

Chapter 5

COMPLEX NUMBERS AND QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

INTRODUCTION

$\sqrt{-36}$, $\sqrt{-25}$ etc do not have values in the system of real numbers.

So we need to extend the real numbers system to a larger system.

Let us denote $\sqrt{-1}$ by the symbol i .

$$ie\ i^2 = -1$$

A number of the form $a+ib$ where a & b are real numbers is defined to be a complex number.

Eg $2+i3$, $-7+\sqrt{2}i$, $\sqrt{3}i$, $4+i$, $5=5+0i$, $-7=-7+0i$ etc

For $z = 2+i5$, $\text{Re } z = 2$ (real part)

and $\text{Im } z = 5$ (imaginary part)

Refer algebra of complex numbers of text book pg 98

1) Addition of complex numbers

$$\begin{aligned}(2+i3) + (-3+i2) &= (2+-3) + i(3+2) \\ &= -1+5i\end{aligned}$$

2) Difference of complex numbers

$$\begin{aligned}(2+i3) - (-3+i2) &= (2+3) + i(3-2) \\ &= 5 + i\end{aligned}$$

3) Multiplication of two complex numbers

$$\begin{aligned}(2+i3)(-3+i2) &= 2(-3+i2) + i3(-3+i2) \\ &= -6+4i-9i+6i^2 \\ &= -6-5i-6 \quad (i^2 = -1) \\ &= -12-5i\end{aligned}$$

4) Division of complex numbers

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2+i3}{-3+i2} &= \frac{(2+i3)}{(-3+i2)} \times \frac{(-3-i2)}{(-3-i2)} \\ &= \frac{-6-4i-9i-6i^2}{(-3)^2-(i2)^2} \\ &= \frac{-6-13i+6}{9-(-1) \times 4} \\ &= \frac{-13i}{13} = -i\end{aligned}$$

5) Equality of 2 complex numbers

$$a+ib = c+id, \text{ iff } a=c \text{ \& } b=d$$

6) $a+ib = 0$, iff $a=0$ and $b=0$

Refer : the square roots of a negative real no & identities (text page 100,101)

Formulas

a) IF $Z=a+ib$ then modulus of Z ie $|Z| = (a^2+b^2)^{1/2}$

b) Conjugate of Z is $a-ib$

c) **Multiplicative inverse of $a+ib$** = $\frac{a}{(a^2+b^2)} - \frac{ib}{(a^2+b^2)}$

**d) Polar representation of a complex number

$$a+ib = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

Where $r = |Z| = (a^2+b^2)^{1/2}$ and $\theta = \arg Z$ (argument or amplitude of Z which has many different values but when $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$, θ is called principal argument of Z).

Trick method to find θ

Step 1 First find angle using the following

- 1) $\cos \theta = 1$ and $\sin \theta = 0$ then angle = 0
- 2) $\cos \theta = 0$ and $\sin \theta = 1$ then angle = $\pi/2$
- 3) $\sin \theta = \sqrt{3}/2$ and $\cos \theta = 1/2$ then angle = $\pi/3$
- 4) $\sin \theta = 1/2$ and $\cos \theta = \sqrt{3}/2$ then angle = $\pi/6$

Step 2: To find θ

- 1) If both $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ are positive then $\theta =$ angle (first quadrant)
- 2) If $\sin \theta$ positive, $\cos \theta$ negative then $\theta = \pi -$ angle (second quadrant)
- 3) If both $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ are negative the $\theta = \pi +$ angle (third quadrant)
- 4) If $\sin \theta$ negative and $\cos \theta$ positive then $\theta = 2\pi -$ angle (fourth quadrant)
Or $\theta = -$ (angle) since $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$ and $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$
- 5) If $\sin \theta = 0$ and $\cos \theta = -1$ then $\theta = \pi$

**e) Formula needed to find square root of a complex number

$$(a+ib)^2 = (a-b)^2 + 4ab$$

$$\text{ie } [x^2 + y^2]^2 = [x^2 - y^2]^2 + 4x^2y^2$$

e) Powers of i

$$\text{i) } i^{4k} = 1$$

$$\text{ii) } i^{4k+1} = i$$

$$\text{iii) } i^{4k+2} = -1$$

$$\text{iv) } i^{4k+3} = -i, \text{ for any integer } k$$

Examples:

$$i^1 = i, i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i \text{ and } i^4 = 1 \&$$

$$i^{19} = i^{16} \times i^3 = 1 \times -i = -i$$

g) Solutions of quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ with real coefficients a, b, c and $a \neq 0$ are given by $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$, If $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$

$$\text{If } b^2 - 4ac < 0 \text{ then } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{4ac - b^2} i}{2a}$$

Refer text page 102 the modulus and conjugate of a complex number properties given in the end. (i) to (v)

Ex 5.1

Q. 3*(1 mark), 8* (4 marks), 11**, 12**, 13**, 14**(4 Marks)

Polar form (very important)

Ex 5.2

Q 2**) Express $Z = -\sqrt{3} + i$ in the polar form and also write the modulus and the argument of Z

Solution Let $-\sqrt{3} + i = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$

$$\text{Here } a = -\sqrt{3}, b = 1$$

$$r = (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2} = \sqrt{3 + 1} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$-\sqrt{3} + i = 2\cos\theta + i \times 2\sin\theta$$

$$\text{Therefore } 2\cos\theta = -\sqrt{3} \text{ and } 2\sin\theta = 1$$

$$\cos\theta = -\sqrt{3}/2 \text{ and } \sin\theta = 1/2$$

Here $\cos\theta$ negative and $\sin\theta$ positive

Therefore $\theta = \pi - \pi/6 = 5\pi/6$ (see trick method given above)

Therefore polar form of $Z = -\sqrt{3} + i = 2(\cos 5\pi/6 + i\sin 5\pi/6)$

$|Z| = 2$ and argument of $Z = 5\pi/6$ and $-\sqrt{3} + i = 2(\cos 5\pi/6 + i\sin 5\pi/6)$

Ex 5.2

Q (1 to 8)** Note: Q 1) $\theta = 4\pi/3$ or principal argument $\theta = 4\pi/3 - 2\pi = -2\pi/3$

Q 5) $\theta = 5\pi/4$ or principal argument $\theta = 5\pi/4 - 2\pi = -3\pi/4$

eg 7**, eg 8**

Ex 5.3

Q 1,8,9,10 (1 mark)

Misc examples (12 to 16)**

Misc exercise

Q 4**,5**,10**,11**,12**,13**,14**,15**,16**,17*,20**

Supplementary material

eg 12**

Ex 5.4

Q (1 to 6)**

EXTRA/HOT QUESTIONS

1** Find the square roots of the following complex numbers (4 marks)

- i. $6 + 8i$
- ii. $3 - 4i$
- iii. $2 + 3i$ (HOT)
- iv. $7 - 30\sqrt{2}i$
- v. $\frac{3 + 4i}{3 - 4i}$ (HOT)

2** Convert the following complex numbers in the polar form

- i. $3\sqrt{3} + 3i$
- ii. $\frac{1 - i}{1 + i}$

- iii. $1 + i$
- iv. $-1 + \sqrt{3}i$
- v. $-3 + 3i$
- vi. $-2 - i$

3. If $a + ib = \frac{x+i}{x-i}$ where x is a real, prove that $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ and $b/a = 2x/(x^2-1)$ 4marks

4 Find the real and imaginary part of i . (1 mark)

5 Compute : $i + i^2 + i^3 + i^4$ (1 mark)

6 Solve the following quadratic equations (I mark)

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

ii) $2x^2 + 5 = 0$

7 Find the complex conjugate and multiplicative inverse of (4 mark)

i) $(2 - 5i)^2$

ii) $\frac{2 + 3i}{3 - 7i}$

8 If $|Z| = 2$ and $\arg Z = \pi/4$ then $Z = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$. (1 mark)

Answers

1) i) $2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i, -2\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i$

ii) $2 - i, -2 + i$

iii) $\frac{\sqrt{\sqrt{13} + 2}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{\sqrt{13} - 2}}{\sqrt{2}} i, \frac{\sqrt{\sqrt{13} + 2}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{\sqrt{13} - 2}}{\sqrt{2}} i,$

iv) $5 - 3\sqrt{2}i, -5 + 3\sqrt{2}i$

v) $3/5 + 4/5 i, -3/5 - 4/5 i$

2) i) $6(\cos \pi/6 + i \sin \pi/6)$

ii) $\cos(-\pi/2) + i \sin(-\pi/2)$

iii) $\sqrt{2}(\cos \pi/4 + i \sin \pi/4)$

iv) $2(\cos 2\pi/3 + i \sin 2\pi/3)$

iv) $3\sqrt{2}(\cos 3\pi/4 + i \sin 3\pi/4)$

vi) $2\sqrt{2}(\cos 5\pi/4 + i\sin 5\pi/4)$ or $2\sqrt{2}[\cos(-3\pi/4) + i\sin(-3\pi/4)]$

4) 0,1

5) 0

6) i) $\sqrt{2}, 1$

ii) $\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} i, -\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} i$

7) i) $-21 + 10i, \frac{-21}{541} - \frac{10}{541} i$

ii) $\frac{-15}{58} - \frac{23i}{58}, \frac{3-7i}{2+3i}$

8) $\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}$