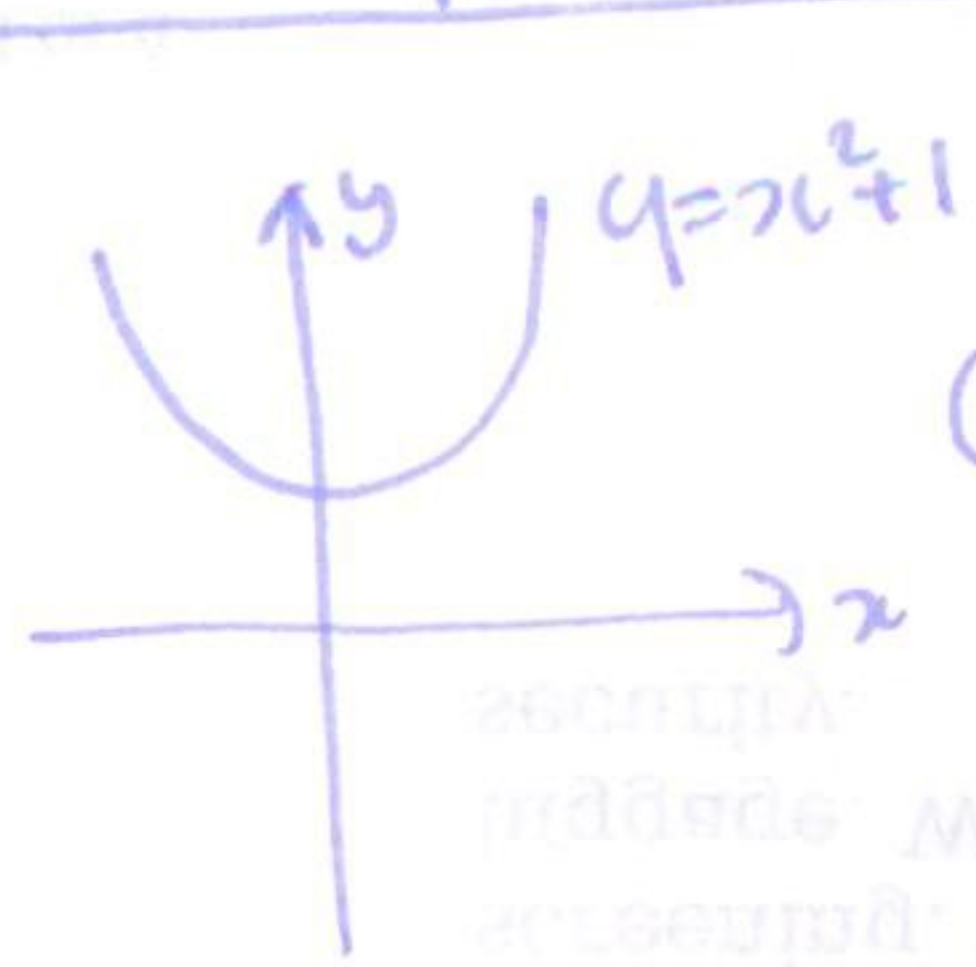


§3.1 Complex numbers.



$\sqrt{-1}$ is not a real number.
(no solutions).

However, it makes sense and is useful, to consider a new number i such that $i^2 = -1$.
 i is not a real number, we say it is a complex number.

- $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ $\mathbb{N}$.
- $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ $\mathbb{N}_0$.
- $\mathbb{Z}$ $\{-1, 0, 1, \dots\}$.
- $\mathbb{Q}$ $\frac{p}{q}$.
- $\mathbb{R}$.

Rules for complex numbers.

• multiplies of i : $2i$

$$(2i)^2 = 4 \cdot -1 = -4 \quad \text{so} \quad \sqrt{-4} = 2i.$$

$$(-2i)^2 = (-1)^2 (i)^2 = 1 \cdot -1 = -1$$

so $-2i$ also a square root of -4 .

arbitrary
can multiply

$$(bi)^2 = (b)^2 (i)^2 = b^2 \cdot -1 = -b^2$$

can add real/complex numbers:

$$a + bi$$

arbitrary complex number.

e.g. $0 + i = i$
 $1 + i$
 $3 + 7i$

$$a + bi$$

real part imaginary part

if $b = 0$ say
number is
real
if $a = 0$ say
number is
purely imaginary

addition

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

example

$$(1 + i) + (1 - i) = 2$$

$$(1 + i) + (-1 + i) = 2i$$

multiplication

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = ac + adi + bci + bd(i)^2 \quad (16)$$
$$= ac + i(ad+bc) + bd(-1)$$
$$= ac - bd + i(ad+bc)$$

example

$$(1+i)(1-i) = 1 - i + i + i(-i)$$

$$(i)^2 = -1$$

$$(i)^3 = -i$$

$$(i)^4 = 1$$

$$(i)^5 = i$$

complex conjugates

the conjugate of $a+bi$ is $a-bi$

examples

$$3+2i$$

has

conjugate

$$3-2i$$

$$1-i$$

$$-1-i$$

$$-1+i$$

$$(3+2i)(3-2i) = 9 - 6i + 6i - 4(-1) = 9 + 4 = 13$$

real!

$$(a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 - abi + abi - b^2(i)^2$$

$$= a^2 + b^2 + i(ab-ab) = a^2 + b^2 \quad \text{real!}$$