

# Complex Number and its Conjugate in Continued Fraction

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**ABSTRACT:** For any equation complex roots occur in pairs. For finding a root of the equation in continued fractions algorithms are available. But to get complex roots in continued fraction no such procedure so far we have. Here, in this paper if  $\alpha + i\beta$  has a representation in continued fractions we try to find its conjugate  $\alpha - i\beta$  in terms of continued fractions. This will be useful in finding complex roots of a quadratic equations in continued fraction.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

An expression of the form

$$a_0 + \frac{e_0}{a_1 + \frac{e_1}{a_2 + \frac{e_2}{a_3 + \frac{e_3}{\ddots + \frac{e_n}{a_n + \ddots}}}}}$$

Where  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  are in  $Z(i)$  and  $e_i$ 's are units of complex numbers. Therefore  $e_k \in \{1, -1, i, -i\}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is known as a complex continued fraction.[1,2,3,4]

Therefore  $a_0 + \frac{e_1}{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + \frac{e_n}{a_n}}$  is known as finite complex continued fraction and an expression

$$a_0 + \frac{e_1}{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + \frac{e_n}{a_n + a_{n+1} + \dots}}$$

as an infinite complex continued fraction. In a finite or infinite complex continued fraction  $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  are called the partial quotients where as  $e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots$  are known as the partial numerators.

### 1. Algorithm of complex continued fraction:[3,4]

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Let  $x \in C$ . Suppose we wish to find continued fraction expansion of  $X$ , take  $x_0 = \text{Re}(x) + i \text{Im}(x)$ .

Let  $a = \text{Re}(x) - [\text{Re}(x)]$  and  $b = \text{Im}(x) - [\text{Im}(x)]$  so that  $a < 0$  and  $b < 0$ .

Now  $[x_0] = [\text{Re}(x)] + i[\text{Im}(x)] + \alpha$ , a floor function.

$$\text{Where } \alpha = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a + b < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } a + b \geq 1 \text{ with } a \geq b \\ i & \text{if } a + b \geq 1 \text{ with } a < b \end{cases}$$

Set  $a_0 = [x_0]$ . Then  $x_1 = \frac{1}{x_0 - [x_0]}$  and

$$[x_1] = [\text{Re}(x_1)] + i[\text{Im}(x_1)] + \alpha.$$

Again set  $a_1 = [x_1]$ . Then  $x_2 = \frac{1}{x_1 - [x_1]}$  and

$$[x_2] = [\text{Re}(x_2)] + i[\text{Im}(x_2)] + \alpha, a_2 = [x_2] \text{ Then}$$

$x_3 = \frac{1}{x_2 - [x_2]}$  and  $[x_3] = [\text{Re}(x_3)] + i[\text{Im}(x_3)] + \alpha,$

$$a_3 = [x_3] \dots a_{k-1} = [x_{k-1}].$$

Then  $x_k = \frac{1}{x_{k-1} - [x_{k-1}]}$  and

$$[x_k] = [\text{Re}(x_k)] + i[\text{Im}(x_k)] + \alpha \text{ and } a_k = [x_k].$$

The algorithm terminates if the complex continued fraction is finite otherwise it is no terminating.

### Theorem

If the complex continued fraction of

$$\alpha + i\beta = \langle \alpha_0 + i\beta_0, \alpha_1 + i\beta_1, \alpha_2 + i\beta_2, \alpha_3 + i\beta_3,$$

$$\alpha_4 + i\beta_4, \dots \rangle$$

such that  $\alpha, \beta \in Q$  the set of all rational numbers then the complex continued fraction of

$$\alpha - i\beta = \langle \alpha_0 - i\beta_0, \alpha_1 - i\beta_1, \alpha_2 + i\beta_2, \alpha_3 + i\beta_3,$$

$$\alpha_4 + i\beta_4, \dots \rangle \text{ where}$$

$\alpha_i, \beta_i$ 's are integers.

### Proof:



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Taking  $\alpha_k + i\beta_k = c_k, k = 0,1,2,3,\dots$ ,

$$\alpha + i\beta = \langle c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, \dots \rangle$$

Then the successive convergent of this complex continued

fraction is denoted by  $\frac{p_0}{q_0}, \frac{p_1}{q_1}, \frac{p_2}{q_2}, \frac{p_3}{q_3}, \frac{p_4}{q_4}, \dots$  in which

either the third or fourth convergent gives the desired solution.

$$\text{Now } \frac{p_0}{q_0} = c_0, \quad \frac{p_1}{q_1} = \langle c_0, c_1 \rangle = \frac{c_0 c_1 + 1}{c_1}$$

$$\frac{p_2}{q_2} = \langle c_0, c_1, c_2 \rangle = \frac{c_0 c_1 c_2 + c_0 + c_2}{c_1 c_2 + 1}$$

$$\frac{p_3}{q_3} = \langle c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle = \frac{c_0 c_1 c_2 c_3 + c_0 c_1 + c_0 c_3 + c_2 c_3 + 1}{c_1 c_2 c_3 + c_1 + c_3}$$

$$\frac{p_4}{q_4} = \langle c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \rangle$$

$$\frac{c_0 c_1 c_2 c_3 c_4 + c_0 c_1 c_2 + c_0 c_1 c_4 + c_0 c_3 c_4 + c_2 c_3 c_4 + c_0 + c_2 + c_4}{c_1 c_2 c_3 c_4 + c_1 c_2 + c_1 c_4 + c_3 c_4 + 1}$$

Taking  $c_k = \alpha_k + i\beta_k, k = 0,1,2,3,\dots$ , then

For every  $i, j = 0,1,2,3,\dots$

$$c_i c_j = (\alpha_i \alpha_j - \beta_i \beta_j) + i(\alpha_i \beta_j - \beta_i \alpha_j)$$

For every  $i, j, l = 0,1,2,3,\dots$

$$c_i c_j c_l = (\alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_l - \alpha_i \beta_j \beta_l - \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_l - \beta_i \beta_j \alpha_l) + i(\beta_i \alpha_j \alpha_l - \beta_i \beta_j \beta_l + \alpha_i \beta_j \alpha_l + \alpha_i \alpha_j \beta_l)$$

For every  $i, j, l, m = 0,1,2,3,\dots$

$$c_i c_j c_l c_m = (\alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \alpha_m - \alpha_i \beta_j \beta_l \alpha_m - \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_l \alpha_m - \beta_i \beta_j \alpha_l \alpha_m - \beta_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \beta_m + \beta_i \beta_j \beta_l \beta_m - \alpha_i \beta_j \alpha_l \beta_m - \alpha_i \alpha_j \beta_l \beta_m) + i(\beta_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \alpha_m - \beta_i \beta_j \beta_l \alpha_m + \alpha_i \beta_j \alpha_l \alpha_m + \alpha_i \alpha_j \beta_l \alpha_m + \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \beta_m - \alpha_i \beta_j \beta_l \beta_m - \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_l \beta_m - \beta_i \beta_j \alpha_l \beta_m)$$

For every  $i, j, l, m, n = 0,1,2,3,\dots$

$$c_i c_j c_l c_m c_n = (\alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \alpha_m \alpha_n - \alpha_i \alpha_j \beta_l \beta_m \alpha_n - \alpha_i \beta_j \alpha_l \beta_m \alpha_n - \alpha_i \beta_j \beta_l \alpha_m \alpha_n - \alpha_i \beta_j \beta_l \alpha_m \beta_n + \alpha_i \beta_j \beta_l \beta_m \beta_n - \alpha_i \alpha_j \beta_l \alpha_m \beta_n - \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \beta_m \beta_n - \beta_i \beta_j \alpha_l \alpha_m \alpha_n + \beta_i \beta_j \beta_l \beta_m \alpha_n - \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_l \alpha_m \alpha_n - \beta_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \beta_m \alpha_n - \beta_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \beta_m \beta_n + \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_l \beta_m \beta_n + \beta_i \beta_j \beta_l \alpha_m \beta_n) + i(\alpha_i \beta_j \alpha_l \alpha_m \alpha_n - \alpha_i \beta_j \beta_l \beta_m \alpha_n + \alpha_i \alpha_j \beta_l \alpha_m \alpha_n + \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \beta_m \alpha_n + \alpha_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \alpha_m \beta_n - \alpha_i \alpha_j \beta_l \beta_m \beta_n - \alpha_i \beta_j \alpha_l \beta_m \beta_n - \alpha_i \beta_j \beta_l \alpha_m \beta_n + \beta_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \alpha_m \alpha_n - \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_l \beta_m \alpha_n - \beta_i \beta_j \alpha_l \beta_m \alpha_n - \beta_i \beta_j \beta_l \alpha_m \beta_n - \beta_i \alpha_j \beta_l \beta_m \beta_n - \beta_i \alpha_j \alpha_l \beta_m \beta_n)$$

## II. RESULT ANALYSIS:

Consider the complex numbers  $\alpha \pm i\beta = 1.1 \pm 0.9950i$

**Using Continued fraction algorithm:**

**Continued fraction of the complex number**

$$\alpha + i\beta = 1.1 + 0.9950i$$

Take  $x_0 = 1.1 + 0.9950i$

Then  $a = 1.1 - (1) = 0.1000$

and

$b = 0.9950 - (0) = 0.9950$

Therefore  $[x_0] = 1 + 0 + i = 1 + i \Rightarrow a_0 = 1 + i$ .

Now

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{(1.1 + 0.9950i) - (1 + i)} \Rightarrow x_1 = 9.9751 + 0.4988i$$

Round off the imaginary part to 0.5,  $x_1 = 9.9751 + 0.5i$

Then  $a = 9.9751 - (9) = 0.9751$

and

$b = 0.5 - (0) = 0.5$

Therefore  $[x_1] = 9 + 0 + 1 = 10 \Rightarrow a_1 = 10$ .

Again

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{(9.9751 + 0.5i) - (10)} \Rightarrow x_2 = -0.0993 - 1.9951i$$

Then  $a = -0.0993 - (-1) = 0.0007$  and  
 $b = -1.9951 - (-2) = 0.0049$

$$x_8 = \frac{1}{[(1.2233 - 2.8221i) - (1 - 3i)]}$$

Therefore  $[x_2] = -1 - 2i + 0 = -1 - 2i \Rightarrow a_2 = -1 - 2i$ .

$$\Rightarrow x_8 = 2.7395 - 2.1825i$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{[(-0.0993 - 1.9951i) - (-1 - 2i)]} \Rightarrow x_3 = 1.1102 - 0.0060i$$

Then  $a = 2.7395 - (2) = 0.7395$  and  
 $b = -2.1825 - (-3) = 0.8125$

Then  $a = 1.1102 - (1) = 0.1102$  and  
 $b = -0.0060 - (-1) = 0.9940$

Therefore  $[x_8] = 2 - 3i + i = 2 - 2i \Rightarrow a_8 = 2 - 2i$ .

**Continued fraction of the complex number**  
 $\alpha - i\beta = 1.1 - 0.9950i$

Therefore  $[x_3] = 1 - i + i = 1 \Rightarrow a_3 = 1$ .

Take  $x_0 = 1.1 - 0.9950i$

$$x_4 = \frac{1}{[(1.1102 - 0.0060i) - (1)]} \Rightarrow x_4 = 9.0476 + 0.4926i$$

Then  $a = 1.1 - (1) = 0.1000$   
and  $b = -0.9950 - (-1) = 0.0050$

Then  $a = 9.0476 - (9) = 0.0476$  and  
 $b = 0.4926 - (0) = 0.4926$

Therefore  $[x_0] = 1 - i + 0 = 1 - i \Rightarrow a_0 = 1 - i$ .

Therefore  $[x_4] = 9 + 0 + 0 = 9 \Rightarrow a_4 = 9$ .

Now

$$x_5 = \frac{1}{[(9.0476 + 0.4926i) - (9)]} \Rightarrow x_5 = 0.1943 - 2.0113i$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{[(1.1 - 0.9950i) - (1 - i)]} \Rightarrow x_1 = 9.9751 - 0.4988i$$

Round off the imaginary part to 0.5,  $x_1 = 9.9751 - 0.5i$

Then  $a = 0.1943 - (0) = 0.1943$  and  
 $b = -2.0113 - (-3) = 0.9887$

Then  $a = 9.9751 - (9) = 0.9751$  and  
 $b = -0.5 - (-1) = 0.5$

Therefore  $[x_5] = 0 - 3i + i = -2i \Rightarrow a_5 = -2i$

Therefore  $[x_1] = 9 - i + 1 = 10 - i \Rightarrow a_1 = 10 - i$ .

$$x_6 = \frac{1}{[(0.1943 - 2.0113i) - (-2i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_6 = 5.1293 + 0.2983i$$

Again

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{[(9.9751 - 0.5i) - (10 - i)]} \Rightarrow x_2 = -0.0993 - 1.9951i$$

Then  $a = 5.1293 - (5) = 0.1293$  and  
 $b = 0.2983 - (0) = 0.2983$

Then  $a = -0.0993 - (-1) = 0.0007$  and  
 $b = -1.9951 - (-2) = 0.0049$

Therefore  $[x_6] = 5 + 0 + 0 = 5 \Rightarrow a_6 = 5$ .

Therefore  $[x_2] = -1 - 2i + 0 = -1 - 2i \Rightarrow a_2 = -1 - 2i$ .

$$x_7 = \frac{1}{[(5.1293 + 0.2983i) - (5)]} \Rightarrow x_7 = 1.2233 - 2.8221i$$

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{[(-0.0993 - 1.9951i) - (-1 - 2i)]} \Rightarrow x_3 = 1.1102 - 0.0060i$$

Then  $a = 1.2233 - (1) = 0.2233$   
and  $b = -2.8221 - (-3) = 0.4012$

Then  $a = 1.1102 - (1) = 0.1102$  and  
 $b = -0.0060 - (-1) = 0.9940$

Therefore  $[x_7] = 1 - 3i + 0 = 1 - 3i \Rightarrow a_7 = 1 - 3i$ .

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Therefore  $[x_3]=1-i+i=1 \Rightarrow a_3=1$ .

$$x_4 = \frac{1}{[(1.1102 - 0.0060i) - (1)]} \Rightarrow x_4 = 9.0476 + 0.4926i$$

Then  $a=9.0476 - (9) = 0.0476$  and  
 $b=0.4926 - (0) = 0.4926$

Therefore  $[x_4]=9+0+0=7 \Rightarrow a_4=9$ .

$$x_5 = \frac{1}{[(9.0476 + 0.4926i) - (9)]} \Rightarrow x_5 = 0.1943 - 2.0113i$$

Then  $a=0.1943 - (0) = 0.1943$  and  
 $b=-2.0113 - (-3) = 0.9887$

Therefore  $[x_5]=0-3i+i=-2i \Rightarrow a_5=-2i$ .

$$x_6 = \frac{1}{[(0.1943 - 2.0113i) - (-2i)]} \Rightarrow x_6 = 5.1293 + 0.2983i$$

Then  $a=5.1293 - (5) = 0.1293$  and  
 $b=0.2983 - (0) = 0.2983$

Therefore  $[x_6]=5+0+0=5 \Rightarrow a_6=5$ .

$$x_7 = \frac{1}{[(5.1293 + 0.2983i) - (5)]} \Rightarrow x_7 = 1.2233 - 2.8221i$$

Then  $a=1.2233 - (1) = 0.2233$   
 and  $b=-2.8221 - (-3) = 0.4012$

Therefore  $[x_7]=1-3i+0=1-3i \Rightarrow a_7=1-3i$ .

$$x_8 = \frac{1}{[(1.2233 - 2.8221i) - (1-3i)]} \Rightarrow x_8 = 2.7395 - 2.1825i$$

Then  $a=2.7395 - (2) = 0.7395$  and  
 $b=-2.1825 - (-3) = 0.8125$

Therefore  $[x_8]=2-3i+i=2-2i \Rightarrow a_8=2-2i$ .

Therefore the continued fraction of the complex number and its conjugate is

$$1.1 + 0.9950i = \langle 1+i, 10, -1-2i, 1, 9, -2i, 5, 1-3i, 2-2i, \dots \rangle$$

and

$$1.1 - 0.9950i = \langle 1-i, 10-i, -1-2i, 1, 9, -2i, 5, 1-3i, 2-2i, \dots \rangle$$

**Using theorem we can identify the complex number of the above continued fraction**

Consider the continued fraction

$$\left[ 1+i, 10, -1-2i, 1, 9, -2i, 5, 1-3i, 2-2i, \dots \right]$$

Here

$$\alpha_0 = 1, \alpha_1 = 10, \alpha_2 = -1, \alpha_3 = 1, \alpha_4 = 9, \alpha_5 = 0, \dots$$

$$\beta_0 = 1, \beta_1 = 0, \beta_2 = -2, \beta_3 = 0, \beta_4 = 0, \beta_5 = -2, \dots$$

Then  $\frac{p_0}{q_0} = 1+i$

$$\frac{p_1}{q_1} = \frac{11+i}{10} = 1.1 + 0.1i$$

$$\frac{p_2}{q_2} = \frac{-9-23i}{-9-20i} = 1.1247 + 0.0561i$$

$$\frac{p_3}{q_3} = \frac{2-22i}{1-20i} = 1.1022 + 0.0448i$$

$$\frac{p_4}{q_4} = \frac{9-22i}{-200i} = 1.105 + 0.045i$$

$$\frac{p_5}{q_5} = \frac{-440-40i}{-399} = 1.1 + 0.1003i$$

which is approximately equal to the complex number  $1.1 + 0.9950i$

Next to consider the continued fraction

$$\left[ 1-i, 10-i, -1-2i, 1, 9, -2i, 5, 1-3i, 2-2i, \dots \right]$$

Here

$$\alpha_0 = 1, \alpha_1 = 10, \alpha_2 = -1, \alpha_3 = 1, \alpha_4 = 9, \alpha_5 = 0, \dots$$

$$\beta_0 = -1, \beta_1 = -1, \beta_2 = -2, \beta_3 = 0, \beta_4 = 0, \beta_5 = -2, \dots$$



$$\text{Then } \frac{p_0}{q_0} = 1 - i$$

$$\frac{p_1}{q_1} = \frac{10 - 11i}{10 - i} = 1.0990 - 0.9900i$$

$$\frac{p_2}{q_2} = \frac{-31 - 10i}{-11 - 19i} = 1.1016 - 0.9938i$$

$$\frac{p_3}{q_3} = \frac{-21 - 21i}{-1 - 20i} = 1.0998 - 0.9950i$$

$$\frac{p_4}{q_4} = \frac{-220 - 199i}{-20 - 199i} = 1.0999 - 0.9950i$$

$$\frac{p_5}{q_5} = \frac{-419 + 419i}{-399 + 20i} = 1.0999 - 0.9950i$$

which is approximately equal to the complex conjugate  
 $1.1 - 0.9950i$

### III. CONCLUSION

Continued fraction method of solving a quadratic equation is a lengthy procedure. In this method the roots may have infinite or periodic representation. Also occurrences of complex roots for a quadratic equation is common. It is well known that complex roots occur in pairs. In this paper, an attempt has been made to represent a complex number and its conjugate in terms of continued fractions. In future, we transform that into finding complex roots of a quadratic equation.

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