EXERCISES

1. Verify that

(a) $(\sqrt{2} - i) - i(1 - \sqrt{2}i) = -2i$; *(b)* $(2, -3)(-2, 1) = (-1, 8)$;

(c) $(3, 1)(3, -1)\left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{10}\right) = (2, 1)$.

2. Show that

(a) $\operatorname{Re}(iz) = -\operatorname{Im} z$; *(b)* $\operatorname{Im}(iz) = \operatorname{Re} z$.

3. Show that $(1 + z)^2 = 1 + 2z + z^2$.

4. Verify that each of the two numbers $z = 1 \pm i$ satisfies the equation $z^2 - 2z + 2 = 0$.

5. Prove that multiplication of complex numbers is commutative, as stated at the beginning of Sec. 2.

6. Verify

(a) the associative law for addition of complex numbers, stated at the beginning of Sec. 2;

(b) the distributive law (3), Sec. 2.

7. Use the associative law for addition and the distributive law to show that

$$z(z_1 + z_2 + z_3) = zz_1 + zz_2 + zz_3.$$

8. *(a)* Write $(x, y) + (u, v) = (x, y)$ and point out how it follows that the complex number $0 = (0, 0)$ is unique as an additive identity.

(b) Likewise, write $(x, y)(u, v) = (x, y)$ and show that the number $1 = (1, 0)$ is a unique multiplicative identity.

9. Use $-1 = (-1, 0)$ and $z = (x, y)$ to show that $(-1)z = -z$.

10. Use $i = (0, 1)$ and $y = (y, 0)$ to verify that $-(iy) = (-i)y$. Thus show that the additive inverse of a complex number $z = x + iy$ can be written $-z = -x - iy$ without ambiguity.

11. Solve the equation $z^2 + z + 1 = 0$ for $z = (x, y)$ by writing

$$(x, y)(x, y) + (x, y) + (1, 0) = (0, 0)$$

and then solving a pair of simultaneous equations in x and y.

Suggestion: Use the fact that no real number x satisfies the given equation to show that $y \neq 0$.

Ans. $z = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$.

3. FURTHER PROPERTIES

In this section, we mention a number of other algebraic properties of addition and multiplication of complex numbers that follow from the ones already described