



Investigating Gaussian Integers

Problem 153



↔ i

As we all know the equation x^2 =-1 has no solutions for real x.

About Archives Recent News Register Sign In

If we however introduce the imaginary number i this equation has two solutions: x=i and x=-i.

If we go a step further the equation $(x-3)^2=-4$ has two complex solutions: x=3+2i and x=3-2i. x=3+2i and x=3-2i are called each others' complex conjugate.

Numbers of the form *a+bi* are called complex numbers.

In general *a+bi* and *a-bi* are each other's complex conjugate.

A Gaussian Integer is a complex number *a+bi* such that both *a* and *b* are integers.

The regular integers are also Gaussian integers (with b=0).

To distinguish them from Gaussian integers with $b \neq 0$ we call such integers "rational integers."

A Gaussian integer is called a divisor of a rational integer *n* if the result is also a Gaussian integer.

If for example we divide 5 by 1+2*i* we can simplify $\frac{5}{1+2i}$ in the following manner:

Multiply numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of 1+2
$$i$$
: 1-2 i . The result is $\frac{5}{1+2i}=\frac{5}{1+2i}\frac{1-2i}{1-2i}=\frac{5(1-2i)}{1-(2i)^2}=\frac{5(1-2i)}{1-(-4)}=\frac{5(1-2i)}{5}=1-2i$.

So 1+2*i* is a divisor of 5.

Note that 1+*i* is not a divisor of 5 because $\frac{5}{1+i} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{5}{2}i$.

Note also that if the Gaussian Integer (a+bi) is a divisor of a rational integer n, then its complex conjugate (a-bi) is also a divisor of *n*.

In fact, 5 has six divisors such that the real part is positive: $\{1, 1 + 2i, 1 - 2i, 2 + i, 2 - i, 5\}$.

The following is a table of all of the divisors for the first five positive rational integers:

n	Gaussian integer divisors with positive real part	Sum s(n) of these divisors
1	1	1
2	1, 1+ <i>i</i> , 1- <i>i</i> , 2	5
3	1, 3	4
4	1, 1+ <i>i</i> , 1- <i>i</i> , 2, 2+2 <i>i</i> , 2-2 <i>i</i> ,4	13
5	1, 1+2 <i>i</i> , 1-2 <i>i</i> , 2+ <i>i</i> , 2- <i>i</i> , 5	12

For divisors with positive real parts, then, we have: $\sum\limits_{n=1}^{5} s(n) = 35$.

For
$$\sum\limits_{n=1}^{10^5} s(n) = 17924657155.$$

What is
$$\sum_{n=1}^{10^8} s(n)$$
?