

Complex Numbers — Basic Theorems

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1. MAIN PART

In this paper a, b, c, d, e denote complex numbers.

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (1) $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c.$
- (2) If $a + c = b + c$, then $a = b.$
- (3) If $a = a + b$, then $b = 0.$
- (4) $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c.$
- (5) If $c \neq 0$ and $a \cdot c = b \cdot c$, then $a = b.$
- (6) If $a \cdot b = 0$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0.$
- (7) If $b \neq 0$ and $a \cdot b = b$, then $a = 1.$
- (8) $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c.$
- (9) $(a + b + c) \cdot d = a \cdot d + b \cdot d + c \cdot d.$
- (10) $(a + b) \cdot (c + d) = a \cdot c + a \cdot d + b \cdot c + b \cdot d.$
- (11) $2 \cdot a = a + a.$
- (12) $3 \cdot a = a + a + a.$
- (13) $4 \cdot a = a + a + a + a.$
- (14) $a - a = 0.$
- (15) If $a - b = 0$, then $a = b.$
- (16) If $b - a = b$, then $a = 0.$
- (17) $a = a - (b - b).$
- (18) $a - (a - b) = b.$
- (19) If $a - c = b - c$, then $a = b.$
- (20) If $c - a = c - b$, then $a = b.$

- (21) $a - b - c = a - c - b.$
- (22) $a - c = a - b - (c - b).$
- (23) $c - a - (c - b) = b - a.$
- (24) If $a - b = c - d$, then $a - c = b - d.$
- (25) $a = a + (b - b).$
- (26) $a = (a + b) - b.$
- (27) $a = (a - b) + b.$
- (28) $a + c = a + b + (c - b).$
- (29) $(a + b) - c = (a - c) + b.$
- (30) $(a - b) + c = (c - b) + a.$
- (31) $a + c = (a + b) - (b - c).$
- (32) $a - c = (a + b) - (c + b).$
- (33) If $a + b = c + d$, then $a - c = d - b.$
- (34) If $a - c = d - b$, then $a + b = c + d.$
- (35) If $a + b = c - d$, then $a + d = c - b.$
- (36) $a - (b + c) = a - b - c.$
- (37) $a - (b - c) = (a - b) + c.$
- (38) $a - (b - c) = a + (c - b).$
- (39) $a - c = (a - b) + (b - c).$
- (40) $a \cdot (b - c) = a \cdot b - a \cdot c.$
- (41) $(a - b) \cdot (c - d) = (b - a) \cdot (d - c).$
- (42) $(a - b - c) \cdot d = a \cdot d - b \cdot d - c \cdot d.$
- (43) $((a + b) - c) \cdot d = (a \cdot d + b \cdot d) - c \cdot d.$
- (44) $((a - b) + c) \cdot d = (a \cdot d - b \cdot d) + c \cdot d.$
- (45) $(a + b) \cdot (c - d) = ((a \cdot c - a \cdot d) + b \cdot c) - b \cdot d.$
- (46) $(a - b) \cdot (c + d) = (a \cdot c + a \cdot d) - b \cdot c - b \cdot d.$
- (47) $(a - b) \cdot (e - d) = (a \cdot e - a \cdot d - b \cdot e) + b \cdot d.$
- (48) $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{b}.$
- (49) $\frac{a}{0} = 0.$
- (50) If $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} \neq 0.$
- (51) If $b \neq 0$, then $a = \frac{a}{b} \cdot b.$
- (52) If $a \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{a} = 1.$
- (53) If $c \neq 0$ and $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{c}$, then $a = b.$

- (54) If $\frac{a}{b} \neq 0$, then $b = \frac{a}{\frac{a}{b}}$.
- (55) If $c \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\frac{a}{c}}{\frac{b}{c}}$.
- (56) $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{a}} = a$.
- (57) $\frac{1}{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{b}{a}$.
- (58) If $\frac{a}{b} = 1$, then $a = b$.
- (59) If $\frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{b}$, then $a = b$.
- (60) If $a \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{a} = 1$.
- (61) If $b \neq 0$ and $\frac{b}{a} = b$, then $a = 1$.
- (62) If $a \neq 0$, then $\frac{1}{a} \neq 0$.
- (63) $\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a+b}{c}$.
- (64) $\frac{a+b+e}{d} = \frac{a}{d} + \frac{b}{d} + \frac{e}{d}$.
- (65) $\frac{a+a}{2} = a$.
- (66) $\frac{a}{2} + \frac{a}{2} = a$.
- (67) If $a = \frac{a+b}{2}$, then $a = b$.
- (68) $\frac{a+a+a}{3} = a$.
- (69) $\frac{a}{3} + \frac{a}{3} + \frac{a}{3} = a$.
- (70) $\frac{a+a+a+a}{4} = a$.
- (71) $\frac{a}{4} + \frac{a}{4} + \frac{a}{4} + \frac{a}{4} = a$.
- (72) $\frac{a}{4} + \frac{a}{4} = \frac{a}{2}$.
- (73) $\frac{a+a}{4} = \frac{a}{2}$.
- (74) If $a \cdot b = 1$, then $a = \frac{1}{b}$.
- (75) $a \cdot \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a \cdot b}{c}$.
- (76) $\frac{a}{b} \cdot e = \frac{e}{b} \cdot a$.
- (77) $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a \cdot c}{b \cdot d}$.
- (78) $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{a \cdot c}{b}$.
- (79) $\frac{a}{b \cdot c} = \frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c}$.
- (80) $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = a \cdot \frac{c}{b}$.
- (81) $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{c}{b} \cdot a$.
- (82) $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{e} = e \cdot \frac{a}{b}$.
- (83) $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot c$.
- (84) $\frac{\frac{a \cdot b}{c \cdot d}}{e} = \frac{\frac{a \cdot b}{c \cdot d}}{e}$.

- (85) $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{a \cdot d}{b \cdot c}$.
- (86) $\frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{b}{d} = \frac{a}{d} \cdot \frac{b}{c}$.
- (87) $\frac{\frac{a}{b \cdot c \cdot \frac{d}{e}}}{f} = \frac{e}{c} \cdot \frac{a}{b \cdot d}$.
- (88) If $b \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} \cdot b = a$.
- (89) If $b \neq 0$, then $a = a \cdot \frac{b}{b}$.
- (90) If $b \neq 0$, then $a = \frac{a \cdot b}{b}$.
- (91) If $b \neq 0$, then $a \cdot c = a \cdot b \cdot \frac{c}{b}$.
- (92) If $c \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a \cdot c}{b \cdot c}$.
- (93) If $c \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{b \cdot c} \cdot c$.
- (94) If $b \neq 0$, then $a \cdot c = \frac{a \cdot b}{\frac{c}{b}}$.
- (95) If $c \neq 0$ and $d \neq 0$ and $a \cdot c = b \cdot d$, then $\frac{a}{d} = \frac{b}{c}$.
- (96) If $c \neq 0$ and $d \neq 0$ and $\frac{a}{d} = \frac{b}{c}$, then $a \cdot c = b \cdot d$.
- (97) If $c \neq 0$ and $d \neq 0$ and $a \cdot c = \frac{b}{d}$, then $a \cdot d = \frac{b}{c}$.
- (98) If $c \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} = c \cdot \frac{a}{b \cdot c}$.
- (99) If $c \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{b}$.
- (100) $a \cdot \frac{1}{b} = \frac{a}{b}$.
- (101) $\frac{a}{\frac{1}{b}} = a \cdot b$.
- (102) $\frac{a}{b} \cdot c = \frac{1}{b} \cdot c \cdot a$.
- (103) $\frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{a \cdot b}$.
- (104) $\frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{b \cdot c}$.
- (105) $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{a}{c}$.
- (106) $\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{a}{b}$.
- (107) If $a \neq 0$, then $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$.
- (108) If $b \neq 0$, then $a = a \cdot b \cdot \frac{1}{b}$.
- (109) If $b \neq 0$, then $a = a \cdot (\frac{1}{b} \cdot b)$.
- (110) If $b \neq 0$, then $a = a \cdot \frac{1}{b} \cdot b$.
- (111) If $b \neq 0$, then $a = \frac{a}{b \cdot \frac{1}{b}}$.
- (112) If $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $\frac{1}{a \cdot b} \neq 0$.
- (113) If $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{a} = 1$.
- (114) If $b \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} + c = \frac{a + b \cdot c}{b}$.
- (115) If $c \neq 0$, then $a + b = c \cdot (\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c})$.

- (116) If $c \neq 0$, then $a + b = \frac{a \cdot c + b \cdot c}{c}$.
- (117) If $b \neq 0$ and $d \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a \cdot d + c \cdot b}{b \cdot d}$.
- (118) If $a \neq 0$, then $a + b = a \cdot (1 + \frac{b}{a})$.
- (119) $\frac{a}{2 \cdot b} + \frac{a}{2 \cdot b} = \frac{a}{b}$.
- (120) $\frac{a}{3 \cdot b} + \frac{a}{3 \cdot b} + \frac{a}{3 \cdot b} = \frac{a}{b}$.
- (121) $\frac{a}{c} - \frac{b}{c} = \frac{a-b}{c}$.
- (122) $a - \frac{a}{2} = \frac{a}{2}$.
- (123) $\frac{a-b-c}{d} = \frac{a}{d} - \frac{b}{d} - \frac{c}{d}$.
- (124) If $b \neq 0$ and $d \neq 0$ and $b \neq d$ and $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{e}{d}$, then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a-e}{b-d}$.
- (125) $\frac{(a+b)-e}{d} = (\frac{a}{d} + \frac{b}{d}) - \frac{e}{d}$.
- (126) $\frac{(a-b)+e}{d} = (\frac{a}{d} - \frac{b}{d}) + \frac{e}{d}$.
- (127) If $b \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} - e = \frac{a-e \cdot b}{b}$.
- (128) If $b \neq 0$, then $c - \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c \cdot b - a}{b}$.
- (129) If $c \neq 0$, then $a - b = c \cdot (\frac{a}{c} - \frac{b}{c})$.
- (130) If $c \neq 0$, then $a - b = \frac{a \cdot c - b \cdot c}{c}$.
- (131) If $b \neq 0$ and $d \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a \cdot d - c \cdot b}{b \cdot d}$.
- (132) If $a \neq 0$, then $a - b = a \cdot (1 - \frac{b}{a})$.
- (133) If $a \neq 0$, then $c = \frac{(a \cdot c + b) - b}{a}$.
- (134) If $-a = -b$, then $a = b$.
- (135) If $-a = 0$, then $a = 0$.
- (136) If $a + -b = 0$, then $a = b$.
- (137) $a = a + b + -b$.
- (138) $a = a + (b + -b)$.
- (139) $a = -b + a + b$.
- (140) $-(a + b) = -a + -b$.
- (141) $-(-a + b) = a + -b$.
- (142) $a + b = -(-a + -b)$.
- (143) $-(a - b) = b - a$.
- (144) $-a - b = -b - a$.
- (145) $a = -b - (-a - b)$.
- (146) $-a - b - c = -a - c - b$.
- (147) $-a - b - c = -b - c - a$.
- (148) $-a - b - c = -c - b - a$.

- (149) $c - a - (c - b) = -(a - b)$.
- (150) $0 - a = -a$.
- (151) $a + b = a - -b$.
- (152) $a = a - (b + -b)$.
- (153) If $a - c = b + -c$, then $a = b$.
- (154) If $c - a = c + -b$, then $a = b$.
- (155) $(a + b) - c = -c + a + b$.
- (156) $(a - b) + c = -b + c + a$.
- (157) $a - (-b - c) = a + b + c$.
- (158) $a - b - c = (-b - c) + a$.
- (159) $a - b - c = (-c + a) - b$.
- (160) $a - b - c = (-c - b) + a$.
- (161) $-(a + b) = -b - a$.
- (162) $-(a - b) = -a + b$.
- (163) $-(-a + b) = a - b$.
- (164) $a + b = -(-a - b)$.
- (165) $(-a + b) - c = (-c + b) - a$.
- (166) $(-a + b) - c = (-c - a) + b$.
- (167) $-(a + b + c) = -a - b - c$.
- (168) $-((a + b) - c) = (-a - b) + c$.
- (169) $-((a - b) + c) = (-a + b) - c$.
- (170) $-(a - b - c) = -a + b + c$.
- (171) $-(-a + b + c) = a - b - c$.
- (172) $-((-a + b) - c) = (a - b) + c$.
- (173) $-((-a - b) + c) = (a + b) - c$.
- (174) $-(-a - b - c) = a + b + c$.
- (175) $(-a) \cdot b = -a \cdot b$.
- (176) $(-a) \cdot b = a \cdot -b$.
- (177) $(-a) \cdot -b = a \cdot b$.
- (178) $-a \cdot -b = a \cdot b$.
- (179) $-(-a) \cdot b = a \cdot b$.
- (180) $(-1) \cdot a = -a$.
- (181) $(-a) \cdot -1 = a$.
- (182) If $b \neq 0$ and $a \cdot b = -b$, then $a = -1$.

- (183) If $a \cdot a = 1$, then $a = 1$ or $a = -1$.
- (184) $-a + 2 \cdot a = a$.
- (185) $(a - b) \cdot c = (b - a) \cdot -c$.
- (186) $(a - b) \cdot c = -(b - a) \cdot c$.
- (187) $a - 2 \cdot a = -a$.
- (188) $-\frac{a}{b} = \frac{-a}{b}$.
- (189) $\frac{a}{-b} = -\frac{a}{b}$.
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- (192) $\frac{-a}{-b} = \frac{a}{b}$.
- (193) $\frac{-a}{b} = \frac{a}{-b}$.
- (194) $-a = \frac{a}{-1}$.
- (195) $a = \frac{-a}{-1}$.
- (196) If $\frac{a}{b} = -1$, then $a = -b$ and $b = -a$.
- (197) If $b \neq 0$ and $\frac{b}{a} = -b$, then $a = -1$.
- (198) If $a \neq 0$, then $\frac{-a}{a} = -1$.
- (199) If $a \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{-a} = -1$.
- (200) If $a \neq 0$ and $a = \frac{1}{a}$, then $a = 1$ or $a = -1$.
- (201) If $b \neq 0$ and $d \neq 0$ and $b \neq -d$ and $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{e}{d}$, then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a+e}{b+d}$.
- (202) If $a^{-1} = b^{-1}$, then $a = b$.
- (203) If $a^{-1} = 0$, then $a = 0$.
- (204) If $b \neq 0$, then $a = a \cdot b \cdot b^{-1}$.
- (205) $a^{-1} \cdot b^{-1} = (a \cdot b)^{-1}$.
- (206) $(a \cdot b^{-1})^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot b$.
- (207) $(a^{-1} \cdot b^{-1})^{-1} = a \cdot b$.
- (208) If $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $a \cdot b^{-1} \neq 0$.
- (209) If $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $a^{-1} \cdot b^{-1} \neq 0$.
- (210) If $a \cdot b^{-1} = 1$, then $a = b$.
- (211) If $a \cdot b = 1$, then $a = b^{-1}$.
- (213)¹ If $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $a^{-1} + b^{-1} = (a + b) \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1}$.
- (214) If $a \neq 0$ and $b \neq 0$, then $a^{-1} - b^{-1} = (b - a) \cdot (a \cdot b)^{-1}$.
- (215) $(\frac{a}{b})^{-1} = \frac{b}{a}$.
- (216) $\frac{a^{-1}}{b^{-1}} = \frac{b}{a}$.

¹ The proposition (212) has been removed.

(217) $\frac{1}{a} = a^{-1}$.

(218) $\frac{1}{a^{-1}} = a$.

(219) $(\frac{1}{a})^{-1} = a$.

(220) If $\frac{1}{a} = b^{-1}$, then $a = b$.

(221) $\frac{a}{b^{-1}} = a \cdot b$.

(222) $a^{-1} \cdot \frac{c}{b} = \frac{c}{a \cdot b}$.

(223) $\frac{a^{-1}}{b} = (a \cdot b)^{-1}$.

(224) $(-a)^{-1} = -a^{-1}$.

(225) If $a \neq 0$ and $a = a^{-1}$, then $a = 1$ or $a = -1$.

2. APPENDIX

One can prove the following propositions:

(226) $(a + b + c) - b = a + c$.

(227) $(a - b) + c + b = a + c$.

(228) $(a + b) - c - b = a - c$.

(229) $(a - b - c) + b = a - c$.

(230) $a - a - b = -b$.

(231) $(-a + a) - b = -b$.

(232) $a - b - a = -b$.

(233) $(-a - b) + a = -b$.

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