mathbb{C} \setminus S$ . To prove  $S = \{z_0\}$  is closed, it's enough to prove that  $S^c$  is open.

For any  $z \in S^c = \mathbb{C} \setminus S$ , then  $z \neq z_0$  and thus

$|z - z_0| > 0$ . Take  $r = \frac{1}{2}|z - z_0|$ , then

$D(z, r) \subseteq S^c$ . By the definition of open set, we prove that  $S^c$  is open. So  $S = \{z_0\}$  is closed.

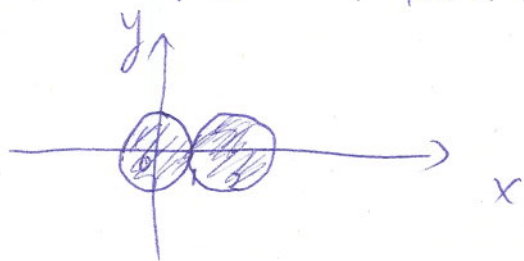
Let  $T$  be the set composed of finite number of points in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Denote  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$ . Then  $T = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \{T_i\}$ .

By previous result,  $\{T_i\}$  is closed. So the finite union of closed sets is closed, i.e.  $T$  is closed. So  $T^c$  is open.

So this proves that the complement of any finite number of points in  $\mathbb{C}$  is an open set.

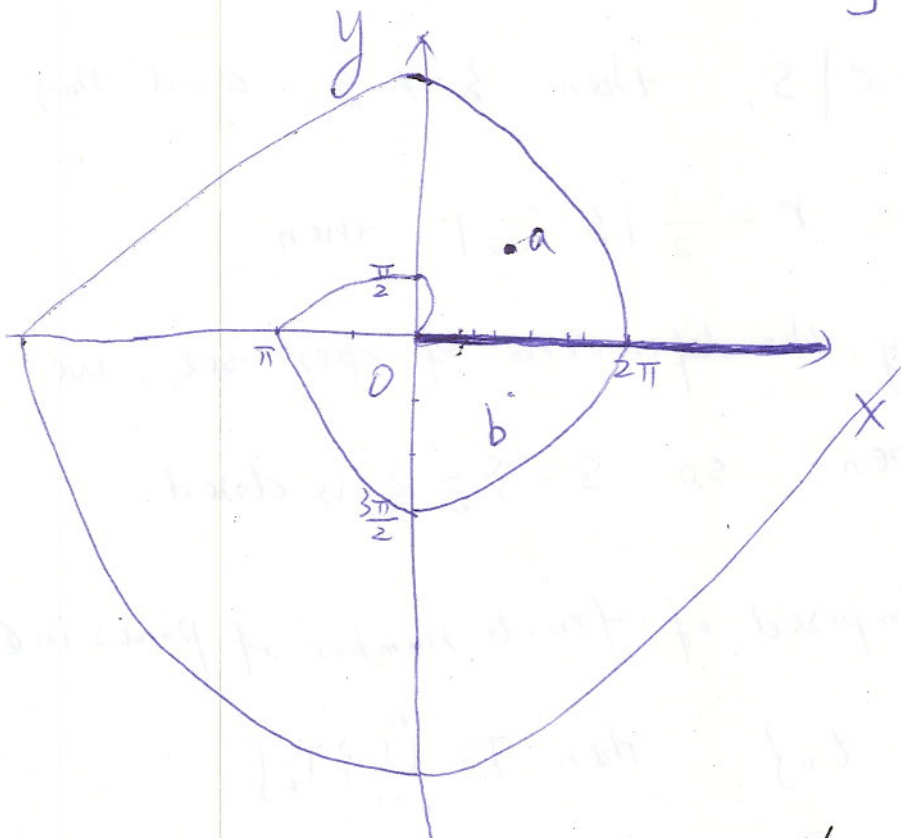
5.  $X = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\} \cup \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z-2| \leq 1\}$



connected.

$X = \mathbb{C} \setminus A \cup B$ , where  $A = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} z \in (0, \infty) \text{ and } \operatorname{Im} z = 0\}$

$$B = \{z = \rho e^{i\theta}, 0 \leq \theta < \infty\}$$



NOT connected

Each "circle" of the spiral is a component:

$$\left\{ \rho e^{i\theta} : \begin{array}{l} 2n\pi < \theta < 2(n+1)\pi, \\ 2n\pi < \rho < 2(n+1)\pi \end{array} \right\}$$