

1. Every complex number has form $a + bi$, where a and b are *real* numbers. In addition, every complex number other than 0 has a multiplicative inverse, i.e., another complex number $c + di$ so that $(a + bi)(c + di) = 1$. Suppose that a and b are real numbers, and at least one of them is not 0. Find the real numbers c and d so that $c + di$ is the multiplicative inverse of $a + bi$. Hint: start by thinking of $c + di$ as the number

$$c + di = \frac{1}{a + bi}.$$

Then use a calculus trick to rewrite this fraction with no complex numbers in the denominator.

Solution: We can think of the inverse as

$$\begin{aligned} c + di &= \frac{1}{a + bi} \\ &= \frac{1}{a + bi} \cdot \frac{a - bi}{a - bi} \\ &= \frac{a - bi}{a^2 - b^2} \\ &= \frac{a}{a^2 - b^2} + \frac{-b}{a^2 - b^2}i. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$c = \frac{a}{a^2 - b^2} \text{ and } d = \frac{-b}{a^2 - b^2}.$$

2. Find two distinct square roots of i .

Solution: Suppose that $a + bi$ is a number so that $i = (a + bi)^2$. Then

$$i = a^2 - b^2 + 2abi,$$

so that

$$a^2 - b^2 = 0 \text{ and } 2ab = 1.$$

The first equality implies that $a = \pm b$. If $a = b$, then $2a^2 = 1$, so $a = b = \pm 1/\sqrt{2}$. So

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \text{ and } \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}i$$

are both roots of i . We do not have to consider the case $a = -b$, because it will produce the same results.

3. Matrices A , B and C are given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 4 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(a) Find A^T .

Solution:

$$A^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(b) Calculate AB .

Solution:

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 19 & -2 \\ 7 & 25 & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(c) Calculate $B - C$.

$$B - C = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -8 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(d) Find the matrix $3C$.

Solution:

$$3C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 12 & 6 & 0 \\ -3 & 9 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. Matrix A has size 3×5 ; B and C are both 5×7 ; and D has size 3×3 . If the following calculations are possible, determine the size of the resulting matrix. Otherwise, write “not defined”.

(a) AB

Solution: Size 3×7

(b) BA

Solution: Not defined.

(c) $B + C$

Solution: Size 5×7

(d) $A^T D$ *Solution:* Size 5×3

5. Suppose that A is an $m \times n$ matrix, and that B is a matrix so that AB and BA are both defined. Prove that B has size $n \times m$.

Solution: Suppose that B is an $r \times s$ matrix. AB is defined, so $r = n$, and BA is defined, so $s = m$. Thus B is $n \times m$.