

## Introduction

- The first chapter of FP1 introduces you to imaginary and complex numbers
- You will have seen at GCSE level that some quadratic equations cannot be solved
- Imaginary and complex numbers will allow us to actually solve these equations!
- We will also see how to represent them on an Argand diagram
- We will also see how to use complex numbers to solve cubic and quartic equations


## Complex Numbers

You can use both real and imaginary numbers to solve equations

At GCSE level you met the Quadratic formula:

$$
x=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2}-4 a c}}{2 a}
$$

The part under the square root sign is known as the 'discriminant', and can be used to determine how many solutions the equation has:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
b^{2}-4 a c>0 & -\rightarrow 2 \text { real roots } \\
b^{2}-4 a c=0 & -\rightarrow 1 \text { real root } \\
b^{2}-4 a c<0 & -\rightarrow 0 \text { real roots }
\end{array}
$$

The problem is that we cannot square root a negative number, hence the lack of real roots in the $3^{\text {rd }}$ case above

To solve these equations, we can use the imaginary number ' $i$ '

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

The imaginary number 'i' can be combined with real numbers to create 'complex numbers'

An example of a complex number would be:

$$
5+2 i
$$

Complex numbers can be added, subtracted, multiplied and divided in the same way you would with an algebraic expression

## Complex Numbers

$\begin{gathered}\text { This sign means } \\ \text { the positive } \\ \text { square root }\end{gathered} \longrightarrow \sqrt{-36}$
$\sqrt{36} \sqrt{-1}$
$=6 i$$\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { Split up using surd } \\ \text { manipulation } \\ \text { Simplify each part } \\ \rightarrow \sqrt{-1=i}\end{array}\right.$
2) Write $\sqrt{-28}$ in terms of i


## Complex Numbers

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Solve the equation:

$$
x^{2}+9=0
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
x^{2}+9 & =0 \\
x^{2} & =-9
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
x= \pm \sqrt{-9}
$$

$$
x= \pm \sqrt{9} \sqrt{-1}
$$



## Subtract 9

Square root - we need to consider both positive and negative as we are solving an equation

Split up

Write in terms of i

$$
x= \pm 3 i
$$

You should ensure you write full workings - once you have had a lot of practice you can do more in your head!

## Complex Numbers

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Solve the equation:

$$
x^{2}+6 x+25=0
$$

$\rightarrow$ You can use one of two methods for this
$\rightarrow$ Either 'Completing the square' or the Quadratic formula


The squared bracket gives us both the $x^{2}$ term and the $6 x$ term
$\rightarrow$ It only gives us a number of 9 , whereas we need 25 - add 16 on!

Completing the square


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$$
\begin{aligned}
& a=1 \\
& b=6 \\
& c=25
\end{aligned}
$$

The Quadratic formula

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
x=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2}-4 a c}}{2 a} \\
x=\frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{(6)^{2}-(4 \times 1 \times 25)}}{2(1)} \\
x=\frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{-64}}{2} \\
x=\frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{64} \sqrt{-1}}{2} \\
x=\frac{-6 \pm 8 i}{2} \\
x=-3 \pm 4 i
\end{array}\right\} \text { split } \quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Sim }
\end{array}\right.
$$

Sub in values

Calculate the part under the root sign

If the $x^{2}$ coefficient is greater than 1 , or the $x$ term is odd, the Quadratic formula will probably be the easiest method!

## Complex Numbers

You can use both real and imaginary numbers to solve equations

$$
\text { 1) } \begin{aligned}
& (2+5 i)+(7+3 i) \\
= & 9+8 i
\end{aligned}
$$

Simplify each of the following, giving
your answers in the form:
$a+b i$
where:
$a \in R$ and $b \in R$
2) $(2-5 i)-(5-11 i)$

$$
=2-5 i-5+11 i
$$

$$
=-3+6 i
$$


3) $6(1+3 i)$

$$
=6+18 i
$$

Multiply out the bracket

## Complex Numbers



You can multiply complex numbers and simplify powers of I

Complex numbers can be multiplied using the same techniques as used in algebra.

You can also use the following rule to simplify powers of i:

$$
\begin{aligned}
i & =\sqrt{-1} \\
i^{2} & =-1
\end{aligned}
$$

Multiply out the following bracket

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (2+3 i)(4+5 i) \\
& =8+12 i+10 i+15 i^{2} \\
& =8+22 i+15(-1) \\
& =-7+22 i
\end{aligned}\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\text { Multiply put like you would } \\
\text { algebraically (eg) grid method, } \\
\text { FOIL, smiley face etc) } \\
\text { Group iterms, write i2 as }-1 \\
\text { Simplify }
\end{array}\right.
$$

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\end{aligned}
$$

Express the following in the form $a+b i$
$\left.\begin{array}{l}(7-4 i)^{2} \\ =(7-4 i)(7-4 i) \\ =49-28 i-28 i+16 i^{2} \\ =49-56 i+16(-1) \\ =33-56 i\end{array}\right\} \begin{aligned} & \text { Write as a double bracket } \\ & \text { Group iterms, write } i^{2} \text { as }-1 \\ & \text { Simplify }\end{aligned}$

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\end{aligned}
$$

Simplify the following:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (2-3 i)(4-5 i)(1+3 i) \\
& (2-3 i)(4-5 i) \\
& =8-12 i-10 i+15 i^{2} \\
& =8-22 i+15(-1) \\
& =-7-22 i
\end{aligned}
$$

Now multiply this by the $3^{\text {rd }}$ bracket

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (-7-22 i)(1+3 i) \\
& =-7-22 i-21 i-66 i^{2} \\
& =-7-43 i-66(-1) \\
& =59-43 i
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
i & =\sqrt{-1} \\
i^{2} & =-1
\end{aligned}
$$

Simplify:

1) $i^{3}$

$$
=i^{2} \times i
$$

$$
=-1 \times i
$$

$$
=-i
$$

2) $i^{4}$
$=i^{2} \times i^{2}$
$=-1 \times-1$
$=1$$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Split up } \\ \text { Replace the } i^{2} \text { terms with }-1 \\ \text { Simplify }\end{array}\right.$

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\end{aligned}
$$

## Complex Numbers



Simplify:
3) $(2 i)^{5}$

$$
=2^{5} \times i^{5}
$$

$=2^{5} \times i^{5}$

$$
=2^{5} \times i^{2} \times i^{2} \times i \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { Split up the i terms }
\end{aligned} \text { Work out } 2^{5} \text { and replace }
$$

$=2^{5} \times i^{2} \times i^{2} \times i$

$$
=32 \times-1 \times-1 \times i
$$

$$
\text { the } i^{2} \text { terms }
$$ the $\mathrm{i}^{2}$ terms

$$
=32 i
$$

Simplify

## Complex Numbers

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

You can write down the complex conjugate of a complex number, and it helps you divide one complex number by another

If a complex number is given by:

$$
a+b i
$$

Then the complex conjugate is:

$$
a-b i
$$

(You just reverse the sign of the imaginary part!)

Together, these are known as a complex conjugate pair

The complex conjugate of $z$ is written as
$z^{\star}$

Write down the complex conjugate of:
a) $2+3 i$
$=2-3 i$
Reverse the sign of the imaginary term
b) $5-2 i$

$$
=5+2 i
$$

Reverse the sign of the imaginary term

Reverse the sign of the imaginary term

$$
\text { c) } \left.\begin{array}{l}
1-i \sqrt{5} \\
=1+i \sqrt{5}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

## Complex Numbers

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

Find $z+z^{*}$, and $z z^{*}$, given that:

$$
\begin{gathered}
z=2-7 i \\
\rightarrow z^{\star}=2+7 i
\end{gathered}
$$



## Complex Numbers

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

Find $z+z^{*}$, and $z z^{*}$, given that:

$$
\begin{gathered}
z=2 \sqrt{2}+i \sqrt{2} \\
\rightarrow z^{\star}=2 \sqrt{2}-i \sqrt{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& z+z^{*} \\
& =(2 \sqrt{2}+i \sqrt{2})+(2 \sqrt{2}-i \sqrt{2}) \\
& =4 \sqrt{2} \\
& z z^{*} \\
& =(2 \sqrt{2}+i \sqrt{2})(2 \sqrt{2}-i \sqrt{2}) \\
& =4 \sqrt{4}+2 i \sqrt{4}-2 i \sqrt{4}-i^{2} \sqrt{4} \\
& =8-(-1)(2) \\
& =10
\end{aligned}
$$

Replace $z$ and $z^{*}$
Group terms
$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Replace } z \text { and } z^{*} \\ \text { Multiply out } \\ \text { Some terms cancel } \\ \text { out, replace i }{ }^{2} \text { with }-1 \\ \text { Simplify }\end{array}\right.$

## Complex Numbers

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

Simplify:

$$
(10+5 i) \div(1+2 i)
$$

With divisions you will need to write it as a fraction, then multiply both the numerator and denominator by
the complex conjugate of the denominator
(This is effectively the same as rationalising when surds are involved!)


## Complex Numbers

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

Simplify:

$$
(5+4 i) \div(2-3 i)
$$

With divisions you will need to write it as a fraction, then multiply both the numerator and denominator by
the complex conjugate of the denominator
(This is effectively the same as rationalising when surds are involved!)

$$
\frac{5+4 i}{2-3 i} \times \frac{2+3 i}{2+3 i}
$$

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

$$
=\frac{10+8 i+15 i+12 i^{2}}{4+6 i-6 i-9 i^{2}}
$$

$$
=\frac{10+23 i+12(-1)}{4-9(-1)}
$$

$$
=\frac{-2+23 i}{13}
$$

$$
=-\frac{2}{13}+\frac{23}{13} i
$$

Multiply by the complex conjugate of the denominator

Expand both
brackets
Group i terms, replace the $\mathrm{i}^{2}$ terms with -1 (use brackets to avoid mistakes)

Simplify terms
Split into two parts (this is useful for later topics!)

## Complex Numbers

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

If the roots $a$ and $b$ of a quadratic equation are complex, $a$ and $b$ will always be a complex conjugate pair
$\rightarrow$ You can find what a quadratic equation was by using its roots
$\rightarrow$ Let us start by considering a quadratic equation with real solutions...


Add the roots together
$(-5)+(-2)$

$\uparrow$
Adding the roots gives the negative of the 'b' term

Multiply the roots

$$
(-5) \times(-2)
$$

$$
=10
$$

Multiplying the roots gives the
'c' term

This will work every time!
$\rightarrow$ If you have the roots of a quadratic equation:
$\rightarrow$ Add them and reverse the sign to find the ' $b$ ' term
$\rightarrow$ Multiply them to find the ' $c$ ' term

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Add the roots together
$(-6)+(4)$

$\uparrow$
Adding the roots gives the negative of the 'b' term

Multiply the roots

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (-6) \times(4) \\
& =-24 \\
& \uparrow \\
& \text { Multiplying the } \\
& \text { roots gives the } \\
& \text { 'c' term }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Complex Numbers

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

Find the quadratic equation that has roots $3+5 i$ and $3-5 i$

Add the roots together

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (3+5 i)+(3-5 i) \\
& =6
\end{aligned}
$$

So the 'b'term is -6

Multiply the roots


So the 'c 'term is 34
Now you have the b and c coefficients, you can write the equation!
The equation is therefore:
$x^{2}-6 x+34=0$

## Complex Numbers

You can represent complex numbers on an Argand diagram

A grid where values for $x$ and $y$ can be plotted is known as a Cartesian set of axes (after Rene Descartes)

An Argand diagram is very similar, but the $x$-axis represents real numbers and the $y$-axis represents imaginary numbers.

Complex numbers can be plotted on an Argand diagram, by considering the real and imaginary parts as coordinates

## Complex Numbers

You can represent complex numbers on an Argand diagram

Represent the following complex numbers on an Argand diagram:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& z_{1}=2+5 i \\
& z_{2}=3-4 i \\
& z_{3}=-4+i
\end{aligned}
$$

Find the magnitude of $|O A|,|O B|$ and $|O C|$, where $O$ is the origin of the Argand diagram, and $A, B$ and $C$ are $z_{1}, z_{2}$ and $z_{3}$ respectively
$\rightarrow$ You can use Pythagoras' Theorem to find the magnitude of the distances

$|O A|=\sqrt{2^{2}+5^{2}}$

$$
|O A|=\sqrt{29}
$$

$$
|O C|=\sqrt{4^{2}+1^{2}}
$$

$|O B|=\sqrt{3^{2}+4^{2}}$
$|O C|=\sqrt{17}$
$|O B|=5$

## Complex Numbers

You can represent complex numbers on an Argand diagram

$$
z_{1}=4+i \quad z_{2}=3+3 i
$$

Show $z_{1}, z_{2}$ and $z_{1}+z_{2}$ on an Argand diagram

$$
z_{1}+z_{2}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (4+i)+(3+3 i) \\
& \quad=7+4 i
\end{aligned}
$$



Notice that vector $z_{1}+z_{2}$ is effectively the diagonal of a parallelogram

## Complex Numbers

You can represent complex numbers on an Argand diagram

$$
z_{1}=2+5 i \quad z_{2}=4+2 i
$$

Show $z_{1}, z_{2}$ and $z_{1}-z_{2}$ on an Argand diagram

$$
z_{1}-z_{2}
$$

$$
(2+5 i)-(4+2 i)
$$

$$
=-2+3 i
$$



Vector $z_{1}-z_{2}$ is still the diagram of $a$ parallelogram
$\rightarrow$ One side is $z_{1}$ and the other side is $-z_{2}$ (shown on the diagram)

## Complex Numbers

You can find the value of $r$, the modulus of a complex number $z$, and the value of $\theta$, which is the argument of $z$

The modulus of a complex number is its magnitude - you have already seen how to calculate it by using Pythagoras' Theorem
$\rightarrow$ It is usually represented by the letter
$r$

The argument of a complex number is the angle it makes with the positive real axis
$\rightarrow$ The argument is usually measured in radians
$\rightarrow$ It will be negative if the complex number is plotted below the horizontal axis

## Complex Numbers

You can find the value of $r$, the modulus of a complex number $z$, and the value of $\theta$, which is the argument of $z$

Find, to two decimal places, the modulus and argument of $z=4+5 i$


Use Pythagoras' Theorem to find $r$
$r=\sqrt{4^{2}+5^{2}}$
$r=\sqrt{41}$
$r=6.40(2 d p)$


Use Trigonometry to find $\arg z$
$\operatorname{Tan} \theta=\frac{O}{A}$
$\operatorname{Tan} \theta=\frac{5}{4}$ Sub in values
$\theta=0.90$ radians $(2 d p)$
Calculate in radians

## Complex Numbers

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Find, to two decimal places, the modulus and argument of $z=-2+4 i$
y (Imaginary)


Use Pythagoras' Theorem to find $r$
$r=\sqrt{2^{2}+4^{2}}$
$r=\sqrt{20}$
$r=4.47(2 d p)$


Calculate
Work out as a
decimal (if needed)

Use Trigonometry to find $\arg z$
$\operatorname{Tan} \theta=\frac{O}{A}$
$\operatorname{Tan} \theta=\frac{4}{2}$
$\theta=1.11$ radians $(2 d p)$ Sub in value
$\pi-1.11=2.03$ radians
Calculate in radians
Subtract from $\pi$ to find the required angle (remember $\pi$ radians $=180^{\circ}$ )
$\arg Z=2.03$

## Complex Numbers

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Find, to two decimal places, the modulus and argument of $z=-3-3 i$


Use Pythagoras' Theorem to find $r$
$r=\sqrt{3^{2}+3^{2}}$
$r=\sqrt{18}$
$r=4.24(2 d p)$

Use Trigonometry to find arg z
$\operatorname{Tan} \theta=\frac{O}{A}$
$\operatorname{Tan} \theta=\frac{3}{3}$
$\theta=\frac{\pi}{4}$ radians $(2 d p)$
$\pi-\frac{\pi}{4}=\frac{3 \pi}{4}$ radians
$\arg z=-\frac{3 \pi}{4}$
Calculate in radians
Subtract from $\pi$ to find the required angle (remember $\pi$ radians $=180^{\circ}$ )
As the angle is below the $x$-axis, its written as negative

## Complex Numbers

y (Imaginary)

You can find the modulus-argument form of the complex number $z$

You have seen up to this point that a complex number $z$ will usually be written in the form:

$$
z=x+i y
$$

The modulus-argument form is an alternative way of writing a complex number, and it includes the modulus of the number as well as its argument.

The modulus-argument form looks like this:

$$
z=r(\cos \theta+i \sin \theta)
$$

$r$ is the modulus of the number
$\theta$ is the argument of the number


By GCSE Trigonometry:

$$
\mathrm{S}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{H} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Opp}=H y p \times \sin \theta=r \sin \theta
$$

$$
C^{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{H} \longrightarrow A d j=H y p \times \cos \theta=r \cos \theta
$$

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
z=r \cos \theta+i r \sin \theta \\
z=r(\cos \theta+i \sin \theta)
\end{array}\right\} \text { Factorise }
$$

## COMEDEXAS

You can find the modulus-argument form of the complex number $z$

Express the numbers following numbers in the modulus argument form:

$$
\begin{gathered}
z_{1}=1+i \sqrt{3} \\
z_{2}=-3-3 i \\
z_{1}=2\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3}+i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$



Modulus for $\mathbf{z}_{1}$

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\sqrt{1^{2}+\sqrt{3}^{2}} \quad \operatorname{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1}\right) \\
=2 \\
=\frac{\pi}{3} \\
z_{1}=r(\cos \theta+i \sin \theta) \\
z_{1}=2\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3}+i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right)
\end{array}
$$

## Argument for $\mathrm{z}_{1}$

## COMEDEXAS

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z_{2}=-3-3 i \\
z_{1}=2\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3}+i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
z_{2}=3 \sqrt{2}\left(\cos \left(-\frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)+i \sin \left(-\frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$



Modulus for $z_{2}$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sqrt{3^{2}+3^{2}} \\
=\sqrt{18} \\
=3 \sqrt{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

Argument for $z_{2}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{Tan}^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{3}\right) \begin{array}{c}
\text { Remember the } \\
\text { angle you actually } \\
\text { want! }
\end{array} \\
& =\frac{\pi}{4} \longrightarrow=-\frac{3 \pi}{4} \\
& \sin \theta) \\
& \left.\left.\frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)+i \sin \left(-\frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
z_{2}=r(\cos \theta+i \sin \theta) \\
z_{2}=3 \sqrt{2}\left(\cos \left(-\frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)+i \sin \left(-\frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Compernems

You can find the modulus-argument form of the complex number $z$

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z_{1}=2\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3}+i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
z_{2}=3 \sqrt{2}\left(\cos \left(-\frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)+i \sin \left(-\frac{3 \pi}{4}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$



Write down the value of $\left|z_{1} z_{2}\right|$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left|z_{1} z_{2}\right| & =\left|z_{1}\right|\left|z_{2}\right| \\
& =2 \times 3 \sqrt{2} \\
& =6 \sqrt{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Compernems

y (Imaginary)
You can find the modulus-argument form of the complex number $z$

A complex number is represented in the modulus-argument form as:

$$
z=4\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6}+i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}\right)
$$

Write the number in the form:

$$
z=x+i y
$$

Start by sketching the number on an Argand diagram
$\rightarrow \quad$ The modulus is 4
$\rightarrow$ The angle is positive and less than $\pi / 2$, so the point is somewhere in the top right section
$\rightarrow$ Work out $x$ and $y$ using Trigonometry...

## Complex Numbers

You can solve problems involving complex numbers

Problems can be solved by equating the real and imaginary parts of a complex equation
$\rightarrow$ This technique can also be used to square root a number

Given that:

$$
3+5 i=(a+i b)(1+i)
$$

Find the real values of $a$ and $b$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 3+5 i=(a+i b)(1+i) \\
& 3+5 i=a+a i+b i+i^{2} b \\
& 3+5 i=a+a i+b i+(-1) b \\
& 3+5 i=a+a i+b i+-b \\
& 3+5 i=a-b+a i+b i \\
& 3+5 i=a-b+i \quad a+b)
\end{aligned}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { Multiply out } \\
\text { the bracket } \\
\text { Replace i2 } \\
\text { Remove the bracket } \\
\text { Move the real and }
\end{array}\right.
$$

As the equations balance, the real and imaginary parts will be the same on each side
$\rightarrow$ Compare them and form equations

1) $a-b=3$
2) $a+b=5$

$$
2 a=8
$$



Add the equations together
Solve for a

$$
a=4
$$

$$
b=1
$$

Use $a$ to find $b$

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Find the square roots of $3+4 i$
$\rightarrow$ Let the square root of $3+4 i$ be given by $a+i b$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt{3+4 i}=a+i b \\
& 3+4 i=(a+i b)^{2} \\
& 3+4 i=(a+i b)(a+i b) \\
& 3+4 i=a^{2}+a b i+a b i+i^{2} b^{2} \\
& 3+4 i=a^{2}-b^{2}+2 a b i
\end{aligned} \begin{gathered}
\text { Square both sides } \\
\text { Write as a double } \\
\text { bracket } \\
\text { M racket real terms and } \\
\text { imaginary terms } \\
\text { together }
\end{gathered}
$$

As the equations balance, the real and imaginary parts will be the same on each side
$\rightarrow$ Compare them and form equations

1) $a^{2}-b^{2}=3$
2) $2 a b=4$

$$
\begin{array}{r}
a b=2 \\
b=\frac{2}{a}
\end{array}\left\{\begin{aligned}
\text { Divide by } 2 \\
\text { Divide by a }
\end{aligned}\right.
$$

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Problems can be solved by equating the real and imaginary parts of a complex equation
$\rightarrow$ This technique can also be used to square root a number

Find the square roots of $3+4 i$
$\rightarrow$ Let the square root of $3+4 i$ be given by $a+i b$

$$
a+i b
$$

Use each pair of $a$ and $b$ to find the square roots

$$
2+i \quad-2-i
$$

1) $a^{2}-b^{2}=3$
2) $b=\frac{2}{a}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{aligned}
a^{2}-b^{2} & =3 \\
a^{2}-\left(\frac{2}{a}\right)^{2} & =3
\end{aligned} \\
& a^{2}-\frac{4}{a^{2}}=3 \\
& a^{4}-4=3 a^{2} \\
& a^{4}-3 a^{2}-4=0 \\
& \left(a^{2}-4\right)\left(a^{2}+1\right)=0 \\
& a^{2}=4 \text { or } \text { a>< } 1 \\
& a=2 \text { or }-2 \\
& b=1 \text { or }-1 \\
& \text { Replace } b \text { from the } \\
& \text { second equation } \\
& \text { Square the bracke } t \\
& \text { Multiply each term by } a^{2} \\
& \text { Subtract } 3 a^{2} \\
& \text { You can factorise this like } \\
& \text { you would a quadratic } \\
& \text { Each bracket can give } \\
& \text { solutions } \\
& \text { But we want the real } \\
& \text { one so ignore } x^{2}=-1 \\
& \text { Use these to find their } \\
& \text { corresponding } b \text { values }
\end{aligned}
$$

## REMINDER FROM BEFORE

## Complex Numbers

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

If the roots $a$ and $b$ of $a$ quadratic equation are complex, $a$ and $b$ will always be a complex conjugate pair
$\rightarrow$ You can find what a quadratic equation was by using its roots
$\rightarrow$ Let us start by considering a quadratic equation with real solutions...


Add the roots together
$(-5)+(-2)$

$\uparrow$
Adding the roots gives the negative of the 'b' term

Multiply the roots
$(-5) \times(-2)$
$=10$

Multiplying the roots gives the
'c' term

This will work every time!
$\rightarrow$ If you have the roots of a quadratic equation:
$\rightarrow$ Add them and reverse the sign to find the ' $b$ ' term
$\rightarrow$ Multiply them to find the ' $c$ ' term

## REMINDER FROM BEFORE

## Complex Numbers

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Find the quadratic equation that has roots $3+5 i$ and $3-5 i$

Add the roots together
$(3+5 i)+(3-5 i)$
$=6$
So the 'b'term is -6

Multiply the roots


So the ' $c$ 'term is 34
Now you have the b and c coefficients, you can write the equation!
The equation is therefore:
$x^{2}-6 x+34=0$

## Complex Numbers



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

You have seen that if the roots of an equation are complex, they occur as a complex conjugate pair

If you know one complex root of a quadratic equation, you can find the whole equation itself
$7+2 i$ is one of the roots of a quadratic equation with real coefficients. Find the equation.
$\rightarrow$ You can use a method from earlier in the chapter for this type of question
$\rightarrow$ If $7+2 i$ is one root, the other must be $7-2 \mathrm{i}$

$$
7+2 i \quad 7-2 i
$$

Add them together
$(7+2 i)+(7-2 i)$
$=14$
So the 'b'term is -14

Multiply them

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (7+2 i)(7-2 i) \\
& =49+14 i-14 i-4 i^{2} \\
& =49-4(-1) \\
& =53
\end{aligned}
$$

So the ' $c$ 'term is 53

Now you know b and c you can write the equation

$$
x^{2}-14 x+53=0
$$

## Complex Numbers



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

Show that $x=2$ is a solution of the cubic equation:
$x^{3}-6 x^{2}+21 x-26=0$
Hence, solve the equation completely.


As subbing in a value of 2 makes the equation balance, $x=2$ must be a solution

## Complex Numbers



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

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Hence, solve the equation completely.
$\rightarrow$ As $x=2$ is a solution, the equation must have $(x-2)$ as a factor
$\rightarrow$ Divide the expression by $(x-2)$ in order to help factorise it

Divide $x^{3}$ by $x$
Multiply the divisor by the answer and write it beneath

Subtract this from the original equation

Now divide $-4 x^{2}$ by $x$
Multiply the divisor by this and continue these steps until you're finished!

$$
\begin{gathered}
{\frac{x^{3}-2 x^{2}}{-4 x^{2}+21 x-26}+\underbrace{0}_{\frac{13 x}{13 x-26}-26}}_{-4 x^{2}+8 x}^{-} \\
x^{3}-6 x^{2}+21 x-26 \\
=(x-2)\left(x^{2}-4 x+13\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

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$$

$$
(x-2)\left(x^{2}-4 x+13\right)=0
$$



$$
\left.\left.\begin{array}{rrr}
x-2=0 \\
x=2 \\
\text { We already knew } \\
\text { this solution! }
\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{rl}
x^{2}-4 x+13 & =0 \\
(x-2)^{2}+9 & =0 \\
(x-2)^{2} & =-9 \\
x-2 & = \pm 3 i \\
x & =2 \pm 3 i
\end{array}\right\} \begin{array}{c}
\text { Use } \\
\text { completing } \\
\text { the square } \\
\text { Subtract }
\end{array}\right\} \begin{gathered}
\text { Square } \\
\text { root }
\end{gathered}
$$

The solutions of the equation $x^{3}-6 x^{2}+21 x-26=0$ are:

$$
x=2 \quad x=2+3 i \quad \text { and } \quad x=2-3 i
$$

## Complex Numbers



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

Given that - 1 is a root of the equation:

$$
x^{3}-x^{2}+3 x+k=0
$$

Find the other two roots of the equation.
$\rightarrow$ If we substitute -1 in , the equation will balance...

$$
x^{3}-x^{2}+3 x+5=0
$$

$$
\begin{array}{r}
x^{3}-x^{2}+3 x+k=0 \\
(-1)^{3}-(-1)^{2}+3(-1)+k=0 \\
-1-1-3+k=0 \\
k=5
\end{array}\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\text { Sub in } x=-1 \\
\text { Calculate each } \\
\text { part } \\
\text { Rearrange to } \\
\text { fin d } \mathrm{k}
\end{array}\right.
$$

We now know the actual equation

$$
x^{3}-x^{2}+3 x+5=0
$$

## Complex Numbers



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$$

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$$
(x+1)\left(x^{2}-2 x+5\right)=0
$$

$$
x^{3}-x^{2}+3 x+5=0
$$

$$
(x+1)\left(x^{2}-2 x+5\right)=0
$$

Either this
bracket is 0


$$
\begin{aligned}
x+1 & =0 & x^{2}-2 x+5 & =0 \\
x & =-1 & (x-1)^{2}+4 & =0
\end{aligned}
$$

We already knew this solution!

$$
\begin{aligned}
x^{2}-2 x+5 & =0 \\
(x-1)^{2}+4 & =0 \\
(x-1)^{2} & =-4 \\
x-1 & = \pm 2 i \\
x & =1 \pm 2 i
\end{aligned} \quad \begin{gathered}
\text { Use } \\
\text { completing } \\
\text { the square } \\
\text { Subtract } 4
\end{gathered} \quad \begin{gathered}
\text { Square } \\
\text { root }
\end{gathered}
$$

The solutions of the equation $x^{3}-x^{2}+3 x+5=0$ are:

$$
x=-1 \quad x=1+2 i \quad \text { and } \quad x=1-2 i
$$

## Complex Numbers



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients


## Complex Numbers



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

You can also solve a quartic equation using this method
$\rightarrow$ A quartic equation has an $x$ power of 4 , and will have a total

$$
\text { of } 4 \text { roots }
$$

For a quartic equation, either:
$\rightarrow$ All 4 roots are real
$\rightarrow 2$ roots are real and 2 are complex, forming a complex conjugate pair
$\rightarrow$ All 4 roots are complex and form 2 complex conjugate pairs

## Complex Numbers



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

Given that $3+i$ is a root of the quartic equation:
$2 x^{4}-3 x^{3}-39 x^{2}+120 x-50=0$
Solve the equation completely.
As one root is $3+i$, we know that another root will be $3-i$
$\rightarrow$ We can use these to find an expression which will factorise into the original equation

$$
3+i \quad 3-i
$$

## Add them together

$(3+i)+(3-i)$
$=6$
So the 'b'term is -6

Multiply them
$(3+i)(3-i)$
$=9+3 i-3 i-i^{2}$
$=9-(-1)$
$=10$
So the ' $c$ 'term is 10

Now you know b and c you can write an expression that will divide into the original equation

$$
x^{2}-6 x+10
$$

## Complex Numbers



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$$
x^{2}-6 x+10 \text { is a factor }
$$

$\rightarrow$ Divide the original equation by this!

$2 x^{4}-12 x^{3}+20 x^{2}$

$$
9 x^{3}-59 x^{2}+120 x-50
$$

$$
9 x^{3}-54 x^{2}+90 x
$$

$$
\begin{array}{r}
-5 x^{2}+30 x-50 \\
-5 x^{2}+30 x-50
\end{array}
$$

0
We have now factorised the original equation into 2 quadratics

$$
\begin{array}{r}
2 x^{4}-3 x^{3}-39 x^{2}+120 x-50 \\
=\left(x^{2}-6 x+10\right)\left(2 x^{2}+9 x-5\right)
\end{array}
$$

## 



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

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$$
x^{2}-6 x+10 \text { is a factor }
$$

$\rightarrow$ Divide the original equation by this!

$$
\left(x^{2}-6 x+10\right)\left(2 x^{2}+9 x-5\right)=0
$$

We already have
the solutions for
this bracket!

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 3+i \\
& 3-i
\end{aligned}
$$

We need to find the solutions for
this one!

$$
x=-\frac{1}{2} \quad \text { or } \quad x=5
$$

$$
2 x^{4}-3 x^{3}-39 x^{2}+120 x-50=0
$$

Solutions are: $x=3+i$
All these will give the answer 0 when substituted in!

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x=3-i \\
& x=-\frac{1}{2} \\
& x=5
\end{aligned}
$$

## Summary

- You have been introduced to imaginary and complex numbers
- You have seen how these finally allow all quadratic equations to be solved
- You have learnt how to show complex numbers on an Argand diagram
- You have seen how to write the modulus-argument form of a complex number
- You have also seen how to solve cubic and quartic equations using complex numbers

