

-1.3. Complex Numbers -

Objectives.

- 1) Define i , a complex nbr, square root of negative nbrs.
- 2) Learn to do the operations & to simplify.
- 3) Learn to compute the powers of i .

Complex Nbrs:

$x^2 + 1 = 0$ has no real solutions.

We want to extend the real nbr system to include a solution of this equation.

We define $i = \sqrt{-1} \Rightarrow i^2 = -1$

Square Root of a Negative Number

If $a > 0$, we define

$$\sqrt{-a} = i\sqrt{a}$$

eg: $\sqrt{-9} = 3i, \sqrt{-5} = i\sqrt{5}$

Caution if $b < 0, c < 0, \sqrt{b}\sqrt{c} \neq \sqrt{bc}$

A complex number is an expression of form $a + bi$ for any $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

a : real part of this nbr

b = imaginary part

Exp	real nbr	Complex nbr	Real part	Imaginary part
$1 + 2i$	No	✓	1	2
-1	✓	✓	-1	0
$2i$	X	✓	0	2

So any real number is a complex nbr.

A nbr is pure imaginary if its real part is 0.
eg. $6i$, $-2i$

Operations on complex Numbers

$$(a+bi) + (c+di) = (a+c) + (b+d)i$$

Addition

$$(a+bi) - (c+di) = (a-c) + (b-d)i$$

Subtraction

$$(a+bi) \cdot (c+di) = ac + adi + bci + \underbrace{bd}_{-bd} i^2$$

$$= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

Exp 1 Perform & write in standard position

a) $(3+5i) + (4-2i)$

b) $(3+5i) - (5-4i)$

c) $(3+5i)(4-3i)$

a) $3 + 5i + 4 - 2i = 7 + 3i$

b) $3 + 5i - 5 + 4i = -2 + 9i$

c) $(3+5i)(4-3i) = 12 - 9i + 20i - 15i^2 = -1$
 $= 12 + 11i + 15 = \boxed{27 + 11i}$

Division of complex is like rationalizing the denominator of a radical expression.

The complex conjugate of $z = a + bi$ is $\bar{z} = a - bi$

$$\text{Eg: } z = 2 + 3i \Rightarrow \bar{z} = 2 - 3i$$

$$w = 3 - 5i \Rightarrow \bar{w} = 3 + 5i$$

$$s = 2 \Rightarrow \bar{s} = 2$$

$$t = 4i \Rightarrow \bar{t} = -i$$

Property :

If $z = a + bi$ then

$$z \cdot \bar{z} = (a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$$

To simplify the quotient $\frac{a + bi}{c + di}$,

1) Multiply the numerator & the denominator by the conjugate of the deno.

2) simplify.

$$\frac{a + bi}{c + di} = \frac{(a + bi)}{(c + di)} \cdot \frac{(c - di)}{(c - di)} = \frac{(ac + bd) + (bc - ad)i}{c^2 + d^2}$$

Ex . Write the quotient in standard form $a+bi$.

$$a) \frac{3+5i}{1-2i}$$

$$b) \frac{7+3i}{4i}$$

$$d) \frac{3}{i}$$

$$a) \frac{3+5i}{1-2i} \cdot \frac{1+2i}{1+2i} = \frac{3+6i+5i-10}{1^2+2^2} = \frac{-7+11i}{5}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{7}{5}\right) + \left(\frac{11}{5}\right)i$$

$$b) \frac{7+3i}{4i} \cdot \frac{(-i)}{(-i)} = \frac{-7i-3i^2}{-4i^2} = \frac{-7i+3}{-4(-1)} = \frac{3-7i}{4}$$

$$c) \frac{3}{i} \cdot \frac{-i}{-i} = \frac{-3i}{1} = -3i$$

Powers of i .

$$i^1 = i, \quad i^2 = -1, \quad i^3 = -i, \quad i^4 = 1$$

$(i^2 \cdot i = (-1)i)$ $(i^2 \cdot i^2 = (-1)(-1))$

Property

If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ & r is the remainder of division of n by 4, then

$$i^n = i^r$$

Exp. Simplify

a) i^{175} , b) i^{-15}

a) $i^{173} = i^{75} = i^{15} = i^3 = -i$

$i^{-15} = \frac{1}{i^{15}} = \frac{1}{-i} = \frac{1}{-i} \times \frac{i}{i} = \frac{i}{1} = \boxed{i}$

Exp. Simplify

1) $\frac{-8 + \sqrt{-128}}{4}$

2) $\sqrt{-6} \cdot \sqrt{-10}$

3) $\frac{\sqrt{-20}}{\sqrt{-2}}$

4) $\frac{\sqrt{-4} (\sqrt[3]{-27} - \sqrt{-16})}{(1+i)^2}$

5) $\frac{7-3i}{1+i} - i^{51}$