

Complex Numbers

Question: What are numbers?

- We can tell the difference between a pile of three apples and five apples.

The whole numbers $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots)$ come from this place of counting apples

Adding whole numbers is intuitive too!

Adding apples to a pile is just like adding numbers!

We can "undo" adding two apples by removing two apples from the pile \rightarrow subtraction!

Leads right away to negative numbers.

The integers $(\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3)$ allow us to do addition and "undo" addition (subtraction).

By repeating addition, we also get multiplication!

Want to undo multiplication \rightarrow division!

$$3 \cdot 5 = 15$$

$$15 \div 5 = 3$$

Problem! What is $3 \div 5$??? Invent $\frac{3}{5}$

More generally, we make rational numbers $\{a/b \mid a, b \text{ integers } b \neq 0\}$

By repeated multiplication, we get exponentiation!

$$3^2 = 9 \quad 5^2 = 25, \quad 3^3 = 27, \quad 5^3 = 125, \dots$$

Again we want to be able to "undo" this operation

$$\sqrt{9} = 3 \quad \sqrt[3]{27} = 3 \quad \text{We introduce radicals!}$$

$$\sqrt{3} = ??? \quad \text{irrational}$$

$$\sqrt{-7} = ???$$

Leads to the introduction of real numbers
such as $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt[3]{5}$, ...
and imaginary numbers.

Imaginary numbers:

Definition: We define i to be the number satisfying $i^2 = -1$
In other words $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

An imaginary number is anything of the form bi
where b is a real number.

We can do all our usual fun operations w/
imaginary numbers!

$$i \cdot 3i = 3i^2 = 3(-1) = -3.$$

$$i^3 = i i i = (-1)i = -i$$

$$i^4 = i^3 i = (-i)i = -i^2 = -(-1) = 1.$$

$$\text{Ex: } \sqrt{-9} = \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{9} = i3 = 3i.$$

Complex Numbers:

Def: A complex number is a number of the form $a+ib$
where a and b are real numbers.

$$\text{Ex: } \begin{array}{ccc} 2+3i & 7-4i & \sqrt{2}+6i \\ \pi+i & \pi & \end{array}$$

Every real is complex, but not every complex is real!

Anatomy of a complex number: $z = a+ib$

- real part $\text{Re}(z) = a$
- imaginary part $\text{Im}(z) = b$
- modulus (a.k.a. magnitude or absolute value)
 $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

Every complex number has an associated number called its conjugate.

Def: Given $z = a+ib$, the conjugate \bar{z} is $\bar{z} = a-ib$

Ex: $z = 2+3i$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}(z) &= 2, & \text{Im}(z) &= 3 \\ |z| &= \sqrt{13}, & \bar{z} &= 2-3i \end{aligned}$$

We can do all the usual algebra with complex numbers!
addition, subtraction, multiplication, division

addition

$$(a+ib) + (x+iy) = (a+x) + i(b+y)$$

subtraction

$$(a+ib) - (x+iy) = (a-x) + i(b-y)$$

multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} (a+ib)(x+iy) &= ax + aiy + ibx + i^2by \\ &= ax + i(ay+bx) + i^2by \\ &= ax + i(ay+bx) - by \end{aligned}$$

$$(a+ib)(x+iy) = (ax-by) + i(ay+bx)$$

Ex: $(2+3i) - (4+2i) = (2-4) + (3-2)i = -2 + i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2+3i)(4+2i) &= 2 \cdot 4 + 3i \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 2i + 3i \cdot 2i \\
 &= 8 + 12i + 4i + 6i^2 \\
 &= 2 + 16i
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ex: } (2+3i)(2-3i) &= 2 \cdot 2 + \cancel{3i \cdot 2} - \cancel{2 \cdot 3i} + 3i(-3i) \\
 &= 4 - 9i^2 = 4 + 9 = 13
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|2+3i| = \sqrt{13}$$

link!

Proposition: $z \bar{z} = |z|^2$

Division: $\frac{a+ib}{x+iy} = \frac{a+ib}{x+iy} \cdot \frac{x-iy}{x-iy} = \frac{(a+ib)(x-iy)}{(x+iy)(x-iy)} = \frac{(a+ib)(x-iy)}{x^2+y^2}$

I know how to divide by real numbers!!!

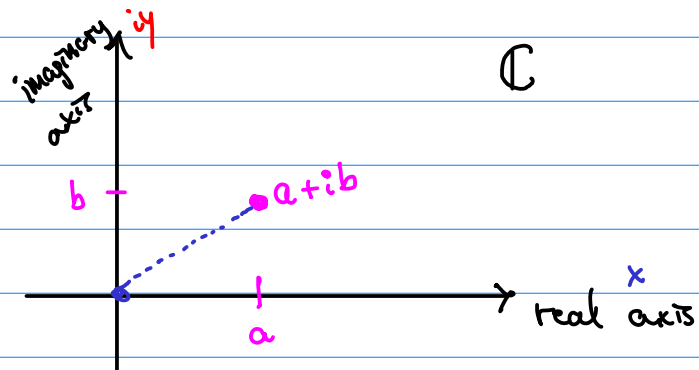
$$\text{Ex: } \frac{2+3i}{1+i} = \frac{2+3i}{1+i} \frac{1-i}{1-i} = \frac{(2+3i)(1-i)}{(1+i)(1-i)} = \frac{2-2i+3i-3i^2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5+i}{2} = \boxed{\frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i}$$

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{1+2i}{2-i} = \frac{1+2i}{2-i} \frac{2+i}{2+i} = \frac{(1+2i)(2+i)}{(2-i)(2+i)} = \frac{2+i+4i+2i^2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{2+5i-2}{5} = \frac{5i}{5} = \textcircled{i}$$

Complex Plane



Dynamical Systems \sim

$z_0 \leftarrow$ initial point

$$z_1 = z_0^2 + C$$

$$z_2 = z_1^2 + C$$

$$z_3 = z_2^2 + C$$

\vdots



