ALGEBRA OF COMPLEX NUMBERS

1. ADDITION OF TWO COMPLEX NUMBERS:

Let $z_1 = a + ib$ and $z_2 = c + id$ be any two complex numbers. Then the sum $z_1 + z_2$ is defined as follows:

$$z_1 + z_2 = (a + ib) + (c + id) = (a + c) + i(b + d) = A + iB = a$$
 complex number

Example:

$$z_1 = 2 + 3i$$
 and $z_2 = -5 + 7i$

$$\therefore z_1 + z_2 = (2+3i) + (-5+7i) = 2+3i-5+7i = (2-5)+i(3+7) = -3+10i$$

2. PROPERTIES OF ADDITION COMPLEX NUMBERS:

(a) CLOSURE LAW:

The sum of two complex numbers is a complex number.

 $(z_1 + z_2)$ is a complex for all complex numbers z_1 and z_2 .

(b) COMMUTATIVE LAW:

For any two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 .

$$z_1 + z_2 = z_2 + z_1$$

(c) ASSOCIATIVE LAW:

For any three complex numbers z_1 , z_2 and z_3

$$(z_1 + z_2) + z_3 = z_1 + (z_2 + z_3)$$

(d) EXISTENCE OF ADDITIVE IDENTITY:

There exists the complex number 0 + i 0 (denoted as 0), called the *additive* identity or the zero complex number, such that, for every complex number z,

$$z + 0 = 0 + z = z$$

(e) THE EXISTENCE OF ADDITIVE INVERSE:

To every complex number z = a + ib, we have the complex number -z = -a + i(-b) called the additive inverse or negative of z. We observe that z + (-z) = (-z) + z = 0

3. DIFFERENCE OF TWO COMPLEX NUMBERS:

Given any two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 , the difference is defined as follows:

$$z_1 - z_2 = z_1 + (-z_2)$$

Examples:

$$(i)$$
 $(6+3i)-(2+5i)=(6+3i)+(-2-5i)=(6-2)+i(3-5)=4-2i$

$$(ii)(2-i)-(6+3i)=(2-i)+(-6-3i)=(2-6)-i(1+3)=-4-4i$$

4. MULTIPLICATION OF TWO COMPLEX NUMBERS:

Let $z_1 = a + ib$ and $z_2 = c + id$ be any two complex numbers.

It is clear that

$$Re(z_1) = a$$
, $Im(z_1) = b$, $Re(z_2) = c$, $Im(z_2) = d$

Then the sum z_1z_2 is defined as follows:

$$z_1 z_2 = (a + ib)(c + id)$$

$$= ac + iad + ibc + i^2bd$$

$$= ac + iad + ibc - bd$$
 [: $i^2 = -1$]

$$= (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc) = A + iB = a$$
 complex number

Here, we observe that

$$Re(z_1z_2) = ac - bd = Re(z_1)Re(z_2) - Im(z_1)Im(z_2)$$
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$$Im(z_1z_2) = ad - bc = Re(z_1)Im(z_2) - Im(z_1)Re(z_2)$$

Example:

Let
$$z_1 = 2 - 3i$$
 and $z_2 = -5 + 7i$, then

$$\therefore z_1 z_2 = (2 - 3i)(-5 + 7i)$$

$$= 2(-5+7i) - 3i(-5+7i)$$

$$=-10+14i+15i-21i^2$$

$$= -10 + 14i + 15i + 21$$
 [: $i^2 = -1$]

$$= (-10 + 21) + i(14 + 15)$$

$$= 11 + 29i$$

5. PROPERTIES OF MULTIPLICATION COMPLEX NUMBERS:

(a) CLOSURE LAW:

The product of two complex numbers is a complex number.

 z_1z_2 is a complex for all complex numbers z_1 and z_2 .

(b) COMMUTATIVE LAW:

For any two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 .

$$z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1$$

(c) ASSOCIATIVE LAW:

For any three complex numbers z_1 , z_2 and z_3 .

$$(z_1 z_2) z_3 = z_1(z_2 z_3)$$

(d) EXISTENCE OF MULTIPLICATIVE IDENTITY:

There exists the complex number 1 + i 0 (denoted as 1), called the *multiplicative identity*, such that, for every complex number z,

$$z.1 = 1.z = z$$

(e) THE EXISTENCE OF ADDITIVE INVERSE:

For every non-zero complex number z = a + ib, there exists a complex number $z^{-1} = \frac{1}{z}$ called the multiplicative inverse such that $z \cdot z^{-1} = 1$

(f) DISTRIBUTIVE LAW:

For any three complex numbers z_1 , z_2 and z_3

(i)
$$z_1(z_2 + z_3) = z_1z_2 + z_1z_3$$

(ii)
$$(z_1 + z_2) z_3 = z_1 z_3 + z_2 z_3$$

Example:

Find the multiplicative inverse of 4 - 3i.

Solution:

The multiplicative inverse of z = 4 - 3i is

$$z^{-1} = \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{4 - 3i}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4 - 3i} \times \frac{4 + 3i}{4 + 3i}$$

$$= \frac{4 + 3i}{4^2 - (3i)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4 + 3i}{16 - 9i^2}$$

$$= \frac{4 + 3i}{16 - 9(-1)}$$

$$= \frac{4 + 3i}{16 + 9}$$

$$= \frac{4 + 3i}{25}$$

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 Ans.

6. DIVISION OF TWO COMPLEX NUMBERS

Give two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 , where $z_2 \neq 0$, the quotient $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$ is defined as

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = z_1 \frac{1}{z_2}$$

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Divide $z_1 = 2 - 7i$ by $z_2 = 3 + 4i$

Solution:

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{2 - 7i}{3 + 4i}$$

$$= \frac{2 - 7i}{3 + 4i} \times \frac{3 - 4i}{3 - 4i}$$

$$= \frac{(2 - 7i)(3 - 4i)}{3^2 - (4i)^2}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 8i - 21i + 28i^2}{9 - 16i^2}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 29i - 28}{9 - 16(-1)} \quad [\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$= \frac{-22 - 29i}{9 + 16}$$

$$= \frac{-22 - 29i}{25}$$

$$= \frac{-22}{25} + i \frac{-29}{25} \quad \text{Ans.}$$