

# Translational Geometry

eg Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be all transformations of  $\mathbb{C}$  which are translations, i.e. transformations of the form  $Tz = z + b$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ . This  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{T})$  is called the translational geometry and is a non-euclidean geometry.

Let's verify that  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{T})$  is a geometry.

①  $\text{id} \in \mathcal{T}$ :  $\text{id}: z \rightarrow z$   
 $\text{id}(z) = z + (0 + 0i)$   
 $\text{id} \in \mathcal{T}$ .

② We show that for  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $T^{-1}$  exists and  $T^{-1} \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Let  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ , so  $Tz = z + b$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Define  $T^{-1}$  by  $T^{-1}z = z - b$ . Then  $T^{-1}z = z + (-b)$

So  $T^{-1} \in \mathcal{T}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Next } (T \circ T^{-1})z &= T(T^{-1}z) = T(z-b) = (z-b)+b \\ &= z + (-b+b) \\ &= z + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(T \circ T^{-1})z = z$$

$$T \circ T^{-1} = \text{id}$$

Since  $T$  was arbitrary  $T^{-1}$  exists and  $T^{-1} \in \mathcal{T}$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ .

③ Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{T}$ ,  $T_1 z = z + b_1$ ,  $T_2 z = z + b_2$  for some  $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $(T_1 \circ T_2)z$

$$\begin{aligned} (T_1 \circ T_2)z &= T_1(T_2 z) = T_1(z + b_2) = (z + b_2) + b_1 \\ &= z + (b_2 + b_1). \end{aligned}$$

But  $b_2 + b_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ , so

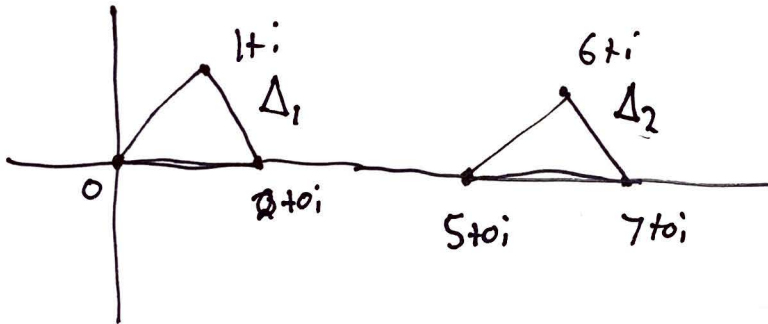
$T_1 \circ T_2$  is of the form  $z + b$ , hence

$$T_1 \circ T_2 \in \mathcal{T}.$$

Finally, the above shows that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a transformation group, and  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{T})$  is a model of a geometry.

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Let  $\Delta_1$  be <sup>the</sup> triangle with vertices  $0+0i$ ,  $1+i$ , and  $2+0i$ , and  $\Delta_2$  be the triangle with vertices  $5+0i$ ,  $6+i$ , and  $7+0i$ .



Claim:  $\Delta_1 \cong \Delta_2$  in  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{T})$ .

To show this claim, we must find a  $T \in \mathcal{T}$

so that  $T(\Delta_1) = \Delta_2$ .

Let  $Tz = z + (5+0i)$ .

$$T(0) = 5+0i$$

$$T(1+i) = 6+i$$

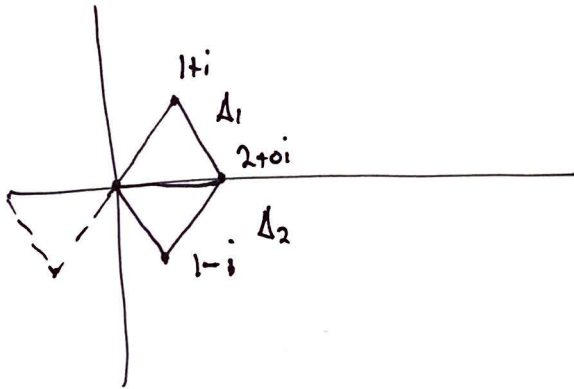
$$T(2+0i) = 7+0i$$

so  $T\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$

thus  $\Delta_1 \cong \Delta_2$  in  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{T})$ .

and in  
 $(\mathbb{C}, E_S)$   
 $(\mathbb{C}, E)$ .

eg] Let  $\Delta_3$  be the triangle with vertices  $0$ ,  $2+0i$ , and  $1-i$ .



There is no  $T \in \mathcal{T}$  so that  $T\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$

thus  $\Delta_1 \not\cong \Delta_2$  in  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{T})$ .

However  $\exists T_2 z = \bar{z}$  for  $T\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$

so  $\Delta_1 \cong \Delta_2$  in  $(\mathbb{C}, E)$ .

$\mathcal{T} \subseteq E_s \subseteq E$ .