

$$x + 3 = 2$$

$$y * 3 = 2$$

$$z^3 = 2$$

$$w^2 = -1$$

$$x : \mathbb{N}$$

$$x : \mathbb{Z}$$

$$y : \mathbb{Z}$$

$$y : \mathbb{Q}$$

$$z : \mathbb{Q}$$

$$z : \mathbb{R}$$

$$w : \mathbb{R}$$

$$w : \mathbb{C}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{integer solving}$$

$$\rightarrow x = -1$$

$$\rightarrow y = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\rightarrow z = \sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$\rightarrow w = i = \sqrt{-1}$$

## Definition of Complex Numbers

We begin by defining the symbol  $i$ , called **the imaginary unit**,<sup>1</sup> to have the property

$$i^2 = -1.$$

Thus, we could also call  $i$  the **square root of  $-1$**  and denote it  $\sqrt{-1}$ . Of course,  $i$  is not a real number; no real number has a negative square.

$$IU = \text{imag Unit} = \{i, \dots\}$$

$$i * i = -1$$

↑                      ↖  $\mathbb{R}$

$$* : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$* : IU \rightarrow IU \rightarrow IU$$

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$$* : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$(\mathbb{R} \cup IU) \rightarrow \dots ?$$

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# DEFINITION

1

A **complex number** is an expression of the form

$$a + bi \quad \text{or} \quad a + ib,$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are *real numbers*, and  $i$  is the imaginary unit.

$$\begin{array}{cc} bi + a & ? \\ a - bi & ? \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{cc} ib + a & ? \\ bi - a & ? \end{array}$$

data CB = Plus,  $\mathbb{R}$   $\mathbb{R}$   $IU$   
 | Plus<sub>2</sub>  $\mathbb{R}$   $IU$   $\mathbb{R}$

+ kommuterar? Ja för  $\mathbb{R}$  ( $\mathbb{Q}$ , ...) ? för  $\mathbb{C}$



Adams and Essex continue with examples:

For example,  $3 + 2i$ ,  $\frac{7}{2} - \frac{2}{3}i$ ,  $i\pi = 0 + i\pi$  and  $-3 = -3 + 0i$  are all complex numbers. The last of these examples shows that every real number can be regarded as a complex number.

1	$3 + 2i$	Plus, 3 2 i
2	$\frac{7}{2} - \frac{2}{3}i$	Plus, $\frac{7}{2}$ $(-\frac{2}{3})$ i
3	$i\pi$	Plus, 0 i $\pi$
4	$-3$	Plus, $(-3)$ 0 i

(We will normally use  $a + bi$  unless  $b$  is a complicated expression, in which case we will write  $a + ib$  instead. Either form is acceptable.)

$\pi =$  !

$a + ib = a + bi$

It is often convenient to represent a complex number by a single letter;  $w$  and  $z$  are frequently used for this purpose. If  $a, b, x$ , and  $y$  are real numbers, and  $w = a + bi$  and  $z = x + yi$ , then we can refer to the complex numbers  $w$  and  $z$ . Note that  $w = z$  if and only if  $a = x$  and  $b = y$ .

$$\text{Plus}_1 \stackrel{\sim}{=} \text{Plus}_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} bi + a &= a + ib \\ &= ib + a = a + bi \end{aligned}$$