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# Part 1

A complex number is a number that can be expressed in the form  $p + iq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are real numbers, and  $i$  is a solution of the equation  $x^2 = -1$ .  $\sqrt{-1} = i$  or  $i^2 = -1$ . Examples of complex numbers:  $8 - 2i$ ,  $2 + 31i$ ,  $2 + \frac{4}{5}i$ , etc. Complex numbers are denoted by 'z'.

**General form of Complex Number:  $z = p + iq$**

Where,

- $p$  is known as the real part, denoted by  $\text{Re } z$
- $q$  is known as the imaginary part, denoted by  $\text{Im } z$

If  $z = 12 + 35i$ , then  $\text{Re } z = 12$  and  $\text{Im } z = 35$ . If  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are two **complex numbers** such that  $z_1 = p + iq$  and  $z_2 = r + is$ .  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are equal if  $p = r$  and  $q = s$ .

## Algebra of Complex Numbers

### • Addition of complex numbers

Let  $z_1 = m + ni$  and  $z_2 = o + ip$  be two complex numbers. Then,  $z_1 + z_2 = z = (m + o) + (n + p)i$ , where  $z$  = resultant complex number. For example,  $(12 + 13i) + (-16 + 15i) = (12 - 16) + (13 + 15)i = -4 + 28i$ .

1. The sum of complex numbers is always a complex number (closure law)
2. For complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ :  $z_2 + z_1 = z_1 + z_2$  (commutative law)  
For complex numbers  $z_1, z_2, z_3$ :  $(z_1 + z_2) + z_3 = z_1 + (z_2 + z_3)$  [associative law].
3. For every complex number  $z$ ,  $z + 0 = z$  [additive identity]
4. To every complex number  $z = p + qi$ , we have the complex number  $-z = -p + i(-q)$ , called the negative or additive inverse of  $z$ . [ $z + (-z) = 0$ ]

### • Difference of complex numbers

Let  $z_1 = m + ni$  and  $z_2 = o + ip$  be two complex numbers, then  $z_1 - z_2 = z_1 + (-z_2)$ . For example,  $(16 + 13i) - (12 - 1i) = (16 + 13i) + (-12 + 1i) = 4 + 14i$  and  $(12 - 1i) - (16 + 13i) = (12 - 1i) + (-16 - 13i) = -4 - 14i$

### • Multiplication of complex numbers

Let  $z_1 = m + ni$  and  $z_2 = o + ip$  be two complex numbers then,  $z_1 \times z_2 = (mo - np) + i(no + pm)$ . For example,  $(2 + 4i)(1 + 5i) = (2 \times 1 - 4 \times 5) + i(2 \times 5 + 4 \times 1) = -22 + 14i$  The product of two complex numbers is a complex number (closure law)

- For complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ ,  $z_1 \times z_2 = z_2 \times z_1$  (commutative law).
- For complex numbers  $z_1, z_2, z_3$ ,  $(z_1 \times z_2) \times z_3 = z_1 \times (z_2 \times z_3)$  [associative law].

Let  $z_1 = m + in$  and  $z_2 = o + ip$ . Then,

- $z_1 + z_2 = (m + o) + i(n + p)$
- $z_1 z_2 = (mo - np) + i(mp + on)$
- The conjugate of the complex number  $z = m + in$ , denoted by  $\bar{z}$ , is given by  $\bar{z} = m - in$ .

- Division of complex numbers

We multiplied both sides by the **conjugate** of the denominator, which is a number with the same real part and the opposite imaginary part.

example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{20 - 4i}{3 + 2i} \\
 &= \frac{20 - 4i}{3 + 2i} \cdot \frac{3 - 2i}{3 - 2i} \\
 &= \frac{(20 - 4i)(3 - 2i)}{(3 + 2i)(3 - 2i)} \\
 &= \frac{52 - 52i}{13} \\
 &= \frac{52}{13} - \frac{52}{13}i \\
 &= 4 - 4i
 \end{aligned}$$

## The Modulus and Conjugate of Complex Numbers

Let  $z = m + in$  be a complex number. Then, the modulus of  $z$ , denoted by  $|z| = \sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$  and the conjugate of  $z$ , denoted by  $\bar{z}$  is the complex number  $m - ni$ . In the Argand plane, the modulus of the complex number  $m + in = \sqrt{m^2 + n^2}$  is the distance between the point  $(m, n)$  and the origin  $(0, 0)$ . The x-axis is termed as the real axis and the y-axis is termed as the imaginary axis.

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