Complex Arithmetic Examples

In the following we let z = 2 + 3i and w = 4 + 5i.

1. Real and Imaginary Parts

 $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 2$, $\operatorname{Im}(z) = 3$, $\operatorname{Re}(w) = 4$, $\operatorname{Im}(w) = 5$.

Note: the imaginary part *does not include i*.

2. Addition and Subtraction

$$z + w = (2 + 3i) + (4 + 5i) = 6 + 8i$$

$$z - w = (2 + 3i) - (4 + 5i) = -2 - 2i.$$

3. Multiplication

 $z \cdot w = (2+3i)(4+5i) = 8 - 15 + i(10+12) = -7 + 22i.$

4. Complex Conjugate and Magnitude

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

5. Division

Multiply numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator:

$$\frac{w}{z} = \frac{4+5i}{2+3i} = \frac{4+5i}{2+3i} \cdot \frac{2-3i}{2-3i} = \frac{8+15+i(-12+10)}{13} = \frac{23}{13} - \frac{2}{13}i.$$

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