

Complex Numbers

Definition of a complex number - - A number of the form $z = x + iy$, where x and y are real numbers and $i = \sqrt{-1}$ is called a complex number.

Note : 1) x is called the real part of z and it is denoted by $R(z)$ or $\text{Re}(z)$ and y is called the imaginary part of z and it is denoted by $I(z)$ or $\text{Im}(z)$.

2) $i = \sqrt{-1} \quad \therefore i^2 = -1$

3) i, j and k are imaginary numbers and $i = j = k = \sqrt{-1}$.

Equality of two complex numbers – Two complex numbers are said to be equal if and only if their real parts are equal and imaginary parts are equal .

Algebra of complex numbers – Let $z_1 = a + ib$ and $z_2 = c + id$ be two complex numbers where $a, b, c, d \in R$ and $i = \sqrt{-1}$. Then addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are performed as follows:

1) Addition:
$$z_1 + z_2 = (a + ib) + (c + id)$$
$$= (a + c) + i(b + d)$$

2) Subtraction:
$$z_1 - z_2 = (a + ib) - (c + id)$$
$$= (a - c) + i(b - d)$$

3) Multiplication:
$$z_1 z_2 = (a + ib)(c + id)$$
$$= a(c + id) + ib(c + id)$$
$$= ac + iad + ibc + i^2 bd$$
$$= (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc) \quad [\because i^2 = -1]$$

4) Division:
$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{a + ib}{c + id}$$
$$= \frac{a + ib}{c + id} \times \frac{c - id}{c - id} = \frac{ac - iad + ibc - i^2 bd}{c^2 - i^2 d^2} = \frac{(ac + bd) + i(bc - ad)}{c^2 + d^2} \quad [\because i^2 = -1]$$

Conjugate of complex number- Two complex numbers which differ only in the sign of imaginary part are said to be conjugate of each other.

e.g. $a + ib$ and $a - ib$ are conjugates of each other.

Modulus (magnitude) and argument(amplitude) of a complex number:

1) If $z = x + iy$ is a complex number, then the modulus of z is defined to be $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and is denoted by r or $|z|$ or $\text{mod } z$.

$$\therefore r = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

2) If $z = x + iy$ is a complex number, then the argument of z is defined as $\tan^{-1}(y/x)$ and is denoted by θ or $\text{arg}(z)$ or $\text{amp}(z)$.

$$\therefore \theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

Polar form of a complex number:

If $z = x + iy$ is a complex number, then the polar form of complex number z is given by

$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

Exponential form of a complex number:

If $z = x + iy$ (Cartesian form) is a complex number, then $z = re^{i\theta}$ is called the exponential form of a complex number.

Note: 1) $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$, 2) $e^{-i\theta} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

Examples: 1) If $z_1 = -1 + 2i$, $z_2 = -4 + i$, find $z_1 z_2$. [IoPE 2009]

2) If $z_1 = -3 + 4i$, $z_2 = 5 - 3i$, find $z_1 z_2$ and $\frac{1}{z_1} + \frac{1}{z_2}$. [IoPE2012]

3) If $z_1 = 6 - 2i$, $z_2 = 2 - 5i$, then find

a) $|2z_1 - 3z_2|$, b) $|3z_1 + 2z_2|$, c) $|z_1 z_2|$, d) $|z_1 / z_2|$, e) $|(z_1 + z_2)(z_1 - z_2)|$, f) $\left| \frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2} \right|$

Examples for Tutorial

1) If $z_1 = 5 - 2i$, $z_2 = 6 + 5i$, find $\left| \frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2} \right|$. [IoPE2013,17]

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} [z_1 + z_2 = 11 + 3i, \quad z_1 - z_2 = -1 - 7i, \quad \frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2} = \frac{-31 + 74i}{50}, \\ \left| \frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2} \right| = \left| \frac{-31 + 74i}{50} \right| = \frac{1}{50} |-31 + 74i| = \sqrt{6437} = 80.2309 \end{array} \right]$$

2) If $z_1 = 4 - 5i$ and $z_2 = 3 + 7i$, find $|z_1 z_2|$ and $|z_1 / z_2|$. [IoPE 2015]

$$[z_1 z_2 = 47 + 13i, \quad |z_1 z_2| = \sqrt{2378} = 48.7647$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{-23 - 43i}{58}, \quad \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{48.7647}{58} = 0.8407]$$

3) If $z = 1 + 3i$, evaluate $z^2 + 2z + 4$. [BTE2015] $[-2 + 12i]$

Examples

Separate real and imaginary parts of the following complex numbers and also find its complex conjugate.

Or Express in the form of $x + iy$ and find the complex conjugate.

$$1) \frac{15}{4 + 3j} \text{ [IoPE 2012]} \quad 2) \left(\frac{1 - i^3}{1 + i^3} \right)^2 \left[\left(\frac{1 - i^3}{1 + i^3} \right)^2 = -1, \text{ C.C.} = -1 \right]$$

Examples for Tutorial

Express in the form of $x + iy$ and find the complex conjugate.

Examples

$$1) \frac{3 + \sqrt{-4}}{4 - \sqrt{-9}}$$

$$2) (2 + 3i)(1 - 4i) \text{ [BTE2017]}$$

$$3) \frac{2 + 3i}{1 - i} \text{ [IoPE 2009]}$$

Answers

$$\left[\frac{6}{25} + \frac{17}{25}i, \text{ C.C.} = \frac{6}{25} - \frac{17}{25}i \right]$$

$$[14 - 5i]$$

4) $\frac{1-i^3}{2+i^3}$ [IoPE 2016]

$$\left[\frac{1-i^3}{2+i^3} = \frac{1+3i}{5} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{3i}{5}, \quad C.C. = \frac{1}{5} - \frac{3i}{5} \right]$$