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Complex Numbers

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01. Why we Need Complex Numbers ?

The equations of the form $x^2 + 1 = 0$, $x^2 + 4 = 0$ etc. are not solvable in R i.e. there is no real number whose square is a negative real number. Euler was the first mathematician to introduce the symbol i (iota) for the square root of -1 i.e. a solution of $x^2 + 1 = 0$ with the property $i^2 = -1$. He also called this symbol as the imaginary unit.

02. Integral Powers of Iota (i)

Positive integral power of i : We have,

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

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

$$i^3 = i^2 \times i = -i$$

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

In order to compute i^n for $n > 4$, we divide n by 4 and obtain the remainder r . Let m be the quotient when n is divided by 4. Then,

$$n = 4m + r, \text{ where } 0 \leq r < 4$$

$$\Rightarrow i^n = i^{4m+r} = (i^4)^m i^r = i^r$$

Thus, the value of i^n for $n > 4$ is i^r , where r is the remainder when n is divided by 4.

Negative integral powers of i :

By the law of indices, we have,

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

$$i^{-2} = \frac{1}{i^2} = \frac{1}{-1} = -1$$

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

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

If $n > 4$, then

$$i^{-n} = \frac{1}{i^n} = \frac{1}{i^r}, \text{ where } r \text{ is the remainder when } n \text{ is divided by } 4.$$

NOTE i^0 is defined as 1.

Properties of Iota

I. Periodic properties of i

$$i^{4n} = 1, i^{4n+1} = i, i^{4n+2} = -1, i^{4n+3} = -i \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

II. Sum of four consecutive power terms of i is zero.

$$\text{i.e., } i^n + i^{n+1} + i^{n+2} + i^{n+3} = 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Example Evaluate :
 i^{35}

Sol. 135 leaves remainder as 3 when it is divided by 4.
 $\therefore i^{35} = i^3 = -i$

03. Imaginary Quantities

The square root of a negative real number is called an imaginary quantity or an imaginary number.

For example, $\sqrt{-3}$, $\sqrt{-4}$, $\sqrt{-9/4}$ etc. are imaginary quantities.

RESULT

If a, b are positive real numbers, then $\sqrt{-a} \times \sqrt{-b} = -\sqrt{ab}$.

NOTE (1) For any two real numbers $\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$ is true only when at least one of a and b is either positive or zero. In other words, $\sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$ is not valid if a and b both are negative.
 (2) For any positive real number a , we have $\sqrt{-a} = \sqrt{-1 \times a} = \sqrt{-1} \times \sqrt{a} = i\sqrt{a}$.

04. Complex Numbers

COMPLEX NUMBER

If a, b are two real numbers, then a number of the form $a + ib$ is called a complex number.
For example, $7 + 2i$, $-1 + i$, $3 - 2i$, $0 + 2i$, $1 + 0i$ etc. are complex numbers.

Real and imaginary parts of a complex number: If $z = a + ib$ is a complex number, then ' a ' is called the real part of z and ' b ' is known as the imaginary part of z . The real part of z is denoted by $\text{Re}(z)$ and the imaginary part by $\text{Im}(z)$.

Example $z = 3 - 4i$, then $\text{Re}(z) = 3$ and $\text{Im}(z) = -4$.

Purely real and purely imaginary complex numbers: A complex number z is purely real if its imaginary part is zero i.e. $\text{Im}(z) = 0$ and purely imaginary if its real part is zero i.e. $\text{Re}(z) = 0$.

Set of complex numbers: The set of all complex numbers is denoted by C i.e.
 $C = \{a + ib : a, b \in R\}$.

NOTE Since a real number ' a ' can be written as $a + 0i$. Therefore, every real number is a complex number. Hence, $R \subset C$, where R is the set of all real numbers.

05. Equality of Complex Numbers

Definition Two complex numbers $z_1 = a_1 + ib_1$ and $z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$ are equal if $a_1 = a_2$ and $b_1 = b_2$ i.e. $Re(z_1) = Re(z_2)$ and $Im(z_1) = Im(z_2)$.

Thus, $z_1 = z_2 \Leftrightarrow Re(z_1) = Re(z_2)$ and $Im(z_1) = Im(z_2)$.

06. Algebra of Complex Numbers

ADDITION

Definition Let $z_1 = a_1 + ib_1$ and $z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$ be two complex numbers. Then their sum $z_1 + z_2$ is defined as the complex number $(a_1 + a_2) + i(b_1 + b_2)$. The sum $z_1 + z_2$ is a complex number such that $Re(z_1 + z_2) = Re(z_1) + Re(z_2)$ and $Im(z_1 + z_2) = Im(z_1) + Im(z_2)$.

PROPERTIES OF ADDITION OF COMPLEX NUMBERS

- (i) Addition is Commutative: For any two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 , we have

$$z_1 + z_2 = z_2 + z_1.$$
- (ii) Addition is Associative: For any three complex numbers z_1, z_2, z_3 , we have

$$(z_1 + z_2) + z_3 = z_1 + (z_2 + z_3)$$
- (iii) Existence of Additive Identity: The complex number $0 = 0 + i0$ is the identity element for addition i.e. $z + 0 = z = 0 + z$ for all $z \in C$. The complex number $0 = 0 + i0$ is the identity element for addition.
- (iv) Existence of Additive Inverse: For any complex number $z = a + ib$, there exists $-z = (-a) + i(-b)$ such that $z + (-z) = 0 = (-z) + z$. The complex number $-z$ is called the additive inverse of z .

07. Subtraction of Complex Numbers

Definition Let $z_1 = a_1 + ib_1$ and $z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$ be two complex numbers. Then the subtraction of z_2 from z_1 is denoted by $z_1 - z_2$ and is defined as the addition of z_1 and $-z_2$.

Thus, $z_1 - z_2 = z_1 + (-z_2) = (a_1 + ib_1) + (-a_2 - ib_2) = (a_1 - a_2) + i(b_1 - b_2)$

08. Multiplication of Complex Numbers

Let $z_1 = a_1 + ib_1$ and $z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$ be two complex numbers. Then the subtraction of z_1 with z_2 is denoted by $z_1 z_2$ and is defined as the complex number $(a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + i(a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1)$.

Thus, $z_1 z_2 = (a_1 + ib_1)(a_2 + ib_2)$

$\Rightarrow z_1 z_2 = (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + i(a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1)$

$\Rightarrow z_1 z_2 = [Re(z_1) Re(z_2) - Im(z_1) Im(z_2)] + i [Re(z_1) Im(z_2) + Re(z_2) Im(z_1)]$