

**Q1**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{a+bi} &= \frac{1}{a+bi} * \frac{a-bi}{a-bi} \\ &= \frac{a-bi}{a^2+abi-abi+b^2} \\ &= \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2} \\ c+di &= \frac{a}{a^2+b^2} - \frac{bi}{a^2+b^2}\end{aligned}$$

therefore  $c = \frac{a}{a^2+b^2}$  and  $d = \frac{-b}{a^2+b^2}$

**Q2**

$$\left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8} * (-1+\sqrt{3}i)^3$$

using the identity  $(a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$  where  $a = -1$  and  $b = \sqrt{3}i$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{8} * (-1+\sqrt{3}i)^3 &= (-1)^3 + 3 * (-1)^2 * (\sqrt{3}i) + 3 * (-1) * (\sqrt{3}i)^2 + (\sqrt{3}i)^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} * (-1 + 3 * \sqrt{3}i + 9 - 3 * \sqrt{3}i) \\ &= \frac{8}{8} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

**Q3**

$-\sqrt{i}$  and  $+\sqrt{i}$  are two distinct square roots of  $i$

**Q4**

To show:

$$\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$$

let  $\alpha = a + bi$  and  $\beta = c + di$

by definition of addition of complex numbers

$$(a+bi) + (c+di) = (a+c) + (b+d)i \tag{1}$$

by definition of complex numbers we know  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

so addition is commutative in  $\mathbb{R}$

as a consequence  $a + b = b + a$  and  $c + d = d + c$   
there (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}(a + bi) + (c + di) &= (a + c) + (b + d)i \\ &= (c + a) + (d + b)i \\ &= (c + di) + (a + bi) \text{ (from bidirectionality of how complex number addition is defined)} \\ &= \beta + \alpha\end{aligned}$$

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## Q5

To prove:

$$\alpha + (\beta + \gamma) = (\alpha + \beta) + \gamma \quad \forall \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$$

Assuming  $\alpha = a + bi$ ,  $\beta = c + di$ , and  $\gamma = e + fi$   
evaluating  $\alpha + (\beta + \gamma)$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + (\beta + \gamma) &= (a + bi) + ((c + di) + (e + fi)) \\ &= (a + bi) + ((c + e) + (d + f)i) \text{ (From addition of complex numbers)} \\ &= (a + (c + e)) + (b + (d + f))i \text{ (From addition of complex numbers)} \\ &= ((a + c) + e) + ((b + d) + f)i \text{ (from associativity of real numbers)} \\ &= ((a + c) + (b + d)i) + (e + fi) \text{ (Bidirectionality of addition of complex numbers)} \\ &= ((a + bi) + (c + di)) + (e + fi) \text{ (Bidirectionality of addition of complex numbers)} \\ &= (\alpha + \beta) + \gamma\end{aligned}$$

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## Q6

## Q7

To prove:  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \exists \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = 0$

Assumption:

1. if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\alpha$  can be written as  $(a + bi)$  where both a and b are real numbers i.e  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$
2.  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}, \exists (-\alpha)$  such that  $\alpha + (-\alpha) = 0$

Proof:

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ , so from our assumption it can be written in the form  $(a + bi)$   
let  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = 0$ , again from our assumption  $\beta$  can be written in

the form  $(x + yi)$

$$(a + bi) + (x + yi) = 0$$

$$(a + x) + (b + y)i = 0 \text{ (from addition of complex numbers)}$$

$$(a + x) + (b + y)i = 0 + 0i \text{ (zero of the complex number field)}$$

from the last equation above, we equate the real and imaginary parts of both the L.H.S and the R.H.S to each other, we get

$$a + x = 0$$

$$b + y = 0$$

Using assumption (2) we arrive at  $x = -a$  and  $y = -b$

so  $\beta = (-a + (-b)i) = -(a + bi) = -\alpha$

Proof of uniqueness: (Proof by contradiction)

There exists another unique complex number  $\gamma$  such that  $\alpha + \gamma = 0$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 0 \text{ (From assumption above)}$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 0 + \beta \text{ (Adding } \beta \text{ to both sides)}$$

$$0 + \gamma = \beta \text{ (From proven result and concept of 0)}$$

$$\gamma = \beta$$

This disproves our assumption, hence  $\beta$  is unique in that  $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \exists \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = 0$  and  $\beta$  is unique