

# CH 10 - Complex Numbers

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## Standard Form

### Info – Definition of Complex Numbers

A **complex number**  $z$  in **standard form** is an expression of the form  $z = x + yi$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The real number  $x$  is called the **real part** of  $z$ , and is written  $\Re(x)$ .

The real number  $y$  is called the **imaginary part** of  $z$ , and is written  $\Im(z)$ .

The set of complex numbers is

$$\mathbb{C} = \{x + yi : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

The complex number  $z = x + yi$  and  $w = u + vi$  are equal ( $z = w$ ) if and only if  $x = u, y = v$

A complex number  $z$  is said to be purely real if  $y = 0$  (i.e.  $1 = 1 + 0i$ )

A complex number  $z$  is said to be purely imaginary if  $x = 0$  (i.e.  $i = 0 + 1i$ )

0 is purely real and purely imaginary (i.e.  $0 = 0 + 0i$ )

### Info – Complex Arithmetics

Let  $z = a + bi$  and  $w = c + di$  be complex numbers. Then the

Addition is defined as

$$z + w = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

Multiplication is defined as

$$zw = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

Examples:

Let  $z = 2 + 3i, w = -1 + 7i$

1.  $z + w = (2 - 1) + (3 + 7)i = 1 + 10i$
2.  $zw = (-2 - 21) + (14 - 3)i = -23 + 11i$
3.  $i^2 = ii = (0 + 1i) \cdot (0 + 1i) = (0 - 1) + (0 + 0)i = -1$   
 $\therefore i^2 = -1$

From (3), we can derive a easier way of multiplication

 **Tip** – Multiplication trick

$$(a + bi)(c + di) = ac + adi + bci + bdi^2 = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

### Properties of Complex Arithmetics

1.  $z + 0 = 0 + z = z$
2.  $z0 = 0z = 0$
3.  $z + (-1)z = (-1)z + z = 0$
4.  $z1 = 1z = z$


 **Info** – Multiplicative Inverse

For all complex numbers  $z$ , the multiplicative inverse of  $z$  exists if and only if  $z \neq 0$ . Moreover, for  $a + bi \neq 0$ , the multiplicative inverse is unique given by

$$z^{-1} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}i = \frac{a - bi}{a^2 + b^2}$$

### Examples:

1.  $\frac{(1-2i)-(3+4i)}{(5-6i)} = [(1-2i) - (3+4i)] \cdot (5-6i)^{-1} = (-2-6i) \cdot \frac{1}{25+36} \cdot (5+6i)$   
 $= \frac{1}{61} \cdot (-10 - 30i - 12i + 36) = \frac{26-42i}{61} = \frac{26}{61} - \frac{42}{61}i$
2.  $i^{2025} = (i^4)^{506} \cdot i = (-1)^{506} \cdot i = i$

 **Tip** –  $i^n$  Solutions

$$i^n = \begin{cases} 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ i, n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -1, n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ -i, n \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

 **Info** – Properties of Complex Arithmetics

In complex arithmetic, the following properties are valid for  $u, v, z \in \mathbb{C}$

1. Associativity of addition:  $(u + v) + z = u + (v + z)$
2. Commutativity of addition:  $u + v = v + u$
3. Additive identity:  $0 = 0 + 0i$  has the property that  $z + 0 = z$
4. Additive inverses: If  $z = a + bi$ , then there exists an additive inverse of  $z$ , written  $-z$ , with the property that  $z + (-z) = 0$ . The additive inverse of  $z = a + bi$  is  $-z = -a - bi$
5. Associativity of multiplication:  $(uv)z = u(vz)$
6. Commutativity of multiplication:  $uv = vu$
7. Multiplicative identity:  $1 = 1 + 0i$  has property that  $z1 = z$
8. Multiplicative inverses: If  $z = a + bi \neq 0$ , then there exists a multiplicative inverse of  $z$ , written  $z^{-1}$ , with the property that  $zz^{-1} = 1$ . The multiplicative inverse of  $z = a + bi \neq 0$  is  $z^{-1} = \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2}$
9. Distributivity:  $z(u + v) = zu + zv$

Example:

Proof of PCA Part 5:  $(uv)z = u(vz) \quad \forall u, v, z \in \mathbb{C}$

Let  $u = a + bi, v = c + di, z = x + yi$  where  $a, b, c, d, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $u, v, z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$(uv)z = [(a + bi)(c + di)](x + yi) = (ac - bd + (ad + bc)i)(x + yi) =$$

$$= ((ac - bd)x - (ad + bc)y) + ((ac - bd)y + (ad + bc)x)i$$

$$= (axc - bdx - ady - bcy) + (acy - bdy + adx + bcx)i$$

$$u(vz) = (a + bi)[(c + di)(x + yi)] = (a + bi)(cx - dy) + (cy + dx)i$$

$$= (a(cx - dy) - b(cy + dx)) + (a(cy + dx) + b(cx - dy))i$$

$$= (acx - ady - bcy - bdx) + (acy + adx + bcx - bdy)i$$

$$\text{Thus } (uv)z = u(vz) = (axc - bdx - ady - bcy) + (acy - bdy + adx + bcx)i$$

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#### **Info** – Other Arithmetic of Complex Numbers

For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

1.  $z^0 = 1$
2.  $z^1 = z$
3.  $z^{k+1} = z^k z \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$
4.  $(z^n)^m = z^{nm}$  and  $z^n z^m = z^{n+m} \quad \forall n, m \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$

For  $n \notin \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  will be discussed in later lectures

Examples:

$$\text{Find a real solution to } 6z^3 + (1 + 3\sqrt{2}i)z^2 - (11 - 2\sqrt{2})i - 6 = 0$$

Let  $z = x \in \mathbb{R}$ , that is  $z = x + 0i$

$$\implies 6x^3 + (1 + 3\sqrt{2}i)x^2 - (11 - \sqrt{2}i)x - 6 = 0$$

$$\implies (6x^3 + x^2 - 11x - 6) + (3\sqrt{2}x^2 + 2\sqrt{2}x)i = 0 + 0i$$

$$\implies (6x^3 + x^2 - 11x - 6) = 0 \text{ and } 3\sqrt{2}x^2 + 2\sqrt{2}x = 0$$

$x = 0$  or  $x = -\frac{2}{3}$  for the imaginary part.

However,  $x = 0$  does not satisfy the real part.

$$\therefore x = -\frac{2}{3} \implies z = -\frac{2}{3} + 0i$$

## Conjugate and Modulus

#### **Info** – Complex Conjugate

The complex **conjugate** of a complex number  $z = x + yi$  written  $\bar{z}$  is the complex number

$$\bar{z} = x - yi$$