

4-1 Review of Complex Numbers

Objective: Students will be able to:

Know the parts of a complex number

Know how to add, subtract, and multiply 2 complex numbers

Know what a conjugate is and how to find one

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

AND

$$i^2 = -1$$

Definition

Complex numbers are numbers of the form $a+bi$ where a and b are real numbers. The real number a is called the real part and the number b is called the imaginary part.

nonreal

Identify the real and imaginary parts of each complex number.

$$4 + 5i$$

Real: 4

Non Real: 5

3

R: 3

I: 0

$$5 - i$$

Real: 5

Imaginary: -1

7i

R: 0

I: 7

Write each of the following as a pure imaginary number.

$$\sqrt{-16}$$

-1 · 16
44
4i

$$\sqrt{-18}$$

-1 · 18
3 · 6
3 · 2
3√2 i

$$\sqrt{-3}$$

√3 i

$$\sqrt{-12}$$

-1 · 12
4 · 3
2 · 2
2√3 i

$$\sqrt{-5}$$

-1 · 5
√5 i

$$\sqrt{-36}$$

-1 · 36
6 · 6
6i

Write each in Standard Form. State the real and imaginary parts.

$$2 - \sqrt{-25} \quad 3 + \sqrt{-50} \quad \frac{4 - \sqrt{-12}}{2}$$

$2 - 5i$

$3 + 5\sqrt{2}i$

$-2 - \sqrt{-8}$

$\frac{6 - \sqrt{-72}}{3}$

$\frac{6 - 6\sqrt{2}i}{3} = 2 - 2\sqrt{2}i$

Add:

$$(4 - 3i) + (-2 + 5i) = 2 + 2i$$

$$(4 + \sqrt{-25}) + (-6 - \sqrt{-16}) = -2 + i$$

Subtract:

$$(-3 + 7i) - (5 + 4i) = -8 + 3i$$

$$(3 + \sqrt{-12}) - (-2 - \sqrt{-27}) = 5 + 5\sqrt{3}i$$

You Try

$$(4 - \sqrt{-4}) + (-7 + \sqrt{-9})$$

$$(4 - 2i) - (-2 + 7i)$$

Multiply

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$4i(3 - 6i) = 12i - 24i^2 = 12i + 24 = 24 + 12i$$

$$(-2 + 4i)(3 - i) = -6 + 2i + 12i - 4i^2 = -6 + 14i + 4 = -2 + 14i$$

Remember from before:

$$\sqrt[n]{a}\sqrt[n]{b} = \sqrt[n]{ab}$$

only works when $\sqrt[n]{a}$ and $\sqrt[n]{b}$ are real numbers

This means that

$$\sqrt{a}\sqrt{b} \neq \sqrt{ab} \text{ if } a < 0 \text{ or } b < 0$$

Multiply

$$\sqrt{-25}\sqrt{-4} = \sqrt{100} = 10$$

$$5i \cdot 2i = 10i^2 = -10$$

**Simplify Radicals First*

$$(2 + \sqrt{-16})(1 - \sqrt{-4})$$

$$(2 + 4i)(1 - 2i)$$

$$2 - 4i + 4i - 8i^2$$

$$2 + 8 = 10$$

You Try

$$\sqrt{-9}\sqrt{-36}$$

$$(2 + \sqrt{-36})(4 - \sqrt{-25})$$

**Multiply (What Happens?)*

$$(4 + 3i)(4 - 3i)$$

$$16 - 12i + 12i - 9i^2$$

$$16 + 9$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$25$$

Complex Conjugate

If $a+bi$ is a complex number, then its conjugate is defined as $a-bi$
opposite sign on the imaginary part

$$3+2i$$

$$3-2i$$

$$4-3i$$

$$4+3i$$

$$-16+32i$$

$$-16-32i$$

$$-17i$$

$$+17i$$

$$4i$$

$$-4i$$

$$17i$$

