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## *Complex Numbers*



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## Topics Covered:

- Complex Numbers

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## COMPLEX NUMBERS

### Strand 3(Unit 1)

#### Syllabus

- Understanding the origin and need for complex numbers and how they are used to model 2D systems: as in computer games, alternating current and voltage.
- How to interpret multiplication by  $i$  as a rotation of  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise.
- How to express complex numbers in the rectangular form  $(a + bi)$  and to illustrate complex numbers on an Argand diagram.
- How to investigate the operations of addition and subtraction of complex numbers using the Argand diagram.
- How to investigate the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with complex numbers  $C$  in the form  $a + bi$  (rectangular form) and calculate the complex conjugate as a reflection in the real axis.
- How to interpret the Modulus as distance from the origin on an Argand diagram.
- How to interpret multiplication by a complex number as a "multiplication of" the modulus by a real number combined with a rotation.
- How to solve Quadratic Equations having complex roots and how to interpret the solutions.

#### Imaginary numbers

There exists no real numbers that, when squared, result in a negative number:

$$x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -1$$

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

$$\boxed{\sqrt{-1} \notin R}$$

To overcome this difficulty an "**imaginary number**" " $i$ " was introduced, where  $i^2 = -1$

This allows for the square root of negative numbers to be found:

$$\sqrt{-x} = \sqrt{x}\sqrt{-1} = \sqrt{x}(i)$$

Imaginary numbers take the form  $bi$ , where  $b \in R$ ,  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

## Complex numbers

Typically the variable used for real numbers is  $x$ . For complex numbers we often use the variable  $z$ , where  $z = a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in R$ ,  $i^2 = -1$  and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

A complex number is written in this way:

1.  $a$  is called the **real part**, and is written as  $\text{Re}$
2.  $bi$  is called the **imaginary part**, and is written as  $\text{Im}$

The set of all complex numbers is  $C$ ,

$$C = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in R, i^2 = -1\}$$

## Addition & Subtraction of Complex numbers

When adding or subtracting complex numbers, add or subtract the real parts, then add or subtract the imaginary parts.

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

And

$$(a + bi) - (c + di) = (a - c) + (b - d)i$$

$$z = 2 + 3i \quad \text{and} \quad w = 1 - 5i$$

**Q1)** Calculate  $z + w$

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

**Q2)** Calculate  $z - w$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (2 + 3i) - (1 - 5i) \\ &= 2 + 3i - 1 + 5i \\ &= 2 - 1 + 3i + 5i \\ &= 1 + 8i \end{aligned}$$

## Multiplication of Complex numbers

Use the same approach as you'd use when multiplying polynomials together in algebra; multiply every term in one bracket by every term in the other.

$$\begin{aligned}(a+bi)(c+di) &= ac + adi + bci + bdi^2 \\ &= ac + (ad + bc)i + bd(-1) \\ &= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i\end{aligned}$$

$$z = 2 + 3i \quad \text{and} \quad w = 1 - 5i$$

**Q2)** Calculate  $zw$

$$\begin{aligned}&= (2 + 3i)(1 - 5i) \quad \boxed{i^2 = -1} \\ &= 2 - 10i + 3i - 15i^2 \\ &= 2 - 7i - 15(-1) \\ &= 2 - 7i + 15 \\ &= 17 - 7i\end{aligned}$$

## Complex Conjugate

In order to divide complex numbers we must first define the conjugate of a complex number.

If  $z = a + bi$ , then the complex conjugate of  $z$ , written as  $\bar{z}$ , is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{z} &= a - bi \\ z \cdot \bar{z} &= (a + bi)(a - bi) \\ &= aa + (ab - ba)i - bb(-1) \\ &= a^2 + b^2\end{aligned}$$

To find the complex conjugate just change the **sign of the imaginary part**.

The conjugate of a complex number is a reflection/ **image** through the **x-axis** (y-value of point changes sign)

**Q.** Calculate  $z \cdot \bar{z}$ , where  $z = 2 + 3i$ .

$$\begin{aligned}&= (2 + 3i)(2 - 3i) \\ &= 4 - \cancel{6i} + \cancel{6i} - 9i^2 \\ &= 4 - 9(-1) \\ &= 4 + 9 \\ &= 13 \quad \boxed{\text{real number}}\end{aligned}$$

If a complex number is **added** to or **multiplied by its conjugate**, the **answer** will always be a **real** number.

If complex **conjugates** are **subtracted**, the **answer** is always an **imaginary** number.

## Division of Complex numbers

As we cannot divide by a complex number, we must first multiply the fraction 'above & below' by the conjugate of the denominator.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a+bi}{c+di} &= \frac{a+bi}{c+di} \times \frac{c-di}{c-di} \\ &= \frac{(a+bi)(c-di)}{c^2+d^2} \\ &= \frac{(ac+bd)+(ad+bc)i}{c^2+d^2} \\ &= \frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2} + \frac{ad+bc}{c^2+d^2}i\end{aligned}$$

**Q.** Express  $\frac{z}{w}$  in the form  $a+bi$ , where  $a, b \in R$ ,  $i^2 = -1$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{2+3i}{1-5i} \times \left( \frac{1+5i}{1+5i} \right) \quad [\times \text{ by conjugate of bottom}] \\ &= \frac{2+10i+3i+15i^2}{1+\cancel{5i}-\cancel{5i}-25i^2} \\ &= \frac{2+13i+15(-1)}{1-25(-1)} \\ &= \frac{2+13i-15}{1+25} \\ &= \frac{-13+13i}{26} \quad [\div \text{ top and bottom by 13}] \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i\end{aligned}$$

### Example (1). Basic Operations with Complex numbers

**Q1** Simplify and write your answer in the form  $a + bi$ :

- |                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (i) $(2 + 3i) + (4 - 5i)$    | (ii) $(-4 + i) - (3 + 2i)$      |
| (iii) $2(5 + 2i) - (6 - 3i)$ | (iv) $(1 + 3i)^2 + 2(-2 + 5i)$  |
| (v) $(3 + 4i)(5 - 6i)$       | (vi) $(8 - 3i) - 2i(7 + 4i)$    |
| (vii) $(4 + 2i)(3 - i)$      | (viii) $2(3 - 5i) + 7i(2 + 3i)$ |
| (ix) $3(2 - 4i) + i(5 - 6i)$ | (x) $4(2 - i) + i(3 + 5i)$      |

**Q2** Simplify and write your answer in the form  $a + bi$ :

- |                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (i) $2(3 - i) + i(4 + 5i)$    | (ii) $7(2 + i) + i(11 + 9i)$   |
| (iii) $3(1 + 5i) + i(3 - 2i)$ | (iv) $4i(2 - 3i) + 7(-2 - 4i)$ |
| (v) $3(4 + i) + i(2 - 5i)$    | (vi) $4i + i(3 - 2i) - 1$      |
| (vii) $(7 + 2i) + (5 + 6i)$   | (viii) $(11 + 3i) - (5 - 2i)$  |
| (ix) $(3 + i)(-2 - 5i)$       | (x) $(1 + 3i)i + 2(3 - i)^2$   |

### Example (2). Basic Operations with Complex numbers

$$z = a + bi$$

$$= (a, b)$$

kz

**Q1** Express in the form  $a + bi$ :

- |                              |                           |                               |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (i) $\frac{1}{1 - i}$        | (ii) $\frac{2i}{3 + i}$   | (iii) $\frac{2 + 3i}{3 + 4i}$ | (iv) $\frac{4 + 2i}{3 - i}$  | (v) $\frac{6 - 8i}{4 + 3i}$ |
| (vi) $\frac{4 + 2i}{1 + 2i}$ | (vii) $\frac{17}{3 + 5i}$ | (viii) $\frac{13}{3 + 2i}$    | (ix) $\frac{3 - 2i}{1 - 4i}$ | (x) $\frac{2}{1 + 3i}$      |

**Q2** Express in the form  $a + bi$ :

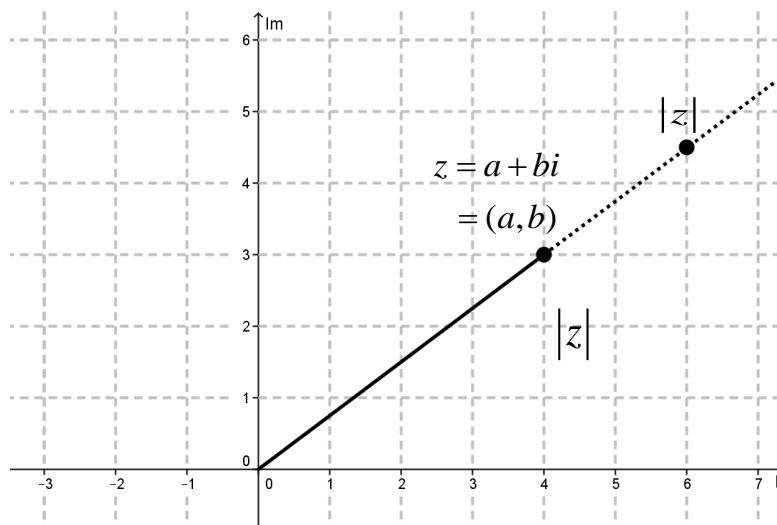
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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (i) $\frac{5 + 12i}{2 - 3i}$   | (ii) $\frac{6}{1 + i}$      | (iii) $\frac{5 + 4i}{5 - 4i}$ | (iv) $\frac{1}{3 - i + 6i}$     | (v) $\frac{3 - 6i}{3 - 6i + 3i}$ |
| (vi) $2 - i + \frac{1}{2 - i}$ | (vii) $\frac{1 + i}{1 - i}$ | (viii) $\frac{2 - 5i}{2i}$    | (ix) $\frac{i(3 - 4i)}{1 + 2i}$ | (x) $\frac{5}{i^2(2 - i)}$       |

## Argand Diagram

We represent all real numbers on a **one-dimensional** number line.

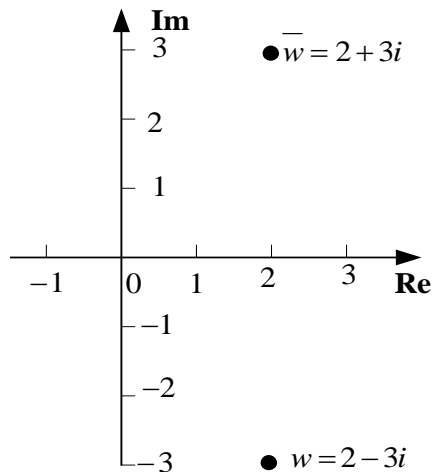
We use **two-dimensional plane** to represent complex numbers.

We use the **horizontal axis** to plot the **real part (Re)** and a **vertical axes** to plot the **imaginary part (Im)**.



Plot complex numbers exactly like you plot points, where the  $x$  **co-ordinate** is the **real part (Re)** and the  $y$  **co-ordinate** is the **imaginary part (Im)**.

**Q**  $w = 2 - 3i$ . Plot  $w$  and  $\bar{w}$  on an Argand diagram.

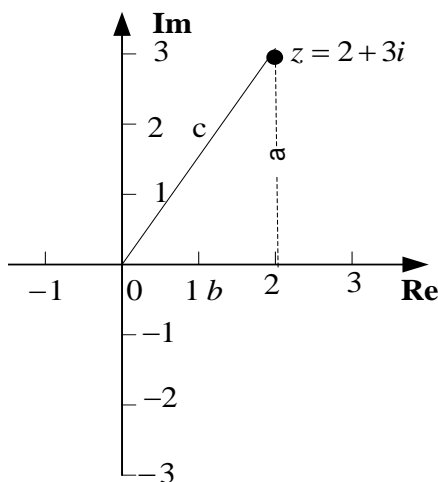


Any **multiple of  $z$**  is **collinear** with  $z$  and the origin



## Modulus

The modulus of a complex number,  $z = a + bi$ , is the **distance from the origin** on an Argand diagram to the point  $(a, b)$ .



The modulus of  $z$  is written as  $|z|$ , where  $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

This formula comes from Pythagoras theorem:  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$

$$z = 2 + 3i, \quad w = 1 - 5i$$

**Q1)** Calculate  $|z|$

$$= |2 + 3i| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$$

**Q2)** Calculate  $|\bar{z}|$

$$= |2 - 3i| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$$

**Q3)** Calculate  $|w|$

$$= |1 - 5i| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 25} = \sqrt{26}$$

$$z = 2 + 3i, w = 1 - 5i$$

Q.1 Calculate  $|z|$

$$= |2 + 3i| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$$

Q.2 Calculate  $|\bar{z}|$

$$= |2 - 3i| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$$

Q.3 Calculate  $|w|$

**Example 3** Argand Diagrams & Modulus

**Q1** If  $z_1 = 2 - 3i$  and  $z_2 = -3 + i$ , plot the following complex numbers on an Argand diagram:

- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| (i) $z_1$           | (ii) $z_2$     |
| (iii) $2z_1 + 3z_2$ | (iv) $z_1 z_2$ |

**Q2** Let  $u = 1 + 2i$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ . Plot on an Argand diagram:

- |         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| (i) $u$ | (ii) $u - 3$ . |
|---------|----------------|

**Q3** Let  $u = 3 - 4i$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ . Plot on an Argand diagram:

- |         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| (i) $u$ | (ii) $u + 5i$ . |
|---------|-----------------|

**Q4** Let  $z = 5 - 3i$ . Plot  $z$  and  $-z$  on an Argand diagram.

**Q5** Let  $u = 4 - 2i$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ . Plot on an Argand diagram:

- |         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| (i) $u$ | (ii) $u - 4$ . |
|---------|----------------|

**Q6** Let  $w = 1 - 2i$ . Plot  $w$  and  $\bar{w}$  on an Argand diagram.

**Q7** Let  $z_1 = 2 + 3i$  and  $z_2 = 5 - i$ . Plot  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$  and  $z_1 + z_2$  on an Argand diagram.

**Q8** Let  $w = 3 - 2i$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ . Plot on an Argand diagram:

- |         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| (i) $w$ | (ii) $iw$ . |
|---------|-------------|

**Q9**  $z = 1 + i$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ .

- |   |
|---|
| (i) Plot $z$ , $z^2$ , $z^3$ and $z^4$ on an Argand diagram.              |
| (ii) Make one observation about the pattern of the points on the diagram. |

**Q10** If  $z = 4 + 2i$  calculate  $|z^2 - 4z|$ .

**Q11** If  $z = 3 - 2i$  calculate  $|z^2 - 4\bar{z} + 4 + i|$ .

**Q12** If  $z = 2 + 5i$  and  $w = -1 + 2i$ , investigate if  $|z + w| = |z| + |w|$ .

**Q13**  $z = 8 + ki$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $|z| = 10$ , find the possible values of  $k$ .

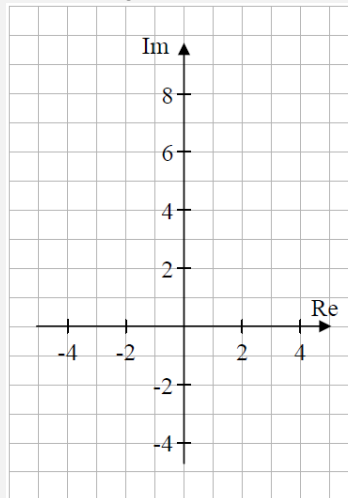
**Q14**  $z = 3 + 5i$ . If  $|z + ki| = \sqrt{58}$ , find the possible values of  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Q15**  $u = 4 + 3i$  and  $w = 6 - 8i$ . Find the value of the real number  $k$  such that  $|u| = k|w|$ .

### 2012 Ordinary Level Paper 1: Q3 (25 Marks)

The complex number  $z = 1 - 4i$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ .

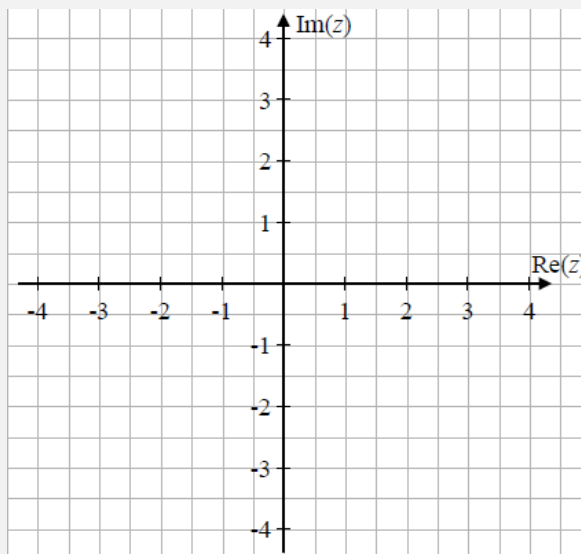
- (a) Plot  $z$  and  $-2z$  on the Argand diagram.
- (b) Show that  $2|z| = |-2z|$ .
- (c) What does part (b) tell you about the points you plotted in part (a)?
- (d) Let  $k$  be a real number such that  $|z + k| = 5$ .  
Find the two possible values of  $k$ .



### 2011 SEC Ordinary Level Sample P1: Q3 (25 Marks)

Two complex numbers are  
 $u = 3 + 2i$  and  $v = -1 + i$ ,  
where  $i^2 = -1$ .

- (a) Given that  $w = u - v - 2$ ,  
evaluate  $w$ .
- (b) Plot  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  on the  
Argand diagram given.
- (c) Find  $\frac{2u + v}{w}$ .



## Solving/Finding Roots of Quadratic Equations

Use the Quadratic formula:  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  (pg. 20) log tables

The **two roots/solutions** are always **conjugates**

*Q* Solve  $z^2 + 6z + 13 = 0$  and write your answers in the form  $a \pm bi$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$z^2 + 6z + 13 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} && \text{sub in: } a = 1, b = 6 \text{ \& } c = 13 \\ &= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{(6)^2 - 4(1)(13)}}{2(1)} \\ &= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 52}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-6 \pm 4i}{2} && \dots \sqrt{-16} = \sqrt{16} \times \sqrt{-1} = 4 \times i = 4i \\ &= -3 \pm 2i && (\text{Conjugates}) \end{aligned}$$

**N.B.** If you **solve a quadratic equation** (*Let  $y = 0$* ) to find the roots/solutions/  $x$  - values, you are trying to find where the “Happy/Sad face” curve **cuts the  $x$  - axis**. If the **solutions are complex numbers**, then the **curve does not touch the  $x$ -axis!** Try and draw a graph of the function  $x^2 + 6x + 13 = 0$ , where  $-6 \leq x \leq 0$

**N.B.** When trying to find the **points of intersection** between a **line** and a **curve/circle** in algebra, you may end up with a **quadratic equation** that results in **solutions** that are **complex numbers** and therefore the **line does not intersect the curve or circle!** Try and solve the equations  $x - y + 6 = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 10$  for the points of intersection

## Verifying Roots of Quadratic Equations

To prove that a **complex number is a root** of a quadratic equation, **substitute** the complex number into the equation for the variable and the **answer should be equal to zero**.

- Q1.** Verify that  $2+3i$  is a root of the equation  $z^2 - 4z + 13 = 0$  and write down the other root.

Let  $z = 2+3i$ , Sub in:

$$z^2 - 4z + 13 = 0$$

$$(2+3i)^2 - 4(2+3i) + 13 = 0$$

$$(2+3i)(2+3i) - 4(2+3i) + 13 = 0$$

$$4 + 6i + 6i + 9i^2 - 8 - 12i + 13 = 0$$

$$4 + 12i + 9(-1) - 8 - 12i + 13 = 0$$

$$4 - 9 - 8 + 13 = 0$$

$$-8 + 8 = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

Other root = conjugate

$$\bar{z} = 2 - 3i$$

- Q2.**  $z = -4+i$  is one root of the equation  $z^2 + 8z + k = 0$ , find the value of  $k$  and write down the other root.

Let  $z = -4+i$ , Sub in:

$$z^2 + 8z + k = 0$$

$$(-4+i)^2 + 8(-4+i) + k = 0$$

$$(-4+i)(-4+i) + 8(-4+i) + k = 0$$

$$16 - 4i - 4i + i^2 - 32 + 8i + k = 0$$

$$16 - 8i + (-1) - 32 + 8i + k = 0$$

$$16 - 1 - 32 + k = 0$$

$$-17 + k = 0$$

$$k = 17$$

Other root = conjugate

$$\bar{z} = -4 - i$$

If you **know the roots** of a quadratic equation, use the formula:

$$z^2 - z(\text{sum of roots}) + \text{product of roots} = 0$$

to **form the Quadratic Equation**.

- Q3.** If  $z = 4 + 5i$  is a root of the equation  $z^2 + bz + c = 0$ . Find the value of  $b$  and the value of  $c$ .

$$z = 4 + 5i \text{ and } \bar{z} = 4 - 5i \text{ are the two roots}$$

Sub in :

$$z^2 - z(\text{sum of roots}) + \text{product of roots} = 0$$

$$z^2 - z((4 + 5i) + (4 - 5i)) + (4 + 5i)(4 - 5i) = 0$$

$$z^2 - z(4 + 4 - 5i - 5i) + 16 - 20i + 20i - 25i^2 = 0$$

$$z^2 - z(8) + 16 - 25(-1) = 0$$

$$z^2 - 8z + 41 = 0$$

$$b = -8, c = 41$$

### **Example (4). Solving Quadratic Equations and Verifying roots**

- Q1** Solve each equation and write the answers in the form  $a \pm bi$ .

(i)  $z^2 - 4z + 20 = 0$       (ii)  $z^2 - 10z + 26 = 0$       (iii)  $z^2 - 4z + 29 = 0$

(iv)  $z^2 - 6z + 34 = 0$       (v)  $z^2 - 10z + 29 = 0$

- Q2** Verify that each complex number is a root of the equation and write down the other root:

(i)  $4 + 3i, z^2 - 8z + 25 = 0$       (ii)  $-1 + 2i, z^2 + 2z + 5 = 0$

(iii)  $5 - 4i, z^2 - 10z + 41 = 0$       (iv)  $-7 + i, z^2 + 14z + 50 = 0$

(v)  $-6 - i, z^2 - 12z + 37 = 0$

- Q3** Form a quadratic equation with the roots  $5 \pm 3i$ .

- Q4** If  $-3 + 3i$  is one of the roots of the equation  $z^2 + az + b = 0$ , find the value of  $a$  and  $b$ .

## Geometrical properties of Complex numbers (Transformations)

### 1. Rotations

A **rotation** turns a point through an angle about a fixed point

If a point (complex number) is **multiplied by  $i$** , the number is rotated by  $90^\circ$  **anti-clockwise about the origin**. This is a *positive* rotation.

If a point (complex number) is **multiplied by  $-i$** , the number is rotated by  $90^\circ$  **clockwise about the origin**. This is a *negative* rotation

#### On an Argand diagram:

Multiplication by  $i$  rotates a complex number by  $90^\circ$  anti-clockwise

Multiplication by  $i^2$  rotates a complex number by  $180^\circ$  anti-clockwise

Multiplication by  $i^3$  rotates a complex number by  $270^\circ$  anti-clockwise

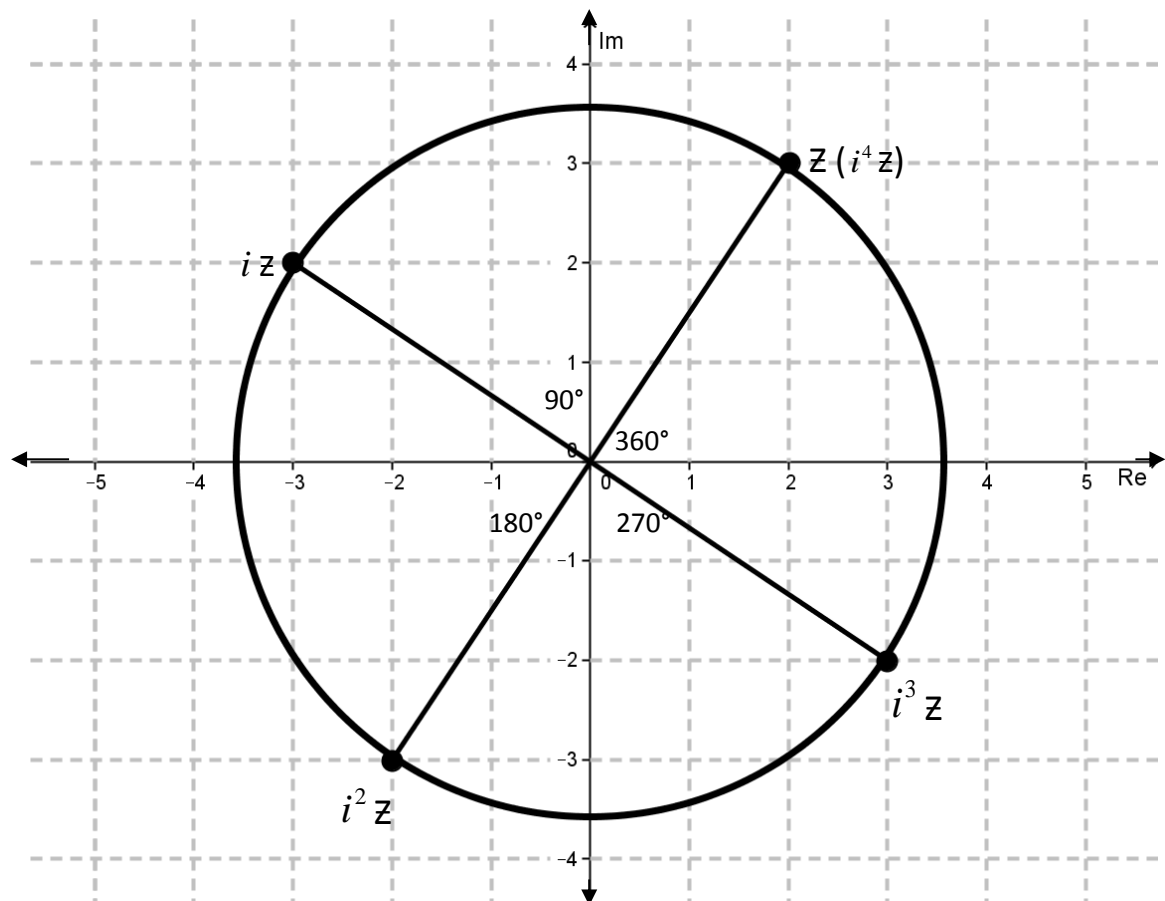
Multiplication by  $i^4$  rotates a complex number by  $360^\circ$  anti-clockwise

Multiplication by  $-i, -i^2, -i^3$  and  $-i^4$  reverses the direction of the rotation to clockwise

**N.B.**  $i^2 = -1$ ,  $i^3 = -i$  and  $i^4 = 1$

**Q.**  $z = 2 + 3i$ .

- i)** Represent  $z$ ,  $iz$ ,  $i^2z$ ,  $i^3z$  and  $i^4z$  on an Argand diagram.
- ii)** Using the origin as the centre point, draw a circle through the complex numbers  $z$ ,  $iz$ ,  $i^2z$ ,  $i^3z$  and  $i^4z$ . What do you notice?
- iii)** Verify that  $|z| = |iz| = |i^2z| = |i^3z| = |i^4z|$ , i.e., prove that all the points are the same distance from the origin. (*Modulus = Radius*)





$$z = 2 + 3i$$

$$|z| = |2 + 3i| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$iz = i(2 + 3i) = 2i + 3i^2 = 2i + 3(-1) = -3 + 2i$$

$$|iz| = |-3 + 2i| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 4} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$i^2 z = -1(2 + 3i) = -2 - 3i$$

$$|i^2 z| = |-2 - 3i| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$i^3 z = -i(2 + 3i) = -2i - 3i^2 = -2i - 3(-1) = 3 - 2i$$

$$|i^3 z| = |3 - 2i| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 4} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$i^4 z = 1(2 + 3i) = 2 + 3i = z$$

$$|i^4 z| = |z| = |2 + 3i| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$\therefore \text{Modulus} = \text{Radius Length} = \sqrt{13}$$

## 2. Translations

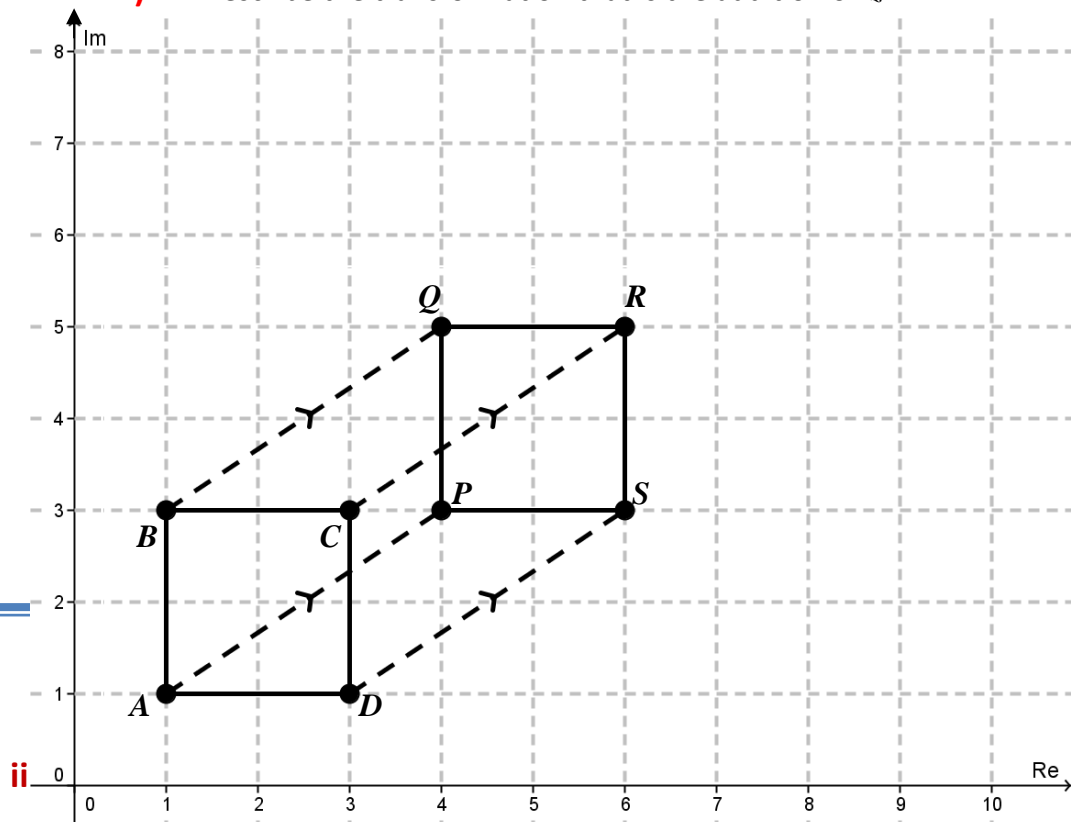
A **translation** is the image of an object by moving every point of the object in the same direction and same distance away, without rotating or resizing the object; simply changing the location of the object.

If you **add a given complex number** to each complex number that makes up an object you will **translate** that object and **move** it to a **different location** to create an image.

*$\therefore$  the addition of complex numbers means that you are translating / moving them on an Argand diagram.*

**Q** The four complex numbers  $A(1+i)$ ,  $B(1+3i)$ ,  $C(3+3i)$  and  $D(3+i)$  form the vertices of a square.

- i) Plot the complex numbers on an Argand diagram (complex plane).
- ii) If  $z = 3 + 2i$ , evaluate and plot the points on an Argand diagram:  $P = A + z$ ,  $Q = B + z$ ,  $R = C + z$  and  $S = D + z$ .
- iii) Describe the transformation that is the addition of  $z$ .



$$P = A + z$$

$$P = (1 + i) + (3 + 2i)$$

$$P = 3 + 3i$$

$$Q = B + z$$

$$Q = (1 + 3i) + (3 + 2i)$$

$$Q = 4 + 5i$$

$$R = C + z$$

$$R = (3 + 3i) + (3 + 2i)$$

$$R = 6 + 5i$$

$$S = D + z$$

$$S = (3 + i) + (3 + 2i)$$

$$S = 6 + 3i$$

**iii)** The transformation that maps the square  $ABCD$  onto the quadrilateral  $PQRS$  is a **translation**, where all the points **A**, **B**, **C** and **D** are all **moved the same distance and in the same direction** on the complex plane.

A **dilation** is the resizing of an object, making it larger or smaller.

If a **complex number** is **multiplied** by a **real number (scalar)**, then its **modulus** (distance from the origin) will be **multiplied by this scalar**.

If  $-1 > \text{real number} > 1$ , then the dilation is referred to as a **stretching** and the object is **enlarged**.

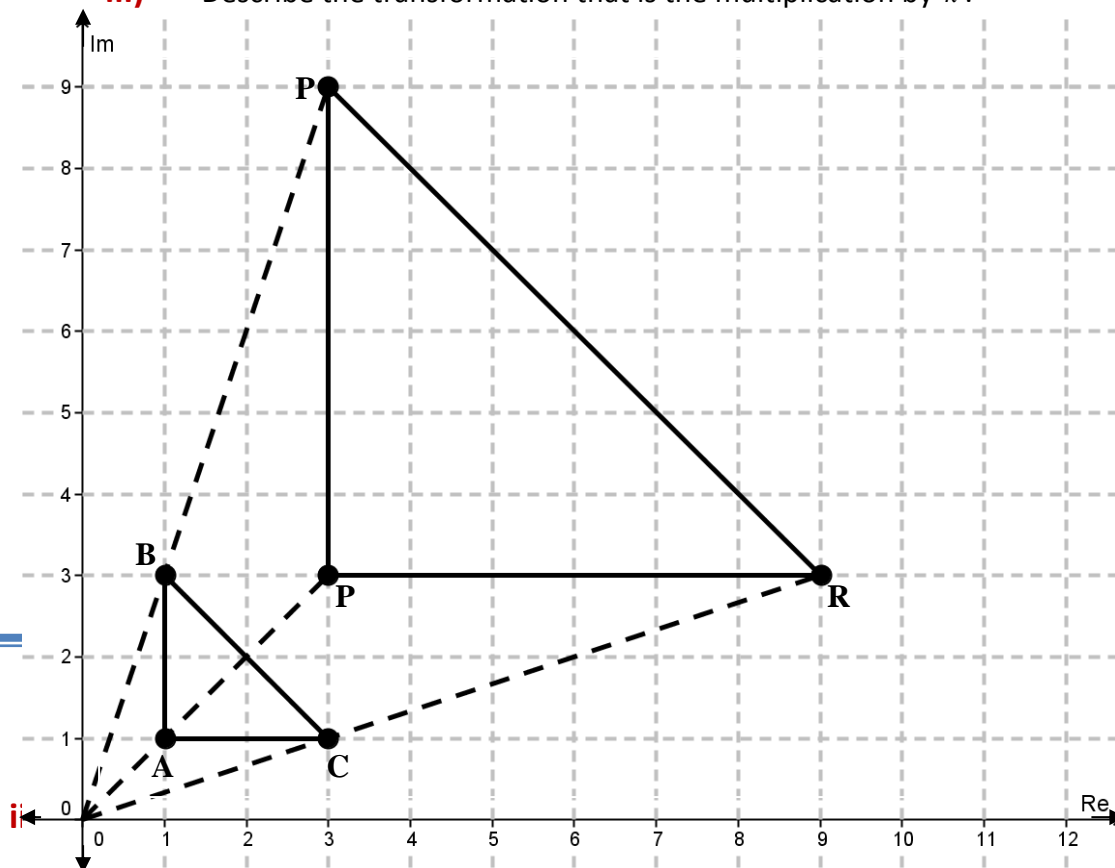
If  $-1 < \text{real number} < 1$ , then the dilation is referred to as a **contracting** and the object is **reduced**.

**Q.** The three points  $A(1+i)$ ,  $B(1+3i)$  and  $C(3+i)$  are vertices of a triangle.

**i)** Plot the complex numbers on an Argand diagram (complex plane).

**ii)** If  $k = 3$ , evaluate and plot the points on an Argand diagram:  
 $P = kA$ ,  $Q = kB$  and  $R = kC$ .

**iii)** Describe the transformation that is the multiplication by  $k$ .



$$P = kA$$

$$P = 3(1 + i)$$

$$P = 3 + 3i$$

$$Q = kB$$

$$Q = 3(1 + 3i)$$

$$Q = 3 + 9i$$

$$R = kC$$

$$R = 3(3 + i)$$

$$R = 9 + 3i$$

- iii) From the diagram we see that all the points  $A, B$  and  $C$  are moved further from the origin by a factor of  $k = 3$ . We call the transformation that maps the triangle  $ABC$  onto the triangle  $PQR$  a **dilation** by a factor of 3. The points  $A, B$  and  $C$  are said to be stretching the complex plane and the triangle  $PQR$  is an enlargement of the triangle  $ABC$ .

**N.B.** If you multiply a complex number by  $2i$ , its modulus will be doubled and it will be rotated by  $90^\circ$ .

**N.B.** If  $z$  is a complex number, then  $|kz| = k|z|$ , where  $k$  is a real number.

### Example (5). Transformations

**Q1**  $z_1 = 2 + 4i$ ,  $z_2 = 2 + 3i$ ,  $z_3 = -1 + 2i$  and  $w = 1 + i$ .

- (i) Plot the points  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$  and  $z_3$  on an Argand diagram.
- (ii) Evaluate  $z_1 + w$ ,  $z_2 + w$  and  $z_3 + w$  and plot the answers on the Argand diagram
- (iii) Describe the transformation that is the addition of  $w$ .

**Q2**  $z_1 = 2 + 4i$ ,  $z_2 = 2 + 3i$ ,  $z_3 = -1 + 2i$  and  $k = 2$ .

- (i) Plot the points  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$  and  $z_3$  on an Argand diagram.

