

Cultivating Complex Analysis:
The geometry and topology of the plane (1.1.2)
Complex-valued functions (1.1.3)

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All these operations are defined in terms of operations on the real and imaginary parts which are continuous. Details left as exercise.

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