

Complex Variables

Chapter 1. Complex Numbers

Section 1.4. Vectors and Moduli—Proofs of Theorems

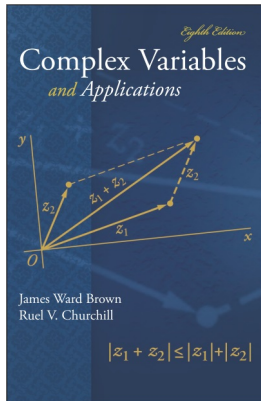


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