

we also going to invent still more systems so as to obtain $\sqrt[n]{-1}$, $\sqrt[n]{-1}$, and so on? But it turns out this is not necessary. These numbers are already expressible in terms of the complex number system $a + ib$. In fact, the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra says that with the introduction of the complex numbers we now have enough numbers to factor every polynomial into a product of linear factors and so enough numbers to solve every possible polynomial equation.

The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Every polynomial equation of the form

$$a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0 = 0,$$

in which the coefficients a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are any complex numbers, whose degree n is greater than or equal to one, and whose leading coefficient a_n is not zero, has exactly n roots in the complex number system, provided each multiple root of multiplicity m is counted as m roots.

A proof of this theorem can be found in almost any text on the theory of functions of a complex variable.

EXERCISES A.5

Operations with Complex Numbers

1. **How computers multiply complex numbers** Find $(a, b) \cdot (c, d)$
 $= (ac - bd, ad + bc).$

- a. $(2, 3) \cdot (4, -2)$ b. $(2, -1) \cdot (-2, 3)$
 c. $(-1, -2) \cdot (2, 1)$

(This is how complex numbers are multiplied by computers.)

2. Solve the following equations for the real numbers, x and y .

- a. $(3 + 4i)^2 - 2(x - iy) = x + iy$
 b. $\left(\frac{1+i}{1-i}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{x+iy} = 1 + i$
 c. $(3 - 2i)(x + iy) = 2(x - 2iy) + 2i - 1$

Graphing and Geometry

3. How may the following complex numbers be obtained from $z = x + iy$ geometrically? Sketch.

- a. \bar{z} b. $\overline{(-z)}$
 c. $-z$ d. $1/z$

4. Show that the distance between the two points z_1 and z_2 in an Argand diagram is $|z_1 - z_2|$.

In Exercises 5–10, graph the points $z = x + iy$ that satisfy the given conditions.

5. a. $|z| = 2$ b. $|z| < 2$ c. $|z| > 2$
 6. $|z - 1| = 2$ 7. $|z + 1| = 1$
 8. $|z + 1| = |z - 1|$ 9. $|z + i| = |z - 1|$
 10. $|z + 1| \geq |z|$

Express the complex numbers in Exercises 11–14 in the form $re^{i\theta}$, with $r \geq 0$ and $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$. Draw an Argand diagram for each calculation.

11. $(1 + \sqrt{-3})^2$ 12. $\frac{1+i}{1-i}$
 13. $\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}$ 14. $(2 + 3i)(1 - 2i)$

Powers and Roots

Use De Moivre's Theorem to express the trigonometric functions in Exercises 15 and 16 in terms of $\cos \theta$ and $\sin \theta$.

15. $\cos 4\theta$ 16. $\sin 4\theta$
 17. Find the three cube roots of 1.

18. Find the two square roots of i .
19. Find the three cube roots of $-8i$.
20. Find the six sixth roots of 64.
21. Find the four solutions of the equation $z^4 - 2z^2 + 4 = 0$.
22. Find the six solutions of the equation $z^6 + 2z^3 + 2 = 0$.
23. Find all solutions of the equation $x^4 + 4x^2 + 16 = 0$.
24. Solve the equation $x^4 + 1 = 0$.

Theory and Examples

25. **Complex numbers and vectors in the plane** Show with an Argand diagram that the law for adding complex numbers is the same as the parallelogram law for adding vectors.
26. **Complex arithmetic with conjugates** Show that the conjugate of the sum (product, or quotient) of two complex numbers, z_1 and z_2 , is the same as the sum (product, or quotient) of their conjugates.
27. **Complex roots of polynomials with real coefficients come in complex-conjugate pairs**

- a. Extend the results of Exercise 26 to show that $f(\bar{z}) = \overline{f(z)}$ if

$$f(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0$$

is a polynomial with real coefficients a_0, \dots, a_n .

- b. If z is a root of the equation $f(z) = 0$, where $f(z)$ is a polynomial with real coefficients as in part (a), show that the conjugate \bar{z} is also a root of the equation. (*Hint:* Let $f(z) = u + iv = 0$; then both u and v are zero. Use the fact that $f(\bar{z}) = \overline{f(z)} = u - iv$.)

28. **Absolute value of a conjugate** Show that $|\bar{z}| = |z|$.

29. **When $z = \bar{z}$** If z and \bar{z} are equal, what can you say about the location of the point z in the complex plane?

30. **Real and imaginary parts** Let $\text{Re}(z)$ denote the real part of z and $\text{Im}(z)$ the imaginary part. Show that the following relations hold for any complex numbers z, z_1 , and z_2 .

- a. $z + \bar{z} = 2\text{Re}(z)$ b. $z - \bar{z} = 2i\text{Im}(z)$
- c. $|\text{Re}(z)| \leq |z|$
- d. $|z_1 + z_2|^2 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + 2\text{Re}(z_1 \bar{z}_2)$
- e. $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$