

MATH 420

COMPLEX VARIABLES

SESSION no. 1

Real number system -  $\mathbb{R}$

Any real  $r$  has a decimal rep.

Eg.  $r = 10.1112, 0.431, 1.27, \dots$

If  $r = \frac{p}{q}$  then  $r$  is rational  
 $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{1}$

Else  $r$  is irrational, eg.,  
 $\sqrt{2}$

Find the roots of  $z^2 + 1$   
↳ polynomial

i.e. solve for  $z$  in

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 + 1 &= 0 \\ \text{or, } z^2 &= -1 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} z^2 + 1 &= 0 \\ \text{or, } z^2 &= -1 \end{aligned}} \right] \text{No solution in } \mathbb{R}$$

Let  $i$  be a new kind of no.

$$i = \sqrt{-1} \rightarrow \text{imaginary unit}$$

Solve  $z^2 + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \pm \sqrt{-1}$$
$$= +i, -i$$

Definition A complex no. is of the form

$$z = a + ib$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$

$\text{Re}(z) = a \rightarrow$  real part

$\text{Im}(z) = b \rightarrow$  imaginary part

Complex number system  
 $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$z = a + ib, \quad i = \sqrt{-1}$$

If  $b = 0$ , then  
 $z$  is purely real,  $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$

If  $a = 0$ , then  
 $z$  is purely imaginary

## Algebraic operations :

① Equality :  $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$   
and  $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$  then

$$z_1 = z_2 \iff x_1 = x_2 \& y_1 = y_2$$

if and  
only if

② Addition :  $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$   
and  $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$  then

$$z_1 + z_2 = x_1 + iy_1 + x_2 + iy_2$$
$$= (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$$

$$z_1 = -2 + i3 \quad z_2 = 4 + i3$$

$$z_1 + z_2 = 2 + i6$$



③ Negative of a complex no.

$$z = x + iy, \quad -z = -x - iy$$

$$z_1 = x_1 + iy_1, \quad z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$$

$$z_1 - z_2 = (x_1 - x_2) + i(y_1 - y_2)$$

→ ④ Subtraction

⑤ Multiplication:

$$i = \sqrt{-1}, \quad i^2 = -1,$$

$$z_1 = x_1 + iy_1, \quad z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 z_2 &= (x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 + iy_2) \\ &= x_1(x_2 + iy_2) + iy_1(x_2 + iy_2) \\ &= x_1 x_2 + ix_1 y_2 + iy_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2 \\ &= (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + i(x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2) \end{aligned}$$

# ⑥ Inverse and division:

Let  $Z = x + iy$

complex  
→ conjugate

$$\frac{1}{Z} = \frac{1}{x + iy} = \frac{x - iy}{(x + iy)(x - iy)}$$

$\begin{matrix} a+b \\ a-b \end{matrix}$

$$= \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$b = iy$   
 $b^2 = i^2 y^2$   
 $= -y^2$

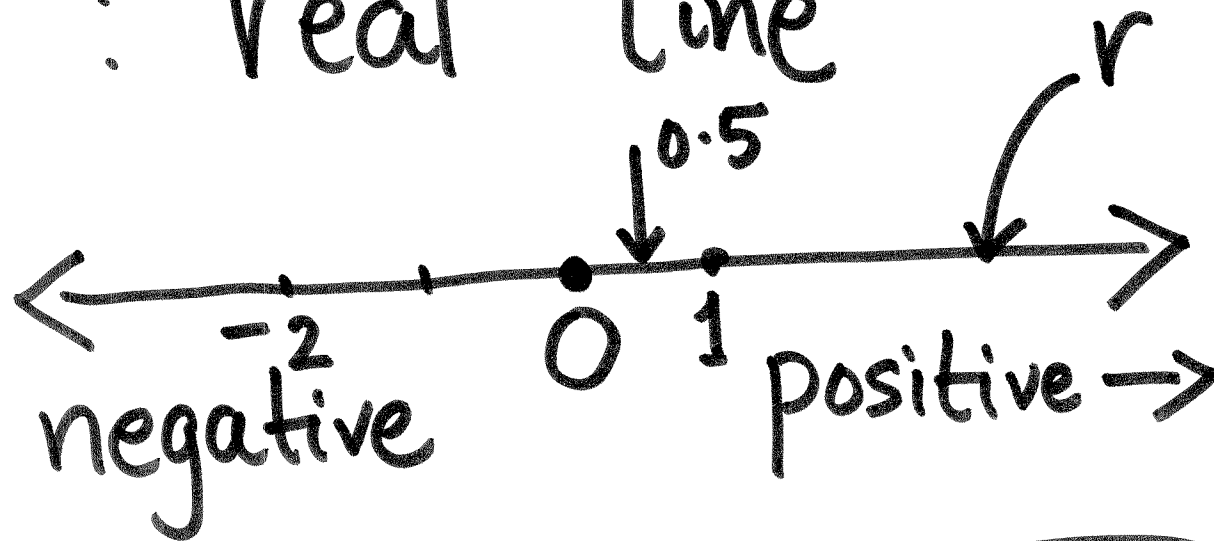
Division :  $Z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$

$$Z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$$

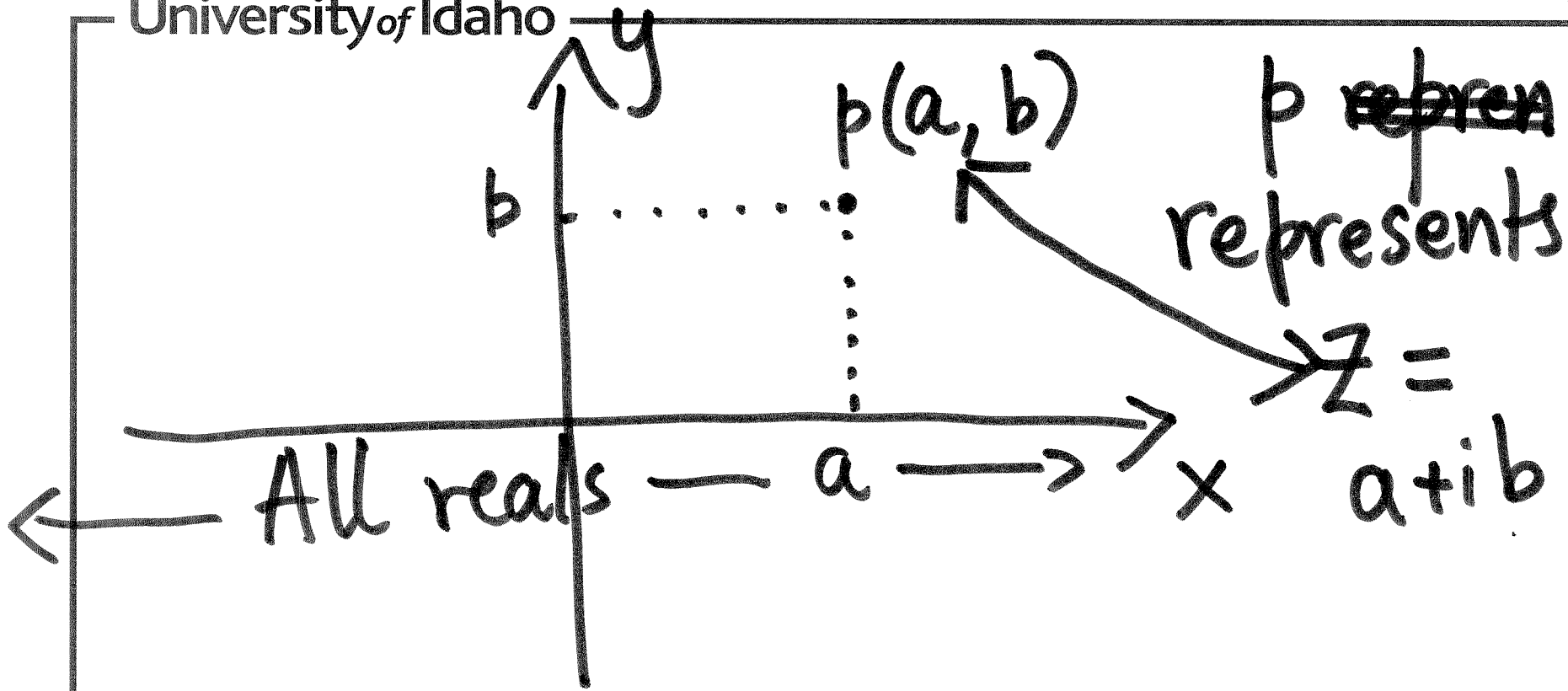
$$\frac{Z_1}{Z_2} = \frac{(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 - iy_2)}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2) + i(-x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2)}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}$$

$\mathbb{R}$  : real line



Think of  $z = a + ib$   
as an ordered pair  $(a, b)$   
 $\text{Re}(z)$   $\text{Im}(z)$



y axis - purely imaginary nos.