

The topology of the extended complex plane

$\varphi: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow S \setminus \{N\}$ is the stereographic projection, where $(S): X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 - Z = 0$ is the Riemann sphere, $N(0,0,1)$ is the north pole.

$$\varphi(z) = \left(\underbrace{\frac{\operatorname{Re} z}{|z|^2 + 1}}_X, \underbrace{\frac{\operatorname{Im} z}{|z|^2 + 1}}_Y, \underbrace{\frac{|z|^2}{|z|^2 + 1}}_Z \right), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$$\{P(X,Y,Z)\} = NM \cap S, \quad M(x,y,0) \in XOY, \quad z = x+iy.$$

We consider the stereographic proj. of the north pole to be the point at infinity:

$N(0,0,1) \mapsto \infty \notin \mathbb{C}$
and thus we obtain the extended complex plane

$$\mathbb{C}_\infty = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}.$$

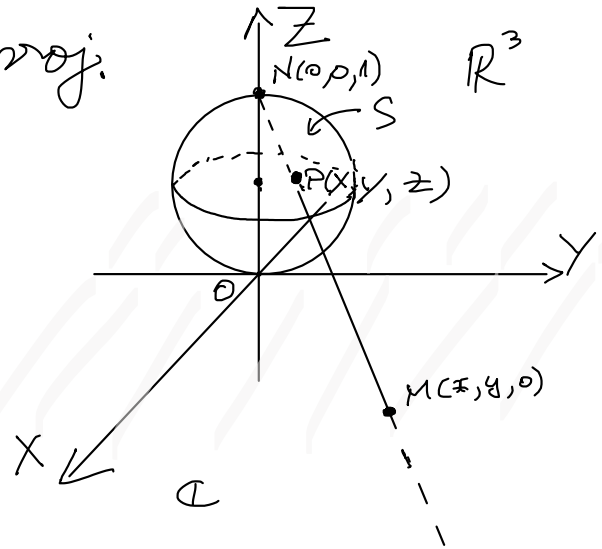
$$\tilde{\varphi}: \mathbb{C}_\infty \rightarrow S, \quad \tilde{\varphi}(z) = \begin{cases} \varphi(z), & z \in \mathbb{C} \\ (0,0,1), & z = \infty \end{cases}$$

is bijective function called the stereogr. proj. of the extended complex plane \mathbb{C}_∞ .

Def.: $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_\infty$ is a neighborhood of ∞ , if $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| > r\} \cup \{\infty\} \subseteq V$.

$V \subseteq \mathbb{C}_\infty$ is a neighborhood of $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, if $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| < r\} \subseteq V$.

Notation: $\mathcal{V}(z)$ the family of neighborhoods of $z \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$.



If $P(X, Y, Z) = \tilde{\varphi}(z) \in S \setminus \{N\}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$, then the Euclidean distance between N and P is

$$\begin{aligned} \|NP\| &= \sqrt{(X-0)^2 + (Y-0)^2 + (Z-1)^2} = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2 + \underbrace{Z^2 - 2Z + 1}_Z} = \sqrt{1-Z} \\ &= \sqrt{1 - \frac{|z|^2}{|z|^2 + 1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|z|^2 + 1}}. \end{aligned}$$

For, $|z| > r \iff \|NP\| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + 1}}$.

! $V \in \mathcal{V}(\infty) \iff \tilde{\varphi}(V)$ is a neighborhood of N on S .

! If $(z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence in \mathbb{C} , then:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = \infty$ $\iff \forall V \in \mathcal{V}(\infty) \exists n_V \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $z_n \in V, n \geq n_V$

$\iff \forall r > 0 \exists n_r \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $|z_n| > r, n \geq n_r$

$\iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{|z_n|}_{\in \mathbb{R}} = \infty \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|z_n|} = 0$

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Def.: For $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$, let $d_c(z_1, z_2) = \|P_1 P_2\|$
 $= \sqrt{(X_1 - X_2)^2 + (Y_1 - Y_2)^2 + (Z_1 - Z_2)^2}$
 where $P_j(X_j, Y_j, Z_j) = \tilde{\varphi}(z_j)$, $j \in \{1, 2\}$.

$d_c: \mathbb{C}_\infty \times \mathbb{C}_\infty \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called the chordal metric on \mathbb{C}_∞ .

$$d_c(z_1, z_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{\sqrt{|z_1|^2 + 1} \sqrt{|z_2|^2 + 1}}, & z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{|z|^2 + 1}}, & z_1 = z \in \mathbb{C}, z_2 = \infty \text{ or } z_1 = \infty, z_2 = z \in \mathbb{C} \\ 0, & z_1 = z_2 = \infty. \end{cases}$$

! $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = \infty \iff d_c(z_n, \infty) \rightarrow 0$.

• $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z \in \mathbb{C} \iff d_c(z_n, z) \rightarrow 0$.

! (\mathbb{C}_∞, d_c) is a complete metric space.

Def.: A generalised circle in \mathbb{C}_∞ is either a (usual) circle or a line.

The stereogr. proj. of a circle in S is a generalised circle in \mathbb{C}_∞ : • if the circle passes through N , then it's stereographic proj. is a line;
• if the circle is not passing through N , then it's stereogr. proj. is a circle

So, the lines are gen. circles passing through ∞ .

Complex functions of a complex variable

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$.

Def.: $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called a complex function of a complex variable. We denote:

- $\operatorname{Re} f = u$ and $\operatorname{Im} f = v$,
where $u, v: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

- $f = u + iv$, $f(z) = u(z) + i v(z)$, $z \in A$.

Def.: Let $z_0 \in A'$ ($\exists (z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset A \setminus \{z_0\}$, $z_n \rightarrow z_0$) and $l \in \mathbb{C}$.

f has limit l at z_0 ($\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = l$), if:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } \forall z \in A \text{ with } 0 < |z - z_0| < \delta: |f(z) - l| < \varepsilon.$$

$$\nabla \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = l \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \operatorname{Re} f(z) = \operatorname{Re} l \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \operatorname{Im} f(z) = \operatorname{Im} l. \end{cases}$$

Def.: Let $z_0 \in A'$. f has limit ∞ at z_0 ($\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = \infty$),

if: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall z \in A$ with $0 < |z - z_0| < \delta$: $|f(z)| > \varepsilon$.

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Def.: Let $\infty \in A'$ ($\exists (z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset A$ s.t. $z_n \rightarrow \infty$) and $l \in \mathbb{C}$.
 f has limit l at ∞ ($\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = l$), if: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$ s.t.
 $\forall z \in A$ with $|z| > \delta: |f(z) - l| < \varepsilon$.
 f has limit ∞ at ∞ ($\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = \infty$), if: $\forall \varepsilon > 0,$
 $\exists \delta > 0$ s.t. $\forall z \in A$ with $|z| > \delta: |f(z)| > \varepsilon$.

! $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right).$

• $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| = 0.$

• $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = \infty \Leftrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| = \infty.$

• $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = l \in \mathbb{C} \Leftrightarrow \forall (z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset A$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z_0:$
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(z_n) = l.$

Def.: Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}, z_0 \in A \cap A'$ and $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.
 f is continuous at z_0 , if $\exists \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0)$.
 $\nexists z_0 \in A \setminus A'$ (z_0 is isolated), then $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is
cont. at z_0 .

f is continuous on A , if f is cont. at any $z_0 \in A$.

! f is cont. at z_0 $\Leftrightarrow u = \operatorname{Re} f, v = \operatorname{Im} f$
are cont. at z_0 .

! The usual operations for cont. real functions
hold for continuous complex functions.