

COMPLEX NUMBERS

INTRODUCTION

Complex numbers are the numbers which are expressed in the form of $a+ib$ where 'i' is an imaginary number called *iota* and has the value of $(\sqrt{-1})$. For example, $2+3i$ is a complex number, where 2 is a *real number* and $3i$ is an imaginary number. Therefore, the combination of both the real number and imaginary number is a complex number

NOTE

ADDITION

$$(a + ib) + (c + id) = (a + c) + i(b + d)$$

SUBTRACTION

$$(a + ib) - (c + id) = (a - c) + i(b - d)$$

EXAMPLE SUMS

Q.1 Simplify

a) $16i + 10i(3-i)$

b) $(7i)(5i)$

c) $11i + 13i - 2i$

Solution:

a) $16i + 10i(3-i)$

$$= 16i + 10i(3) + 10i(-i)$$

$$= 16i + 30i - 10i^2$$

$$= 46i - 10(-1)$$

$$= 46i + 10$$

b) $(7i)(5i) = 35i^2 = 35(-1) = -35$

c) $11i + 13i - 2i = 22i$

Q.2 Write the given complex number $(1 - i) - (-1 + i6)$ in the form $a + ib$

Solution:

Given Complex number: $(1 - i) - (-1 + i6)$

Multiply $(-)$ by the term inside the second bracket $(-1 + i6)$

$$= 1 - i + 1 - i6$$

$$= 2 - 7i, \text{ which is of the form } a + ib$$