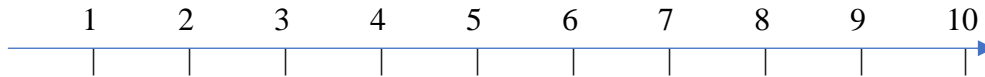


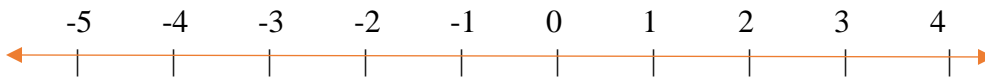
Lesson 1.5 – Imaginary & Complex Numbers

**I. Theory of Knowledge, Motivating Complex Numbers**

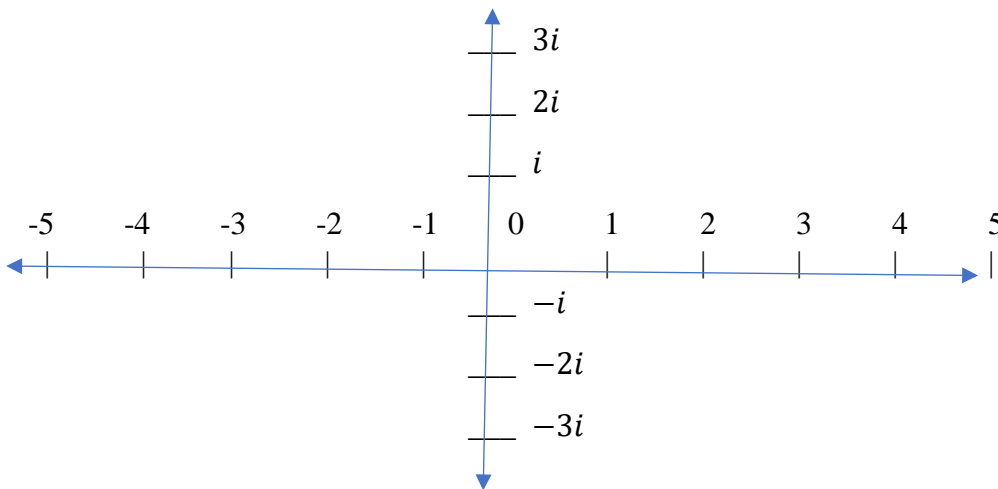
The very first topic you learned in mathematics was probably counting. The set of counting numbers  $\{1,2,3,4 \dots\}$  are called the **natural numbers**  $\mathbb{N}$ , and are represented with the number line.



At a certain point around 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we introduced **negative numbers**. Negative numbers give you a solution to equations like  $x + 2 = 1$ . From a physical standpoint, we can model situations like debt and reversal of direction using negative numbers. This can be visually represented as a reflection across the number line, and the set of all these numbers is called the **real numbers**  $\mathbb{R}$ .



Here we will introduce the concept of **imaginary numbers**, which will transform our number line once more by introducing rotations. Let ***i*** be defined as some number whose square is  $-1$ . Imaginary numbers give you a solution to equations like  $x^2 = -1$ .



A **complex number**  $a + bi$  has both a real number part ***a*** and an imaginary part ***bi***. We will discuss the practical applications of complex numbers much later, but for now just recognize that they might appear as solutions to some quadratic equations. A complex double-number line like the one drawn above is called an **Argand diagram** or more commonly a complex coordinate plane.

Let ***i*** be defined as some number whose square is  $-1$ .

Given  $i = i$   
and  $i^2 = -1$

Calculate the following:

$i^3 = -i$

$i^4 = 1$

$i^5 = i$

$i^6 = -1$

$i^{59} = -i$

$i^0 = 1$

$i^{-1} = -i$

$i^{-2} = -1$

$i^{-3} = i$

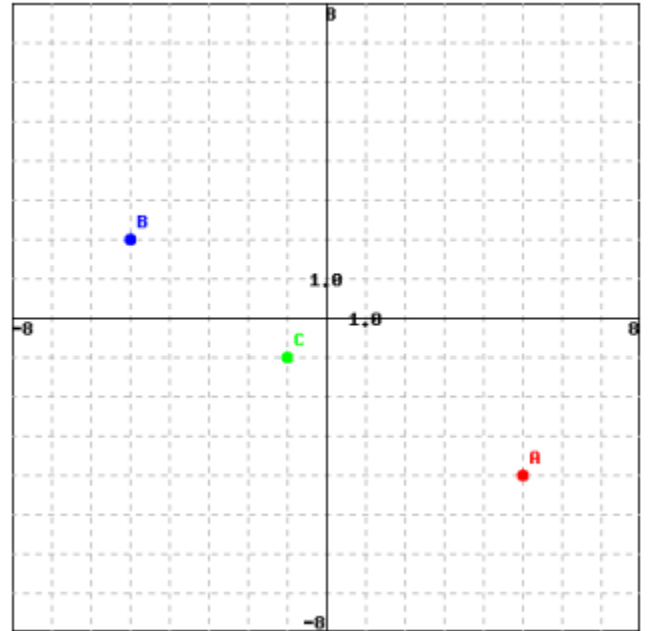
$i^{-89} = -i$

1. Enter the complex coordinates of the following points on the Argand diagram.

A:  $5 - 4i$

B:  $5 + 2i$

C:  $-1 - i$



2. Evaluate the expression  $(9 + 4i) + (7 + 6i)$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$16 + 10i$

3. Evaluate the expression  $(-5 + 6i) + (-4 + 6i)$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$-9 + 12i$

4. Evaluate the expression  $(-6 - 4i) - (-8 - 4i)$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

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5. Evaluate the expression  $(-6 + 2i) - (6 + 7i)$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$12 - 5i$

6. Evaluate the expression  $(9 - 7i)(-8 - 5i)$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$-107 + 11i$

7. Evaluate the expression  $(3 + i)(5 + 5i)(-3 + 3i)$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$-90 - 30i$

8. Evaluate the expression  $((-4 - 4i)^2 - 3)i$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$-32 - 3i$$

9. Evaluate the expression  $(a + bi)(a - bi)$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$a^2 + b^2$$

10. Evaluate the expression  $(a + bi)^2 - (a - bi)^2$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$-4abi$$

11. Evaluate the expression  $(a + bi)^3$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$(a^3 - 3ab^2) + (3a^2b - b^3)i$$

## II. Complex Conjugates & Dividing Complex Numbers

12. If  $z = 4 - 6i$  then find the values of  $z^*$  and  $|z|$ .

$$z^* = 4 + 6i$$

$$|z| = 2\sqrt{13}.$$

13. Evaluate the expression  $\frac{4-6i}{2-5i}$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

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

The **complex conjugate** of a complex number is defined as the number with an equal real part but opposite magnitude imaginary part.

For any complex number  $z = a + bi$

Its conjugate is  $z^* = a - bi$ .

The **magnitude** of a complex number is its distance from the origin, which from the Pythagorean theorem is

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

Note that  $(z)(z^*) = a^2 + b^2 = |z|^2$

14. Evaluate the expression  $\frac{8-7i}{-8-6i}$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$\frac{-11 + 52i}{50}$$

### III. Practice on Your Own

15. Evaluate the expression  $(i)^2(-5 + i)^2$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$-24 + 10i$$

16. Evaluate the expression  $\frac{4-8i}{6-5i}$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$-\frac{64 - 28i}{61}$$

17. Evaluate the expression  $\frac{-1+3i}{-4-8i}$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$-\frac{1 - i}{4}$$

18. Evaluate the expression  $\frac{-4+4i}{4-6i}$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$-\frac{10 - 2i}{13}$$

19. Evaluate the expression  $\frac{-6-i}{1+5i}$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$-\frac{11 + 29i}{26}$$

20. Evaluate the expression  $\frac{-4+3i}{-10+7i}$  and write the result in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$\frac{61 - 2i}{149}$$