

**Equality of Two Complex Numbers:**

The two complex numbers  $z_1 = a + bi$  and  $z_2 = c + di$  are said to be equal iff their real and imaginary parts are equal i.e.,  $a + bi = c + di \Leftrightarrow a = c$  and  $b = d$ .

**Square root of a Complex Number:**

The square root of a complex number is another complex number that, when squared, give the original complex number.

Let  $w = p + qi$  is a square root of a complex number  $z = x + iy$ , where  $p, q, x, y \in R$ , then

$w = \sqrt{z}$  ... (i), taking square on both sides, we get

$$w^2 = z$$

$$(p + iq)^2 = x + iy$$

$$p^2 + 2pqi - q^2 = x + iy$$

Equating real and imaginary part, we have

$$x = p^2 - q^2 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

$$y = 2pq \quad \text{(iii)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + x}{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad q = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x}{2}}$$

From equation (iii):  $y = 2pq$ , thus we have

- $y > 0$ , if  $p$  and  $q$  have the same sign
- $y < 0$ , if  $p$  and  $q$  have opposite sign
- $y = 0$ , if  $p = 0$  or  $q = 0$

Therefore, the square root of the complex number  $z = x + iy$  is given by

$$\sqrt{z} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{|z| + x}{2}} + \frac{iy}{|y|} \sqrt{\frac{|z| - x}{2}} \right) \dots \text{(v)}, \text{ where } |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \geq 0 \text{ is modulus of } z.$$

## EXERCISE 1.2

1. Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  in each of the following.

(i)  $x + iy + 2 - 3i = i(5 - i)(3 + 4i)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} x + iy + 2 - 3i &= i(5 - i)(3 + 4i) \\ \Rightarrow (x + 2) + i(y - 3) &= i[15 + 20i - 3i - 4i^2] \\ \Rightarrow (x + 2) + i(y - 3) &= i[15 + 4 + 17i] \\ (x + 2) + i(y - 3) &= -17 + 19i \end{aligned}$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2 &= -17 & ; & & y - 3 &= 19 \\ \Rightarrow x &= -19 & ; & & y &= 22 \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $(x + iy)(1 - i) = (2 - 3i)(-5 + 5i)\left(-i\frac{3}{5}\right)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (x + iy)(1 - i) &= (2 - 3i)(-5 + 5i)\left(-i\frac{3}{5}\right) \\ &= (2 - 3i)5(-1 + i)\left(-i\frac{3}{5}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x - xi + yi - i^2y = (2 - 3i)(3i - 3i^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x - xi + yi + y = (2 - 3i)(3i + 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y) + i(y - x) = 6i + 6 - 9i^2 - 9i$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y) + i(y - x) = 15 - 3i$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we have

$$x + y = 15 \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$-x + y = -3 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

Adding (i) and (ii)

$$2y = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 6 \text{ put in (i)}$$

$$x + 6 = 15 \Rightarrow x = 15 - 6 \Rightarrow x = 9$$

So,  $x = 9$ ,  $y = 6$

(iii)  $\frac{x}{2 + i} + \frac{y}{3 - i} = 4 + 5i$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{x}{2 + i} + \frac{y}{3 - i} = 4 + 5i$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x(3 - i) + y(2 + i)}{(2 + i)(3 - i)} = 4 + 5i$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - xi + 2y + yi = (4 + 5i)(6 - 2i + 3i - i^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x + 2y) + (-x + y)i = (4 + 5i)(6 + 1 + i)$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x + 2y) + (-x + y)i = (4 + 5i)(7 + i)$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x + 2y) + (y - x)i = 28 + 4i + 35i + 5i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x + 2y) + i(y - x) = 23 + 39i$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we get

$$3x + 2y = 23 \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$-x + y = 39 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

From (ii)

$$y = 39 + x, \text{ put in (i)}$$

$$3x + 2(39 + x) = 23$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 78 + 2x = 23$$

$$5x = 23 - 78 \Rightarrow x = -11$$

Put in (ii)

$$-(-11) + y = 39$$

$$y = 39 - 11$$

$$y = 28$$

So,  $x = -11$  and  $y = 28$

2. If  $z_1 = -13 + 24i$  and  $z_2 = x + yi$ , find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  such that

$$z_1 - z_2 = -27 + 15i$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given that: } z_1 - z_2 = -27 + 15i$$

Replacing the values of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  we get;

$$(-13 + 24i) - (x + iy) = -27 + 15i$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we get

$$-13 - x = -27 \quad ; \quad 24 - y = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -13 + 27 \quad ; \quad -y = 15 - 24$$

$$x = 14 \quad ; \quad y = 9$$

So, values of  $x$  and  $y$  are 14 and 9 respectively.

3. Find the value of  $x$  and  $y$  if:

(i)  $(x + iy)^2 = 25 + 60i$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given: } (x + iy)^2 = 25 + 60i$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (iy)^2 + 2xyi = 25 + 60i$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 + 2xyi = 25 + 60i$$

By comparing real and imaginary parts,

$$x^2 - y^2 = 25 \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$2xy = 60 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

From (ii)  $y = \frac{30}{x}$  put in (i)

$$x^2 - \left(\frac{30}{x}\right)^2 = 25 \Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{900}{x^2} = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 - 900 = 25x^2 \Rightarrow x^4 - 25x^2 - 900 = 0$$

$$x^4 - 45x^2 + 20x^2 - 900 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(x^2 - 45) + 20(x^2 - 45) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 45, \text{ or } x^2 = -20 \text{ (Not Possible)}$$

So,  $x^2 = 45$

Put in (i)

$$45 - y^2 = 25$$

$$y^2 = 20$$

$$y = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$x = 3\sqrt{5}, y = 2\sqrt{5}$$

Or  $x = -3\sqrt{5}, y = -2\sqrt{5}$

(ii)  $(x + iy)^2 = 64 + 48i$

**Solution:**

Given:  $(x + iy)^2 = 64 + 48i$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (iy)^2 + 2ixy = 64 + 48i$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 + 2xyi = 64 + 48i$$

By comparing real and imaginary parts, we get,

$$x^2 - y^2 = 64 \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$2xy = 48 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

From (ii)  $y = \frac{24}{x}$  Put in (i)

$$x^2 - \left(\frac{24}{x}\right)^2 = 64 \Rightarrow x^2 - \frac{576}{x^2} = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 - 576 - 64x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 - 64x^2 - 576 = 0$$

$$x^4 - 72x^2 + 8x^2 - 576 = 0$$

$$x^2(x^2 - 72) + 8(x^2 - 72) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - 72)(x^2 + 8) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 72 \text{ or } x^2 = -8 \text{ (Not possible)}$$

So,  $x^2 = 72$  Put in (i)

$$72 - y^2 = 64 \Rightarrow y^2 = 72 - 64 \Rightarrow y^2 = 8$$

$$x = 6\sqrt{2}, y = 2\sqrt{2}$$

or  $x = -6\sqrt{2}, y = -2\sqrt{2}$

(iii)  $(x + iy)^2 = \frac{2i - 3}{3 + i}$

**Solution:**

Given:  $(x + iy)^2 = \frac{2i - 3}{3 + i}$

$$x^2 + (iy)^2 + 2ixy = \frac{2i - 3}{3 + i} \times \frac{3 - i}{3 - i}$$

$$x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy = \frac{6i - 2i^2 - 9 + 3i}{3^2 - i^2}$$

$$= \frac{9i + 2 - 9}{10}$$

$$x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy = -\frac{7}{10} + \frac{9}{10}i$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we get:

$$x^2 - y^2 = -\frac{7}{10} \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$2xy = \frac{9}{10}$$

$$xy = \frac{9}{20}$$

$$y = \frac{9}{20x} \quad \text{(ii)}$$

Put in (i)

$$x^2 - \left(\frac{9}{20x}\right)^2 = -\frac{7}{10}$$

$$x^2 - \frac{81}{400x^2} = -\frac{7}{10}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{81}{400x^2} - \frac{7}{10}$$

$$400x^4 + 280x^2 - 81 = 0$$

Using quadratic formula:

$$x^2 = \frac{-280 \pm \sqrt{(280)^2 - 4(400)(-81)}}{2(400)}$$

$$= \frac{-280 \pm \sqrt{78400 + 129600}}{800}$$

$$= \frac{-280 \pm \sqrt{208000}}{800}$$

$$= \frac{-280 \pm 40\sqrt{130}}{800}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{130}}{20}$$

Take  $x^2 = \frac{-7 - \sqrt{130}}{20}$

This gives complex roots

$$\text{Take } x^2 = \frac{-7 + \sqrt{130}}{20}$$

$$= \frac{-7 + 11.4}{20}$$

$$x^2 = 0.22$$

$$x = \pm 0.46$$

When  $x = 0.46$ ,  $y = \frac{9}{20x}$  becomes

$$y = \frac{9}{20(0.46)} = \frac{9}{9.2} = 0.97$$

When  $x = -0.46$ ,  $y = \frac{9}{20x}$  becomes

$$y = \frac{9}{20(-0.46)} = -\frac{9}{9.2} = -0.97$$

4. If  $z_1 = 2 + 3i$  and  $z_2 = 1 - \alpha$ , find the value of  $\alpha$  such that  $\text{Im}(z_1 \cdot z_2) = 7$ .

**Solution:**

Given that:  $\text{Im}(z_1 \cdot z_2) = 7$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im}[(2 + 3i)(1 - \alpha)] = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im}[2(1 - \alpha) + 3i(1 - \alpha)] = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(1 - \alpha) = 7$$

$$1 - \alpha = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$1 - \frac{7}{3} = \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{4}{3}$$

5. If  $z_1 = x + yi$  and  $z_2 = a + bi$ , find  $x, y, a$  and  $b$  such that  $z_1 + z_2 = 10 + 4i$  and  $z_1 - z_2 = 6 + 2i$ .

**Solution:**

Firstly,  $z_1 + z_2 = 10 + 4i$

$$\Rightarrow x + iy + a + ib = 10 + 4i$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + a) + (y + b)i = 10 + 4i$$

By comparing real and imaginary parts:

$$x + a = 10 \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$y + b = 4 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

Also,  $z_1 - z_2 = 6 + 2i$

$$\Rightarrow (x + iy) - (a + ib) = 6 + 2i$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - a) + (y - b)i = 6 + 2i$$

By comparing real and imaginary parts;

$$x - a = 6 \quad \text{(iii)}$$

$$y - b = 2 \quad \text{(iv)}$$

Adding (i) and (iii)

$$x + a = 10$$

$$x - a = 6$$

$$2x = 16$$

$$x = 8 \text{ put in (i)}$$

$$8 + a = 10$$

$$a = 2$$

Also, solving (ii) and (iv)

$$y + b = 4$$

$$y - b = 2 \text{ adding}$$

$$2y = 6$$

$$y = 3 \text{ Put in (ii)}$$

$$3 + b = 4 \Rightarrow b = 1$$

So, values of  $x, y, a$  and  $b$  respectively are 8, 3, 2 and 1.

6. Show that  $\forall z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}, \overline{z_1 z_2} = \overline{z_1} \overline{z_2}$

**Solution:**

Let  $z_1 = a + bi$  and  $z_2 = c + di$

Now  $z_1 \cdot z_2 = (a + bi)(c + di)$

$$= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$

L.H.S:

$$\overline{z_1 z_2} = (ac - bd) - (ad + bc)i$$

$$ac - adi - bci + bdi^2$$

$$= a(c - di) - ib(c - di)$$

$$= (a - ib)(c - di)$$

$$\overline{z_1 \cdot z_2} = \text{R.H.S}$$

**SHORT QUESTION**

Show that  $\overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} = \frac{\overline{z_1}}{\overline{z_2}}, z_2 \neq 0$

7. Find the square root of the following complex numbers:

- (i)  $-7 - 24i$

**Solution:**

Let  $z = x + iy = -7 - 24i$

$$\Rightarrow x = -7, y = -24 < 0$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{49 + 576} = 25$$

Applying the square root formula for complex numbers, we get

$$\sqrt{z} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{|z| + x}{2}} + \frac{iy}{|y|} \sqrt{\frac{|z| - x}{2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{-7-24i} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{25-7}{2}} + \frac{i(-24)}{24} \sqrt{\frac{25+7}{2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm(3-i)$$

As  $y < 0$ , so square root of  $-7-24i$  are  $3-i$  or  $-3+4i$

(ii)  $8-6i$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy = 8 - 6i$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 8, y = -6 < 0$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{64 + 36} = 10$$

Applying square root formula for complex numbers, we get:

$$\sqrt{z} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{|z|+x}{2}} + \frac{iy}{|y|} \sqrt{\frac{|z|-x}{2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{8-6i} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{10+8}{2}} + \frac{(-6)i}{|-6|} \sqrt{\frac{10-8}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \pm(3-i)$$

As  $y < 0$ , so square root of complex number  $8-6i$  are  $3-i$  or  $-3+i$ .

(iii)  $-15-36i$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy = -15 - 36i$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -15, y = -36 < 0$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{(-15)^2 + (-36)^2} = 39$$

Applying square root formula, we get:

$$\sqrt{-15-36i} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{39-15}{2}} + \frac{(-36)i}{|-36|} \sqrt{\frac{39+15}{2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \pm(2\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}i)$$

As  $y < 0$ , so square root of complex number  $-15-36i$  are  $2\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3}i$  or  $-2\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3}i$

(iv)  $119+120i$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy = 119 + 120i$$

$$\text{Where } x = 119, y = 120 > 0$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{119^2 + 120^2} = 169,$$

Applying square root formula for complex numbers, we get,

$$\sqrt{119+120i} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{169+119}{2}} + \frac{i(120)}{|120|} \sqrt{\frac{169-119}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \pm(12+5i)$$

As  $y > 0$ , so square root of  $119+120i$  are  $12+5i$  or  $-12-5i$ .

8. Find the square root of  $13-20\sqrt{3}i$  and represent them on an Argand diagram.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy = 13 - 20\sqrt{3}i$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 13, y = -20\sqrt{3} < 0$$

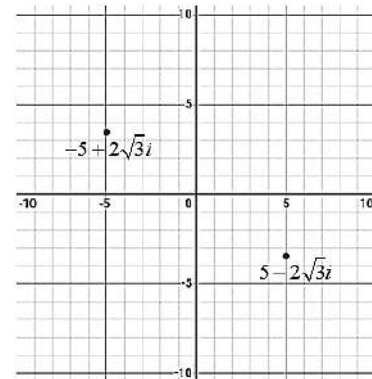
$$|z| = \sqrt{(13)^2 + (-20\sqrt{3})^2} = 37$$

Applying the square root formula for complex number, we get

$$\sqrt{13-20\sqrt{3}i} = \pm \left( \sqrt{\frac{37+13}{2}} + \frac{i(-20\sqrt{3})}{|-20\sqrt{3}|} \sqrt{\frac{37-13}{2}} \right)$$

$$= \pm(5-2\sqrt{3}i)$$

As  $y < 0$ , so square root of  $13-20\sqrt{3}i$  are  $5-2\sqrt{3}i$  or  $-5+2\sqrt{3}i$



9. Find the value of  $x$  and  $y$  if  $(-7+i)(x+iy) + (-1-5i) = i(11-i)$

**Solution:**

Given:

$$(-7+i)(x+iy) + (-1-5i) = i(11-i)$$

$$\Rightarrow -7x - 7yi + xi + yi^2 - 1 - 5i = 11i - i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -7x - 7yi + xi - y - 1 - 5i = 1 + 11i$$

$$\Rightarrow (-7x - y - 1) + (-7y + x - 5)i = 1 + 11i$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts.

$$-7x - y - 1 = 1 \quad (i)$$

$$x - 7y - 5 = 11 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

From (i)  $y = -7x - 2$  put in (ii)

$$x - 7(-7x - 2) = 16$$

$$x + 49x + 14 = 16 \Rightarrow 50x = 2$$

$$x = \frac{1}{25} \text{ put in (ii)}$$

$$\frac{1}{25} - 5 - 11 = 7y$$

$$7y = \frac{1}{25} - 16$$

$$7y = \frac{399}{25}$$

$$y = -\frac{57}{25}$$

$$\text{So, } x = \frac{1}{25}, y = -\frac{57}{25}$$

**10. Find the value of  $x$  and  $y$  if**

$$(5 - 2i)(x + iy) + 3 = i(11 - i) - 4i$$

**Solution:**

Given:

$$(5 - 2i)(x + iy) + 3 = i(11 - i) - 4i$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x + 5yi - 2xi - 2yi^2 + 3 = 11i - i^2 - 4i$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x + 5yi - 2xi + 2y + 3 = 7i + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (5x + 2y + 3) + (5y - 2x)i = 1 + 7i$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts:

$$5x + 2y + 3 = 1 \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$5y - 2x = 7 \quad \text{(ii)}$$

Multiplying equation (i) with 2 and equation (ii) with 5, we get:

$$10x + 4y = -4$$

$$\frac{-10x + 25y = 35}{29y = 31} \text{ Adding}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{31}{29} \text{ put in (i)}$$

$$5x + 2\left(\frac{31}{29}\right) = -2 \Rightarrow 5x = -2 - \frac{62}{29}$$

$$5x = -\frac{120}{29} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{24}{29}$$

$$\text{So, } x = -\frac{24}{29} \text{ and } y = \frac{31}{29}$$

**11. Find the real values of  $u$  and  $v$  if**

$$\frac{u-2}{2+i} + \frac{v-3}{2-i} = 4i$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given: } \frac{u-2}{2+i} + \frac{v-3}{2-i} = 4i$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(u-2)(2-i) + (v-3)(2+i)}{(2+i)(2-i)} = 4i$$

$$\Rightarrow 2u - iu - 4 + 2i + 2v + iv - 6 - 3i = 4i(4 - i^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2u + 2v - 10 - iu + iv - i = 4i(4 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2u + 2v - 10 - iu + iv - i = 20i$$

$$\Rightarrow 2u + 2v - 10 + i(v - u - 1) = 20i$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts:

$$2u + 2v - 10 = 0 \quad \left| \quad -u + v - 1 = 20 \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow u + v - 5 = 0 \quad \text{(i)} \quad \left| \quad -u + v - 21 = 0 \quad \text{(ii)} \right.$$

Adding (i) and (ii)

$$u + v - 5 = 0$$

$$-u + v - 21 = 0$$

$$2v - 26 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v = 13 \text{ put in (i)}$$

$$u + 13 - 5 = 0$$

$$u = -8$$

So values of  $u$  and  $v$  are  $-8$  and  $13$  respectively.

**12. If  $z_1 = 4 + 5i$  and  $z_2 = \alpha - 2i$ , find the real values of  $\alpha$  such that  $\text{Re}(z_1 z_2) = 20$ .**

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given: } \text{Re}(z_1 z_2) = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Re}[(4 + 5i)(\alpha - 2i)] = 20$$

$$\text{Re}[4\alpha - 8i + 5\alpha i + 10] = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\alpha + 10 = 20$$

$$4\alpha = 10$$

$$\alpha = \frac{5}{2}$$