

Rational number:

A number which can be written in the form of $\frac{p}{q}$, where $p, q \in Z \wedge q \neq 0$ is called a rational number.

e.g. $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{22}{7}, \frac{2}{6}$.

Irrational number:

A real number which cannot be written in the form of $\frac{p}{q}$, where $p, q \in Z \wedge q \neq 0$ is called an irrational number.

e.g. $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}$

Real number:

The field of all rational and irrational numbers is called the real numbers, or simply the "reals," and denoted \mathbb{R} .

Terminating decimal:

A decimal which has only a finite number of digits in its decimal part, is called terminating decimal.

e.g. 202.04, 0.25, 0.5 example of terminating decimal.

Recurring decimal:

A decimal in which one or more digits repeats indefinitely is called recurring decimal or periodic decimal.

e.g. 0.33333, 21.134134

Exercise 2.1

Question.1. Identify which of the following are rational and irrational numbers

(i). $\sqrt{3}$

Solution.

Is an irrational number.

(ii). $\frac{1}{6}$

Solution.

Is a rational number.

(iii). π

Solution.

Is an irrational number.

(iv). $\frac{15}{7}$

Solution.

Is a rational number.

(v). 7.25

Solution.

Is a rational number.

(vi). $\sqrt{29}$

Solution.

Is an irrational number.

Question.2. Convert the following fractions into decimal fraction.

(i) $\frac{17}{25}$

Solution.

0.68

(ii) $\frac{19}{4}$

Solution.

4.75

(iii) $\frac{57}{8}$

Solution.

7.125

(iv) $\frac{205}{18}$

Solution.

11.3889

(v) $\frac{5}{8}$

Solution.

0.625

(vi) $\frac{25}{38}$

Solution.

0.65789

Question.3. Which of the following statements are true and which are false?

(i). $\frac{2}{3}$ is an irrational number.

Solution.

False.

(ii). π is an irrational number.

Solution.

True.

(iii). $\frac{1}{9}$ is a terminating fraction.

Solution.

False.

(iv). $\frac{3}{4}$ is terminating fraction.

Solution.

True.

(v). $\frac{4}{5}$ is a recurring fraction..

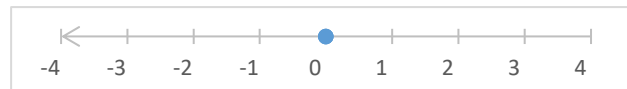
Solution.

False.

Question.4. Represent the following numbers on the number line

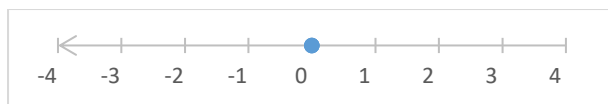
(i) $\frac{2}{3}$

Solution.



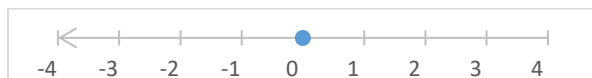
(ii). $-\frac{4}{5}$

Solution.



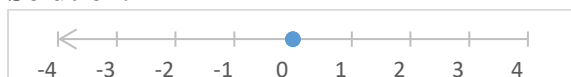
(iii). $1\frac{3}{4}$

Solution.



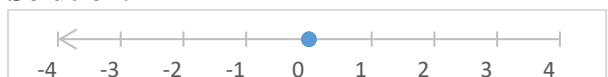
(iv). $-2\frac{5}{8}$

Solution.



(v). $\sqrt{5}$

Solution.



Question.5. Give a rational number between $\frac{3}{4}$

and $\frac{5}{9}$.

Solution.

The mean of the numbers is between given numbers. Therefore

$$\text{required number} = \frac{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{9}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{27 + 20}{36}$$

$$= \frac{47}{36}$$

$$= \frac{36}{47}$$

$$= \frac{36 \times 2}{47}$$

$$= \frac{72}{47}$$

Question.6. Express the following recurring decimals as the rational number $\frac{p}{q}$, where p, q

are integers and $q \neq 0$.

(i). $0.\bar{5}$

Solution.

Let

$$x = 0.\bar{5}$$

That is

$$x = 0.5555 \dots \rightarrow (i)$$

Only one digit 5 is being repeated, multiply by 10 on both sides of (i), we have

$$10x = (0.5555 \dots) \times 10$$

$$10x = 5.5555 \dots \rightarrow (ii)$$

Subtracting (i) from (ii), we have

$$10x - x = 5.5555 \dots - 0.5555 \dots$$

$$9x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$0.\bar{5} = \frac{5}{9}$$

Answer.

(ii). $0.\bar{13}$

Solution.

Let

$$x = 0.\bar{13}$$

That is

$$x = 0.13131313 \dots \rightarrow (i)$$

Only two digits 13 is being repeated, multiply by 100 on both sides of (i), we have

$$100x = (0.13131313 \dots) \times 100$$

$$100x = 13.13131313 \dots \rightarrow (ii)$$

Subtracting (i) from (ii), we have

$$100x - x$$

$$= 13.13131313 \dots - 0.13131313 \dots$$

$$99x = 13$$

$$x = \frac{13}{99}$$

$$0.\bar{13} = \frac{13}{99}$$

Answer.

(iii). $0.\bar{67}$

Solution.

Let

$$x = 0.\bar{67}$$

That is

$$x = 0.67676767 \dots \rightarrow (i)$$

Only two digits 67 is being repeated, multiply by 100 on both sides of (i), we have

$$100x = (0.67676767 \dots) \times 100$$

$$100x = 67.67676767 \dots \rightarrow (ii)$$

Subtracting (i) from (ii), we have

$$100x - x$$

$$= 67.67676767 \dots - 0.67676767 \dots$$

$$99x = 67$$

$$x = \frac{67}{99}$$

$$0.\bar{67} = \frac{67}{99}$$

Answer.

Properties of Real Numbers:**Binary Operations:**

A binary operation in a set A is a rule usually denoted by * that assigns to any pair of elements of A to another element of A. e.g. two important binary operations are addition and multiplication in a set of real numbers. (\forall stands for all.)

Addition Laws:**Closure Law of Addition:**

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then } a + b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Associative Law of Addition:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then } a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c.$$

Additive Identity:

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists 0 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } a + 0 = 0 + a = a.$$

\exists Stands for there exist and 0 is called the additive identity.

Additive Inverse:

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists -a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } a + (-a) = -a + a = 0.$$

$-a$ and a are called the additive inverse of each other.

Commutative Law for Addition:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then } a + b = b + a.$$

Multiplication Laws:**Closure Law of Multiplication:**

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then } ab \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall \text{ stands for all.}$$

Associative Law of Multiplication:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then } a(bc) = (ab)c.$$

Multiplicative Identity:

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists 1 \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a.$$

\exists Stands for there exist and 1 is called the multiplicative identity.

Multiplicative Inverse:

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists a' = \frac{1}{a} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot a = 1.$$

a and $\frac{1}{a}$ are called the additive inverse of each other.

Commutative Law for Multiplication:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then } ab = ba.$$

Properties of Equality:**Reflexive property:**

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then } a = a$$

Symmetric Property:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and if } a = b \text{ then } b = a.$$

Transitive Property:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ if } a = b \text{ and } b = c \text{ then } a = c.$$

Additive Property:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a = b \text{ then } a + c = b + c.$$

Multiplicative Property:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a = b \text{ then } ac = bc.$$

Cancellation Property w.r.t. addition:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a + c = b + c \text{ then } a = b.$$

Cancellation Property w.r.t. Multiplication:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, ac = bc \text{ then } a = b.$$

Distributive property of multiplication over addition.

$$a(b + c) = ab + ac$$

Distributive property of multiplication over Subtraction.

$$a(b - c) = ab - ac$$

Properties of Inequalities (Order properties):**Trichotomy Property:**

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

either $a = b$ or $a > b$ or $a < b$.

Transitive Property:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

(i). if $a > b$ and $b > c$ then $a > c$.

(ii). if $a < b$ and $b < c$ then $a < c$.

Additive Property:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

(i). if $a > b$ then $a + c > b + c$.

(ii). if $a < b$ then $a + c < b + c$.

Multiplicative Properties:

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

If $c > 0$

(i). if $a > b$ then $ac > bc$.

(ii). if $a < b$ and then $ac < bc$.

If $c < 0$

(iii). if $a > b$ then $ac < bc$.

(iv). if $a < b$ and then $ac > bc$.

Exercise 2.2

Question.1. Identify the property used in the following.

(i). $a + b = b + a$

Solution.

Commutative property w.r.t Addition.

(ii). $(ab)c = a(bc)$

Solution.

Associative property w.r.t Multiplication.

(iii). $7 \times 1 = 7$

Solution.

Multiplicative identity.

(iv). $x > y$ or $x = y$ or $x < y$

Solution.

Trichotomy Property.

(v). $ab = ba$

Solution.

Commutative property w.r.t Multiplication.

(vi). $a + b = b + c \Rightarrow a = b$

Solution.

Cancellation Law w.r.t Addition.

(vii). $5 + (-5) = 0$

Solution.

Additive Inverse.

(viii). $7 \times \frac{1}{7}$

Solution.

Multiplicative Inverse.

(ix). $a > b \Rightarrow ac > bc$ ($c > 0$)

Solution.

Multiplicative propert.

Question.2. Fill in the following blanks by stating the properties of real numbers used.

$$3x + 3(y - x)$$

Solution.

Given

$$3x + 3(y - x) = 3x + 3y - 3x$$

Distributive property w.r.t multiplication over subtraction.

$$= 3x - 3x$$

+ $3y$ *commutative property w.r.t addition.*

$$= 0 + 3y \quad \text{additive inverse property.}$$

$$= 3y \quad \text{additive identity.}$$

Answer.

Question.3. Give the name of property used in the following.

(i). $\sqrt{24} + 0 = \sqrt{24}$

Solution.

Additive identity.

(ii). $-\frac{2}{3}\left(5 + \frac{7}{2}\right) = \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)(5) + \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)$

Solution.

Distributive property of multiplication over addition.

(iii). $\pi + (-\pi) = 0$

Solution.

Additive Inverse.

(iv). $\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}$ is a real number.

Solution.

Closure law for multiplication.

(v). $\left(-\frac{5}{8}\right)\left(-\frac{8}{5}\right) = 1$

Solution.

Multiplicative Inverse.

Radicals and Radicands:

If n is a positive integer greater than 1 and a is a real number, then any real number x such that $x^n = a$ is called the n th root of a , and in symbols is written as

$$x = \sqrt[n]{a} \quad \text{or} \quad x = (a)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

And $\sqrt[n]{a}$ is called radical, the symbol $\sqrt{\quad}$ is called the radical sign, n is called the index of the radical and the real number a under the radical sign is called the radicand or base.

Radical and Exponent Form:

$x = \sqrt[n]{a}$ is called radical form and a

$= x^{\frac{1}{n}}$ is called exponent form.

Some Properties of Radicals:

(i). $\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \sqrt[n]{b}$

(ii). $\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}}$

(iii). $\sqrt[n]{\sqrt[m]{a}} = \sqrt[nm]{a}$

(iv). $\sqrt[n]{a^m} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$

(v). $\sqrt[n]{a^n} = a$

Exercise # 2.3

Question.1. Write each radical expression in exponential notation and each exponential expression in radical notation. Do not simplify.

(i). $\sqrt[3]{-64} = (-64)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Solution.

$$\sqrt[3]{-64} = (-64)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

(ii). $2^{\frac{3}{5}}$

Solution.

$$2^{\frac{3}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{2^3}$$

(iii). $-7^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Solution.

$$-7^{\frac{1}{3}} = -\sqrt[3]{7}$$

(iv). $y^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

Solution.

$$y^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{y^{-2}}$$

Question.2. Tell whether the following statements are true or false?

(i). $5^{\frac{1}{5}} = \sqrt{5}$

Solution.

False because $5^{\frac{1}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{5}$ is true.

(ii). $2^{\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{4}$

Solution.

True because $2^{\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{2^2} = \sqrt[3]{4}$ is true.

(iii). $\sqrt{49} = \sqrt{7}$

Solution.

False because $\sqrt{49} = \sqrt{7^2} = 7$ is true.

(iv). $\sqrt[3]{x^{27}} = x^3$

Solution.

False because $\sqrt[3]{x^{27}} = x^{\frac{27}{3}} = x^9$ is true.

Question.3. Simplify the following radical expressions.

(i). $\sqrt[3]{-125}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt[3]{-125} &= \sqrt[3]{-5^3} \\ &= (-5)^{3 \times \frac{1}{3}} \\ &= -5\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(ii). $\sqrt[4]{32}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt[4]{32} &= \sqrt[4]{2^4 \times 2} \\ &= (2^4 \times 2)^{\frac{1}{4}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= (2^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} \times 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= 2 \times \sqrt[4]{2} \\ &= 2\sqrt[4]{2}\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iii). $\sqrt[5]{\frac{3}{32}}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt[5]{\frac{3}{32}} &= \left(\frac{3}{32}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{2^5}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ &= \frac{3^{\frac{1}{5}}}{2^{5 \times \frac{1}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt[5]{3}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iv). $\sqrt[3]{\frac{-8}{27}}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt[3]{\frac{-8}{27}} &= \left(\frac{-2^3}{3^3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \frac{-2^{3 \times \frac{1}{3}}}{3^{3 \times \frac{1}{3}}} \\ &= \frac{-2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

Base and Exponents:

In the exponential form

a^n (read as a to the n th power) we call " a " as the base and " n " as the exponent or power.

Laws of Exponents:

If $a, b \in$

R and m, n are positive integers, then

(i). $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$

(ii). $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

(iii). $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$

(iv). $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$

(v). $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

(vi). $a^0 = 1$, where $a \neq 0$

(vii). $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$, where $a \neq 0$

Exercise # 2.4

Question.1. Use laws of exponents to simplify

$$(i). \frac{(243)^{-\frac{2}{3}} (32)^{-\frac{1}{5}}}{\sqrt{(196)^{-1}}}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(243)^{-\frac{2}{3}} (32)^{-\frac{1}{5}}}{\sqrt{(196)^{-1}}} &= \frac{(3^5)^{-\frac{2}{3}} (2^5)^{-\frac{1}{5}}}{(14^2)^{-1 \times \frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{3^{-\frac{10}{3}} 2^{-1}}{14^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{3^{-\frac{10}{3}} 2^{-1}}{(2 \times 7)^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{3^{-\frac{10}{3}} 2^{-1}}{2^{-1} \times 7^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{3^{-\frac{10}{3}}}{7^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{7}{3^{\frac{10}{3}}} \\ &= \frac{7}{3^{\frac{9+1}{3}}} \\ &= \frac{7}{3^{\frac{9}{3} + \frac{1}{3}}} \\ &= \frac{7}{3^3 \times 3^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\ &= \frac{7}{3^3 \times \sqrt[3]{3}} \\ &= \frac{7}{27\sqrt[3]{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(ii). (2x^5y^{-4})(-8x^{-3}y^2)$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} (2x^5y^{-4})(-8x^{-3}y^2) &= (2)(-8)x^5 \cdot y^{-4} \cdot x^{-3}y^2 \\ &= -16x^{5-3} \cdot y^{-4+2} \\ &= -16x^2 \cdot y^{-2} \\ &= -\frac{16x^2}{y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(iii). \left(\frac{x^{-2}y^{-1}z^{-4}}{x^4y^{-3}z^0} \right)^{-3}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{x^{-2}y^{-1}z^{-4}}{x^4y^{-3}z^0} \right)^{-3} &= \left(\frac{y^{-1+3}}{x^{4+2}z^{0+4}} \right)^{-3} \\ &= \left(\frac{y^2}{x^6z^4} \right)^{-3} \\ &= \left(\frac{x^6z^4}{y^2} \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{x^{6 \times 3} z^{4 \times 3}}{y^{2 \times 3}} \\ &= \frac{x^{18} z^{12}}{y^6} \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(iv). \frac{(81)^n \cdot 3^5 - (3)^{4n-1} (243)}{(9)^{2n} \cdot 3^3}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(81)^n \cdot 3^5 - (3)^{4n-1} (243)}{(9)^{2n} \cdot 3^3} &= \frac{(3^4)^n \cdot 3^5 - (3)^{4n-1} (3)^5}{(3^2)^{2n} \cdot 3^3} \\ &= \frac{(3)^{4n} \cdot 3^5 - (3)^{4n-1} (3)^5}{(3)^{4n} \cdot 3^3} \\ &= \frac{3^{4n+5} - 3^{4n-1+5}}{3^{4n+3}} \\ &= \frac{3^{4n+5} - 3^{4n+4}}{3^{4n+3}} \\ &= \frac{3^{4n+4} (3^1 - 1)}{3^{4n+3}} \\ &= 3^{4n+4-4n-3} (2) \\ &= 3^1 (2) \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Answer

Question.2. Show that

$$\left(\frac{x^a}{x^b} \right)^{a+b} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c} \right)^{b+c} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a} \right)^{c+a} = 1$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= \left(\frac{x^a}{x^b} \right)^{a+b} \times \left(\frac{x^b}{x^c} \right)^{b+c} \times \left(\frac{x^c}{x^a} \right)^{c+a} \\ L.H.S &= (x^{a-b})^{a+b} \times (x^{b-c})^{b+c} \times (x^{c-a})^{c+a} \\ L.H.S &= x^{(a-b)(a+b)} \times x^{(b-c)(b+c)} \times x^{(c-a)(c+a)} \\ L.H.S &= x^{a^2-b^2} \times x^{b^2-c^2} \times x^{c^2-a^2} \\ L.H.S &= x^{a^2-b^2+b^2-c^2+c^2-a^2} \\ L.H.S &= x^0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence Proved.

Question.3. Simplify

$$(i). \frac{2^{\frac{1}{3}} (27)^{\frac{1}{3}} (60)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(180)^{\frac{1}{2}} (4)^{-\frac{1}{3}} 9^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2^{\frac{1}{3}} (27)^{\frac{1}{3}} (60)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(180)^{\frac{1}{2}} (4)^{-\frac{1}{3}} 9^{\frac{1}{4}}} &= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{3}} (3^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} (2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5)^{\frac{1}{2}} (2^2)^{-\frac{1}{3}} (3^2)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{3}} 3^1 \cdot 2^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 5^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} \cdot 3^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} \cdot 5^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 3^{2 \times \frac{1}{4}}} \\ &= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{3}} 3^1 \cdot 2^1 \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 5^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2^1 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot 2^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{3}}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^{-\frac{2}{3}}} \\
 &= 2^{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3}} \\
 &= 2^{\frac{1+2}{3}} \\
 &= 2^{\frac{3}{3}} \\
 &= 2^1 \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(ii). \sqrt{\frac{(216)^{\frac{2}{3}}(25)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(0.04)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{\frac{(216)^{\frac{2}{3}}(25)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(0.04)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}} &= \sqrt{\frac{(6^3)^{\frac{2}{3}}(5^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\left(\frac{4}{100}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{6^2 \cdot 5^1}{\left(\frac{1}{25}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{6^2 \cdot 5^1}{(25)^{\frac{1}{2}}}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{6^2 \cdot 5}{(5^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{6^2 \cdot 5}{5}} \\
 &= \sqrt{36} \\
 &= 6
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(iii). 5^{2^3} \div (5^2)^3$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 5^{2^3} \div (5^2)^3 &= \frac{5^8}{5^6} \\
 &= 5^{8-6} \\
 &= 5^2 \\
 &= 25
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(iv). (x^3)^2 \div x^{3^2}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x^3)^2 \div x^{3^2} &= \frac{x^6}{x^9} \\
 &= \frac{1}{x^{9-6}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{x^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

Complex Numbers:

The numbers of the form $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathfrak{R}$, are called **complex numbers**, here x is called **real part** and y is called **imaginary part** of the complex number.

Remarks:

1. Every real number is a complex number with 0 as its imaginary part.

Conjugate Complex Numbers:

if $Z = a + ib$ be a complex number then $\bar{Z} = a - ib$ is the conjugate of the complex number $Z = a + ib$.

Remarks:

1. A real number is self-Conjugate.

Equality of Two Complex Numbers:

Two complex numbers $a + bi$ and $c + di$ are said to be equal if $a = c$ and $b = d$.

That is

$$a + ib = c + id \Rightarrow a = c \text{ and } b = d.$$

Exercise # 2.5**Question.1. Evaluate**

$$(i). i^7$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 i^7 &= i^6 \cdot i \\
 &= (i^2)^3 \cdot i \\
 &= (-1)^3 \cdot i \\
 &= (-1) \cdot i \\
 &= -i
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(ii). i^{50}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 i^{50} &= (i^2)^{25} \\
 &= (-1)^{25} \\
 &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(iii). i^{12}$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 i^{12} &= (i^2)^6 \\
 &= (-1)^6 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

$$(iv). (-i)^8$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (-i)^8 &= i^8 \\
 &= (i^2)^4 \\
 &= (-1)^4 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(v). $(-i)^5$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}(-i)^5 &= -i^5 \\ &= -i^4 \cdot i \\ &= -(i^2)^2 \cdot i \\ &= -(-1)^2 \cdot i \\ &= -(1) \cdot i \\ &= -i\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(vi). i^{27}

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}i^{27} &= i^{26} \cdot i \\ &= (i^2)^{13} \cdot i \\ &= (-1)^{13} \cdot i \\ &= (-1) \cdot i \\ &= -i\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

Question.2. Write the conjugate of the following numbers.

(i). $2 + 3i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= 2 + 3i \\ \bar{Z} &= \overline{2 + 3i} = 2 - 3i\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(ii). $3 - 5i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= 3 - 5i \\ \bar{Z} &= \overline{3 - 5i} = 3 + 5i\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iii). $-i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= -i \\ \bar{Z} &= \overline{-i} = +i\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iv). $-3 + 4i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= -3 + 4i \\ \bar{Z} &= \overline{-3 + 4i} = -3 - 4i\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(v). $-4 - i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= -4 - i \\ \bar{Z} &= \overline{-4 - i} = -4 + i\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

Question.3. Write the real and imaginary part of the following numbers.

(i). $1 + i$

Solution.

$$\text{Suppose } Z = 1 + i$$

$$\text{Re}(Z) = 1 \quad , \quad \text{Im}(Z) = 1$$

Answer.

(ii). $-1 + 2i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= -1 + 2i \\ \text{Re}(Z) &= -1 \quad , \quad \text{Im}(Z) = 2\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iii). $-3i + 2$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= -3i + 2 = 2 - 3i \\ \text{Re}(Z) &= 2 \quad , \quad \text{Im}(Z) = -3\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iv). $-2 - 2i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= -2i - 2 = -2 - 2i \\ \text{Re}(Z) &= -2 \quad , \quad \text{Im}(Z) = -2\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(v). $-3i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= -3i = 0 - 3i \\ \text{Re}(Z) &= 0 \quad , \quad \text{Im}(Z) = -3\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(vi). $2 + 0i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Suppose } Z &= 2 + 0i \\ \text{Re}(Z) &= 2 \quad , \quad \text{Im}(Z) = 0\end{aligned}$$

Answer.

Question.4. Find the value of x and y if

$$x + iy + 1 = 4 - 3i$$

Solution.

Given that

$$x + 1 + iy = 4 - 3i$$

Separating real and imaginary parts

$$x + 1 = 4 \quad , \quad y = -3$$

$$x = 4 - 1 \quad , \quad y = -3$$

$$x = 3 \quad , \quad y = -3$$

Answer.

Operations on Complex Numbers:

The symbols a, b, c, d, k , where used, represent real numbers

Addition of Two Complex Numbers:

$$(a + ib) + (c + id) = (a + b) + i(c + d).$$

Scalar Multiplication:

$$k(a + ib) = ka + ikb.$$

Subtraction of Two Complex Numbers:

$$(a + ib) - (c + id) = (a - b) + i(c - d).$$

Multiplication of Two Complex Numbers:

$$(a + ib)(c + id) = (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc).$$

Division of two Complex Numbers:

$$\frac{(a + ib)}{(c + id)} = \frac{ac - bd}{c^2 + d^2} + i \frac{bc - ad}{c^2 + d^2}$$

Exercise # 2.6

Question.1. Identify the following statements as true or false.

(i). $\sqrt{-3} \times \sqrt{-3} = 3$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{False because } \sqrt{-3} \times \sqrt{-3} &= \sqrt{3}i \times \sqrt{3}i \\ &= (\sqrt{3})^2 i^2 = -3 \end{aligned}$$

(ii). $i^{73} = -i$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{False because } i^{73} &= i^{72} \cdot i = (i^2)^{36} \cdot i \\ &= (-1)^{36} \cdot i = i \end{aligned}$$

(iii). $i^{10} = -1$

Solution.

$$\text{True because } i^{10} = (i^2)^5 = (-1)^5 = -1$$

(iv). Complex conjugate of $(-6i + i^2)$ is $(-1 + 6i)$

Solution.

$$\text{True because } \overline{-6i + i^2} = \overline{-6i - 1} = -1 + 6i$$

(v). Difference of a complex number $z = a + bi$ and its conjugate is a real number.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{False because } Z - \bar{Z} &= (a + bi) - (a - bi) \\ &= a + bi - a + bi = 2bi \end{aligned}$$

(vi). If $(a - 1) - (b + 3)i = 5 + 8i$ then $a = 6$ and $b = -11$.

Solution.

True because Comparing real and imaginary parts in given equation

$$\begin{aligned} a - 1 &= 5 & , & & -(b + 3) &= 8 \\ a &= 5 + 1 & , & & b + 3 &= -8 \\ a &= 6 & , & & b &= -8 - 3 \\ a &= 6 & , & & b &= -11 \end{aligned}$$

(vii) Product of a complex number and its conjugate is always a non-negative real number.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{True because for a complex number } Z \\ &= a + bi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z \cdot \bar{Z} &= (a + bi) \cdot (a - bi) = a^2 - (bi)^2 \\ &= a^2 + b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Is a real number.

Question.2. Express each complex number in the standard form $a + bi$ where 'a' and 'b' are real numbers.

(i). $(2 + 3i) + (7 - 2i)$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} (2 + 3i) + (7 - 2i) &= 2 + 3i + 7 - 2i \\ &= 9 + i \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(ii). $2(5 + 4i) - 3(7 + 4i)$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} 2(5 + 4i) - 3(7 + 4i) &= 10 + 8i - 21 - 12i \\ &= -11 - 3i \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iii). $-1(-3 + 5i) - (4 + 9i)$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} -1(-3 + 5i) - (4 + 9i) &= 3 - 5i - 4 - 9i \\ &= -1 - 14i \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iv). $2i^2 + 6i^3 + 3i^{16} - 6i^{19} + 4i^{25}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} 2i^2 + 6i^3 + 3i^{16} - 6i^{19} + 4i^{25} \\ &= 2(-1) + 6i^2i + 3i^{16} - 6i^{18}i \\ &\quad + 4i^{24}i \\ &= 2(-1) + 6(-1)i + 3(i^2)^8 - 6(i^2)^9i \\ &\quad + 4(i^2)^{12}i \\ &= -2 - 6i + 3(-1)^8 - 6(-1)^9i + 4(-1)^{12}i \\ &= -2 - 6i + 3(1) - 6(-1)i + 4(1)i \\ &= -2 - 6i + 3 + 6i + 4i \\ &= 1 + 4i \end{aligned}$$

Question.3. Simplify and write your answer in the form $a + bi$.

(i). $(-7 + 3i)(-3 + 2i)$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} (-7 + 3i)(-3 + 2i) &= 21 - 14i - 9i + 6i^2 \\ &= 21 - 14i - 9i - 6 \\ &= 15 - 23i \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(ii). $(2 - \sqrt{-4})(3 - \sqrt{-4})$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} (2 - \sqrt{-4})(3 - \sqrt{-4}) &= (2 - 2i)(3 - 2i) \\ &= 2(3 - 2i) - 2i(3 - 2i) \\ &= 6 - 4i - 6i + 4i^2 \\ &= 6 - 10i - 4 \\ &= 2 - 10i \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iii). $(\sqrt{5} - 3i)^2$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{5} - 3i)^2 &= (\sqrt{5})^2 + (3i)^2 - 2(\sqrt{5})(3i) \\ &= 5 + 9i^2 - 6\sqrt{5}i \\ &= 5 - 9 - 6\sqrt{5}i \\ &= -4 - 6\sqrt{5}i \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iv). $(2 - 3i)(\overline{3 - 2i})$

Solution.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 6 + 4i - 9i - 6i^2 \\
 &= 6 - 5i + 6 \\
 &= 12 - 5i
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

Question.4. Simplify and write your answer in the form of $a + bi$.

(i). $-\frac{2}{1+i}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\frac{2}{1+i} &= \frac{-2}{1+i} \times \frac{1-i}{1-i} \\
 &= \frac{-2+2i}{1^2-i^2} \\
 &= \frac{-2+2i}{-2+2i} \\
 &= \frac{1+1}{-2+2i} \\
 &= \frac{2}{-2+2i} \\
 &= -\frac{2}{2} + \frac{2i}{2} \\
 &= -1 + i
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(ii). $\frac{2+3i}{4-i}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{2+3i}{4-i} &= \frac{2+3i}{4-i} \times \frac{4+i}{4+i} \\
 &= \frac{2(4+i) + 3i(4+i)}{4^2-i^2} \\
 &= \frac{8+2i+12i+3i^2}{16+1} \\
 &= \frac{8+14i-3}{17} \\
 &= \frac{4+14i}{17} \\
 &= \frac{4}{17} + \frac{14}{17}i
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iii). $\frac{9-7i}{3+i}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{9-7i}{3+i} &= \frac{9-7i}{3+i} \times \frac{3-i}{3-i} \\
 &= \frac{9(3-i) - 7i(3-i)}{3^2-i^2} \\
 &= \frac{27-9i-21i+7i^2}{9+1} \\
 &= \frac{27-30i-7}{10} \\
 &= \frac{20-30i}{10} \\
 &= \frac{20}{10} - \frac{30}{10}i \\
 &= 2 - 3i
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(iv). $\frac{2-6i}{3+i} - \frac{4+i}{3+i}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{2-6i}{3+i} - \frac{4+i}{3+i} &= \frac{2-6i}{3+i} \times \frac{3-i}{3-i} - \frac{4+i}{3+i} \times \frac{3-i}{3-i} \\
 &= \frac{2(3-i) - 6i(3-i)}{3^2-i^2} - \frac{4(3-i) + i(3-i)}{3^2-i^2} \\
 &= \frac{6-2i-18i+6i^2}{9+1} - \frac{12-4i+3i-i^2}{9+1} \\
 &= \frac{6-20i-6}{10} - \frac{12-i+1}{10} \\
 &= \frac{-20i}{10} - \frac{13-i}{10} \\
 &= \frac{-20i-13+i}{10} \\
 &= \frac{-13-19i}{10} \\
 &= -\frac{13}{10} - \frac{19}{10}i
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(v). $\left(\frac{1+i}{1-i}\right)^2$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{1+i}{1-i}\right)^2 &= \left(\frac{1+i}{1-i} \times \frac{1+i}{1+i}\right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{1(1+i) + i(1+i)}{1^2-i^2}\right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{1+i+i+i^2}{1+1}\right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{1+2i-1}{2}\right)^2 \\
 &= \left(\frac{2i}{2}\right)^2 \\
 &= i^2 \\
 &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

(vi). $\frac{1}{(2+3i)(1-i)}$

Solution.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{5+i} \times \frac{5-i}{5-i} \\
 &= \frac{5-i}{5^2 - (i)^2} \\
 &= \frac{5-i}{25+1} \\
 &= \frac{5-i}{26} \\
 &= \frac{5}{26} - \frac{i}{26}
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer.

Question.5.

Calculate (a) \bar{Z} (b) $Z + \bar{Z}$ (c) $Z - \bar{Z}$ (d) $Z\bar{Z}$ for each of the following

(i). $Z = -i$

Solution.

(a). $\bar{Z} = \overline{-i} = i$

(b). $Z + \bar{Z} = -i + i = 0$

(c). $Z - \bar{Z} = (-i) - (i) = -i - i = -2i$

(d). $Z\bar{Z} = (-i)(i) = -i^2 = 1$

(ii). $Z = 2 + i$

Solution.

(a). $\bar{Z} = \overline{2+i} = 2 - i$

(b). $Z + \bar{Z} = 2 + i + 2 - i = 4$

(c). $Z - \bar{Z} = (2 + i) - (2 - i) = 2 + i - 2 + i = 2i$

(d). $Z\bar{Z} = (2 + i)(2 - i) = 2^2 - i^2 = 4 + 1 = 5$

(iii). $Z = \frac{1+i}{1-i}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \frac{1+i}{1-i} \\
 Z &= \frac{1+i}{1-i} \times \frac{1+i}{1+i} \\
 Z &= \frac{1+i+i+i^2}{1+1} \\
 Z &= \frac{1+2i-1}{2} \\
 Z &= \frac{2i}{2} \\
 Z &= i
 \end{aligned}$$

(a). $\bar{Z} = \bar{i} = -i$

(b). $Z + \bar{Z} = i - i = 0$

(c). $Z - \bar{Z} = (i) - (-i) = i + i = 2i$

(d). $Z\bar{Z} = (i)(-i) = -i^2 = 1$

(iv). $Z = \frac{4-3i}{2+4i}$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \frac{4-3i}{2+4i} \\
 Z &= \frac{4-3i}{2+4i} \times \frac{2-4i}{2-4i}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \frac{8 - 16i - 6i + 12i^2}{2^2 - (4i)^2} \\
 Z &= \frac{8 - 22i - 12}{4 - 16i^2} \\
 Z &= \frac{-4 - 22i}{4 + 16} \\
 Z &= \frac{-4 - 22i}{20} \\
 Z &= -\frac{4}{20} - \frac{22}{20}i \\
 Z &= -\frac{1}{5} - \frac{11}{10}i
 \end{aligned}$$

(a). $\bar{Z} = \overline{-\frac{1}{5} - \frac{11}{10}i} = -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{11}{10}i$

(b). $Z + \bar{Z} = -\frac{1}{5} - \frac{11}{10}i + -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{11}{10}i$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z + \bar{Z} &= -\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{5} = \frac{-1-1}{5} = -\frac{2}{5} = -\frac{2}{5} \\
 Z + \bar{Z} &= -\frac{2}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c). $Z - \bar{Z} = \left(-\frac{1}{5} - \frac{11}{10}i\right) - \left(-\frac{1}{5} + \frac{11}{10}i\right)$

$$Z - \bar{Z} = -\frac{1}{5} - \frac{11}{10}i + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{11}{10}i$$

$$Z - \bar{Z} = -\frac{11}{10}i - \frac{11}{10}i$$

$$Z - \bar{Z} = \frac{-11-11}{10}i$$

$$Z - \bar{Z} = -\frac{22}{10}i$$

$$Z - \bar{Z} = -\frac{11}{5}i$$

(d). $Z\bar{Z} = \left(-\frac{1}{5} - \frac{11}{10}i\right)\left(-\frac{1}{5} + \frac{11}{10}i\right)$

$$Z\bar{Z} = \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{11}{10}i\right)^2$$

$$Z\bar{Z} = \frac{1}{25} - \frac{121}{100}i^2$$

$$Z\bar{Z} = \frac{1}{25} + \frac{121}{100}$$

$$Z\bar{Z} = \frac{4+121}{100}$$

$$Z\bar{Z} = \frac{125}{100}$$

$$Z\bar{Z} = \frac{5}{4}$$

Answer.

Question.6. If $z = 2 + 3i$, $w = 5 - 4i$, show that

(i). $\overline{z+w} = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$

Solution.

$$L.H.S = \overline{z+w}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{2+3i+5-4i}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{8-i}$$

$$L.H.S = 8 + i \dots (1)$$

$$R.H.S = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$$

$$R.H.S = \overline{2 + 3i} + \overline{5 - 4i}$$

$$R.H.S = 2 - 3i + 5 + 4i$$

$$R.H.S = 8 + i \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have

$$L.H.S = R.H.S$$

Hence Proved.

(ii). $\overline{z - w} = \bar{z} - \bar{w}$

Solution.

$$L.H.S = \overline{z - w}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{(2 + 3i) - (5 - 4i)}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{2 + 3i - 5 + 4i}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{-3 + 7i}$$

$$L.H.S = -3 - 7i \dots (1)$$

$$R.H.S = \bar{z} - \bar{w}$$

$$R.H.S = \overline{(2 + 3i)} - \overline{(5 - 4i)}$$

$$R.H.S = (2 - 3i) - (5 + 4i)$$

$$R.H.S = 2 - 3i - 5 - 4i$$

$$R.H.S = -3 - 7i \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have

$$L.H.S = R.H.S$$

Hence Proved.

(iii). $\overline{zw} = \bar{z}\bar{w}$

Solution.

$$L.H.S = \overline{zw}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{(2 + 3i)(5 - 4i)}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{10 - 8i + 15i - 12i^2}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{10 + 7i + 12}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{22 + 7i}$$

$$L.H.S = 22 - 7i \dots (1)$$

$$R.H.S = \bar{z}\bar{w}$$

$$R.H.S = \overline{(2 + 3i)}\overline{(5 - 4i)}$$

$$R.H.S = (2 - 3i)(5 + 4i)$$

$$R.H.S = 10 + 8i - 15i - 12i^2$$

$$R.H.S = 10 - 7i + 12$$

$$R.H.S = 22 - 7i \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have

$$L.H.S = R.H.S$$

Hence Proved.

(iv). $\overline{\left(\frac{z}{w}\right)} = \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{w}}$

Solution.

$$L.H.S = \overline{\left(\frac{z}{w}\right)}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{\left(\frac{2 + 3i}{5 - 4i}\right)}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{\left(\frac{2 + 3i}{5 - 4i} \times \frac{5 + 4i}{5 + 4i}\right)}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{\left(\frac{10 + 8i + 15i + 12i^2}{5^2 - (4i)^2}\right)}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{\left(\frac{10 + 23i - 12}{25 - 16i^2}\right)}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{\left(\frac{-2 + 23i}{25 + 16}\right)}$$

$$L.H.S = \overline{\left(\frac{-2 + 23i}{41}\right)}$$

$$L.H.S = \left(-\frac{2}{41} + \frac{23}{41}i\right)$$

$$L.H.S = -\frac{2}{41} - \frac{23}{41}i \dots (1)$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{w}}$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{\overline{(2 + 3i)}}{\overline{(5 - 4i)}}$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{2 - 3i}{5 + 4i}$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{2 - 3i}{5 + 4i} \times \frac{5 - 4i}{5 - 4i}$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{10 - 8i - 15i + 12i^2}{5^2 - (4i)^2}$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{10 - 23i - 12}{25 - 16i^2}$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{-2 - 23i}{25 + 16}$$

$$R.H.S = \frac{-2 - 23i}{41}$$

$$R.H.S = -\frac{2}{41} - \frac{23}{41}i \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we have

$$L.H.S = R.H.S$$

Hence Proved.

(v). $\frac{1}{2}(z + \bar{z})$ is a real part of z .

Solution.

$$\frac{1}{2}(z + \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{2}(2 + 3i + \overline{2 + 3i})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(2 + 3i + 2 - 3i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(4)$$

$$= 2 \text{ which is real part of } z.$$

Hence Proved.

(vi). $\frac{1}{2i}(z - \bar{z})$ is a imaginary part of z .

Solution.

$$\frac{1}{2i}(z - \bar{z}) = \frac{1}{2i}((2 + 3i) + \overline{(2 + 3i)})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i}((2 + 3i) - (2 - 3i))$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i}(2 + 3i - 2 + 3i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i} (6i)$$

= 3 which is imaginary part of z.

Hence Proved.

Question.7. Solve the following equations for real x and y .

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

Solution. Given that

$$\begin{aligned}(2 - 3i)(x + iy) &= 4 + i \\ 2(x + iy) - 3i(x + iy) &= 4 + i \\ 2x + 2iy - 3ix - 3i^2y &= 4 + i \\ 2x + 2iy - 3ix + 3y &= 4 + i \\ 2x + 3y + (2y - 3x)i &= 4 + i\end{aligned}$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}2x + 3y &= 4 \quad \text{--- (i)} , \quad 2y - 3x \\ &= 1 \quad \text{--- (ii)}\end{aligned}$$

$3 \times (i) + 2 \times (ii)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}3(2x + 3y) + 2(2y - 3x) &= 3(4) + 2(1) \\ 6x + 9y + 4y - 6x &= 12 + 2 \\ 13y &= 14 \\ y &= \frac{14}{13}\end{aligned}$$

Using value of y in equation (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned}2x + 3\left(\frac{14}{13}\right) &= 4 \\ 2x + \frac{42}{13} &= 4 \\ 2x &= 4 - \frac{42}{13} \\ 2x &= \frac{4 \times 13 - 42}{13} \\ 2x &= \frac{52 - 42}{13} \\ 2x &= \frac{10}{13} \\ x &= \frac{10}{13 \times 2} \\ x &= \frac{5}{13}\end{aligned}$$

Hence required $x = \frac{5}{13}$ and $y = \frac{14}{13}$.

(ii). $(3 - 2i)(x + iy) = 2(x - 2yi) + 2i - 1$

Solution. Given that

$$\begin{aligned}(3 - 2i)(x + iy) &= 2(x - 2yi) + 2i - 1 \\ 3(x + iy) - 2i(x + iy) &= 2x - 4yi + 2i - 1 \\ 3x + 3iy - 2ix - 2i^2y &= 2x - 1 + 2i - 4yi \\ 3x + 3iy - 2ix + 2y &= 2x - 1 + (2 - 4y)i \\ 3x + 2y + (3y - 2x)i &= 2x - 1 + (2 - 4y)i\end{aligned}$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}3x + 2y &= 2x - 1 , \quad (3y - 2x) = 2 - 4y \\ 3x - 2x + 2y &= -1 , \quad -2x + 3y + 4y = 2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y &= -1 \quad \text{--- (i)} , \quad -2x + 7y \\ &= 2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}\end{aligned}$$

$2 \times (i) + (ii)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}2(x + 2y) + (-2x + 7y) &= 2(-1) + 2 \\ 2x + 4y - 2x + 7y &= -2 + 2 \\ 11y &= 0 \\ y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Using value of y in equation (i), we have

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2(0) &= -1 \\ x &= -1\end{aligned}$$

Hence required $x = -1$ and $y = 0$.

(iii). $(3 + 4i)^2 - 2(x - iy) = x + yi$

Solution. Given that

$$\begin{aligned}(3 + 4i)^2 - 2(x - iy) &= x + yi \\ (3)^2 + (4i)^2 + 2(3)(4i) - 2x + 2iy &= x + yi \\ 9 + 16i^2 + 12i - 2x + 2iy &= x + yi \\ 9 - 16 + 12i - 2x + 2iy &= x + yi \\ -7 - 2x + (12 + 2y)i &= x + yi\end{aligned}$$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}-7 - 2x &= x , \quad 12 + 2y = y \\ x + 2x &= -7 = , \quad 2y - y = 12 \\ 3x &= -7 , \quad y = 12 \\ x &= -\frac{7}{3} , \quad y = 12\end{aligned}$$

Hence required $x = -\frac{7}{3}$ and $y = 12$.

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