

# 1 Definition

## 1.0.1 The complex number system

There is no real number  $x$  which satisfies the polynomial equation  $x^2 + 1 = 0$ . To permit solutions of this and similar equations, the set of complex numbers is introduced. We can consider a complex number as having the form  $a + ib$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real number and  $i$ , which is called the imaginary unit, has the property that  $i^2 = -1$ . It is denoted by  $z$ . Therefore,  $z = a + ib$  where “ $a$ ” is called as real part of  $z$  which is denoted by  $(\operatorname{Re} z)$  and “ $b$ ” is called as imaginary part of  $z$  which is denoted by  $(\operatorname{Im} z)$ .

Any complex number is :

(i) Purely real, if  $b = 0$     (ii) Purely imaginary, if  $a = 0$     (iii) Imaginary, if  $b \neq 0$ .

NOTE :

(a) The set  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers is a proper subset of the Complex Numbers. Hence the complete number system is  $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{W} \subset \mathbb{I} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$

(b) Zero is purely real as well as purely imaginary but not imaginary.

(c)  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  is called the imaginary unit. Also  $i^2 = -1$ ,  $i^3 = -i$ ,  $i^4 = 1$  etc.

(d)  $\sqrt{a}\sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$  only if atleast one of  $a$  or  $b$  is non - negative.

(e) if  $z = a + ib$ , then  $a - ib$  is called complex conjugate of  $z$  and written as  $\bar{z} = a - ib$ .

### Self Practice Problems

1. Write the following as complex number (i)  $\sqrt{-16}$     (ii)  $\sqrt{x}$ , ( $x > 0$ )    (iii)  $b + \sqrt{-4ac}$ , ( $a, c > 0$ )

**Ans.** (i)  $0 + i\sqrt{16}$  (ii)  $\sqrt{x} + i0$  (iii)  $-b + i\sqrt{4ac}$

2. Write the following as complex number:

(i)  $\sqrt{x}$  ( $x < 0$ )    (ii) roots of  $x^2 - (2 \cos \theta)x + 1 = 0$

**2. Algebraic Operations:** Fundamental operations with complex numbers In performing operations with complex numbers we can proceed as in the algebra of real numbers, replacing  $i^2$  by  $-1$  when it occurs.

1. Addition  $(a + bi) + (c + di) = a + bi + c + di = (a + c) + (b + d)i$
2. Subtraction  $(a + bi) - (c + di) = a + bi - c - di = (a - c) + (b - d)i$
3. Multiplication  $(a + bi)(c + di) = ac + adi + bci + bdi = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$

4. Division

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a + bi}{c + di} &= \frac{a + bi}{c + di} \cdot \frac{c - di}{c - di} = \frac{(a + bi)(c - di)}{(c + di)(c - di)} \\ &= \frac{ac - adi + bci - bdi}{c^2 - di^2} = \frac{(ac + bd) + (bc - ad)i}{c^2 + d^2} \\ &= \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2} + i \frac{bc - ad}{c^2 + d^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$z_1^2 + z_2^2 = 0$  does not imply  $z_1 = z_2 = 0$ . Example : Find multiplicative inverse of  $3 + 2i$ . Solution Let  $z$  be the multiplicative inverse of  $3 + 2i$ . then

$$z \cdot (3 + 2i) = 1 \quad z = \frac{1}{3 + 2i} = \frac{3 - 2i}{(3 + 2i)(3 - 2i)}$$

$$z = \frac{3 - 2i}{13 - 12i^2} = \frac{3 - 2i}{13 - 2(-1)} = \frac{3 - 2i}{13 + 2} = \frac{3 - 2i}{15}$$

Ans.

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