

# Re: Relativity and delusion

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Dirk Van de  
moortel  
wrote:

No,  
I  
don't  
think  
so  
either  
–  
there  
will  
always  
be  
a  
steady  
fresh  
supply  
of  
retiring  
engineers  
and  
highschool  
dropouts  
who  
learned  
to  
handle  
a  
square  
root.

The high school dropout won't have learned about the complex plane. The operations of multiplication for negative and imaginary

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numbers have a perfectly reasonable picture, involving the rotation of complex vectors.

Dirk,  
What is the  
square root  
of  $-1$ ?  
How about  
 $-4$ ?  
Negative  
numbers  
can't have  
square roots  
huh?

I understand the definition of imaginary.

1) Most words have more than one definition. The use of the word is determined by the context as