

Exercise 2

Sketch the set of points determined by the condition

$$(a) \operatorname{Re}(\bar{z} - i) = 2; \quad (b) |2\bar{z} + i| = 4.$$

Solution

Part (a)

$$\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z} - i) = 2$$

$$\frac{\bar{z} - i + \overline{\bar{z} - i}}{2} = 2$$

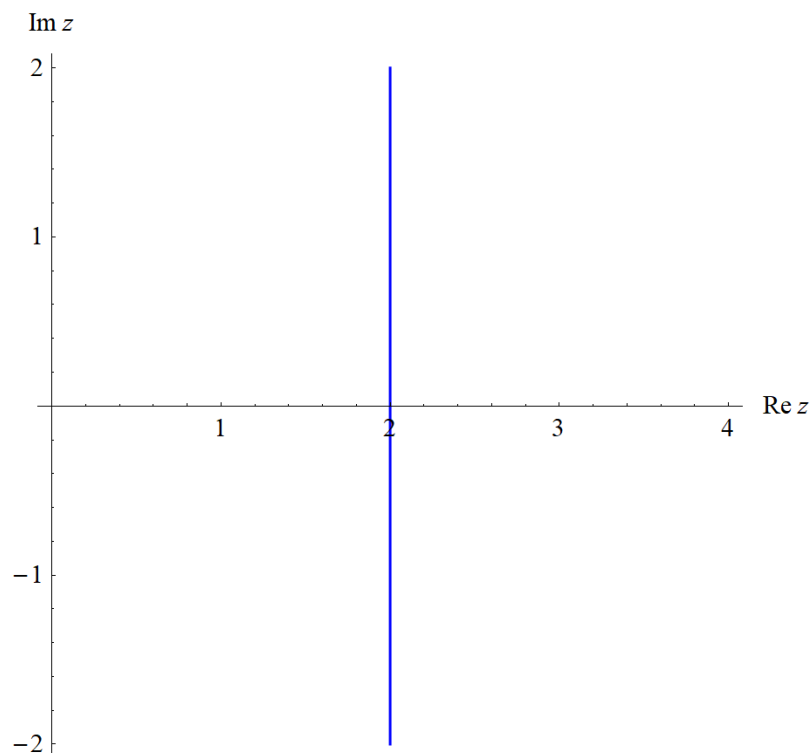
$$\frac{\bar{z} - i + \bar{\bar{z} - i}}{2} = 2$$

$$\frac{\bar{z} - i + z + i}{2} = 2$$

$$\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2} = 2$$

$$\operatorname{Re} z = 2$$

The graph is therefore a straight line.



Part (b)

$$|2\bar{z} + i| = 4$$

$$|\overline{2z - i}| = 4$$

$$|2z - i| = 4$$

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The graph is therefore a circle centered at $(0, 1/2)$ with radius $\sqrt{2}$.

