

Chapter 2.4 Complex numbers

Objectives: Define complex numbers and their properties

Imaginary Numbers

The imaginary unit is defined as $i = \sqrt{-1}$

If $r > 0$, then the imaginary number $\sqrt{-r}$ is defined as follows:

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

ex. $\sqrt{-4} = \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{-1} = 2i$ $\sqrt{-10} = \sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{-1} = \sqrt{10}i$

Summary of Numbers

Complex Numbers

Real Numbers: $-5, -\sqrt{3}, 0, \sqrt{5}, \frac{8}{3}, 9$		Imaginary Numbers: $-4i$ $3 + 2i$ $2i\sqrt{2}$
Rational Numbers: $-5, 0, \frac{8}{3}, 9$	Irrational Numbers: $-\sqrt{3}$ $\sqrt{5}$	
Integers: $-5, 0, 9$		
Whole Numbers: $0, 9$		
Natural Numbers: 9		

Example 1

Solve $2x^2 + 11 = -37$.

$$2x^2 = -48$$

$$x^2 = -24$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{-24}$$

isolate $x^2 + \sqrt{\text{both sides}}$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{6} \sqrt{4} \sqrt{-1}$$

$$= \pm 2\sqrt{6}i$$

Do now

$$x^2 = -16$$

$$x = \pm 4i$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \sqrt{-16}$$
$$\sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{-1}$$

$$x^2 - 8 = -36$$

$$x^2 = -28$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{-28}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{4} \cdot \sqrt{7} \cdot \sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = \pm 2\sqrt{7}i$$

A complex number is any number that can be written as $a + bi$, where a and b are real numbers and i is the imaginary part

a is called the real part and b is called the imaginary part

example:

$$4 + 2i \quad -3i \quad 4 \rightarrow 4 + 0i$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \text{R} \end{matrix}$
 $\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{I} \end{matrix}$
 $\begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ \text{O} + 3i \end{matrix}$

Example 2 Find each sum or difference. combine like terms

a) $(4 - 7i) + (-11 + 9i)$

$$-7 + 2i$$

b) $(6 + 8i) - (2 - 5i)$ Dist. -

$$6 + 8i - 2 + 5i$$

$$4 + 13i$$

Powers of i

$$i = i$$

$$i^2 = (\sqrt{-1})^2 = -1$$

$$i^3 = i^2 \cdot i = -i$$

$$i^4 = i^2 \cdot i^2 = 1$$

Example 3 Multiply

a. $-2.5(8 - 9i)$

$$-20 + 22.5i$$

b. $(3 - 2i)(3 + 2i)$ FoIL change $i^2 = -1$

$$9 - 6i + 6i - 4i^2$$

$$9 - 4(-1)$$

$$9 + 4$$

$$13$$

c. $(2 - i)(-3 - 4i)$ FoIL

$$6 - 8i + 3i + 4i^2$$

$$6 - 5i + 4(-1)$$

$$6 - 4 - 5i$$

$$2 - 5i$$

DO NOW Practice add

1) $(-4 + 2i) + (6 - 3i)$

$$2 - i$$

2) $(3 - 2i)^2 - 6(3 - 2i) + 13$ FoIL Dist.

$$(3 - 2i)(3 - 2i)$$

$$9 - 6i - 6i + 4i^2 - 18 + 12i + 13$$

$$9 + 4(-1) - 18 + 13 = 0$$

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Conjugate of a Complex Number

The conjugate of a complex number $a + bi$ is $a - bi$
change signs of imaginary terms

Find the conjugates.

- a. $7 - 8i$ $7 + 8i$
 b. $-2 + i$ $-2 - i$
 c. $4 - 5i$ $4 + 5i$

Example 4 Division with complex numbers

Simplify $\frac{3-2i}{-4+i}$. Write your answer in standard form. multiply by the conjugate of the denominator

$$\frac{3-2i}{-4+i} \cdot \frac{-4-i}{-4-i} = \frac{-12-3i+8i+2i^2}{16-i^2}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ =1 \end{matrix} = \frac{-12+5i+2(-1)}{16-(-1)} = \frac{-14+5i}{17} = \boxed{\frac{-14}{17} + \frac{5i}{17}}$$

Do Now Practice

Simplify $\frac{4-3i}{-1+2i}$. Write your answer in standard form.

$$\frac{4-3i}{-1+2i} \cdot \frac{-1-2i}{-1-2i} = \frac{-4-8i+3i+6i^2}{1-4i^2} = \frac{-4-5i+6(-1)}{1-4(-1)} = \frac{-10-5i}{5} = \boxed{-2-i}$$

Example 5 Factor the sum of squares

$$x^2 + y^2$$

$$x^2 - (-y^2)$$

$$\boxed{(x+yi)(x-yi)}$$

$$(-y^2) \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\sqrt{-y^2} = \pm yi$$

$$12x^2 + 3$$

$$3(4x^2 + 1)$$

$$3(4x^2 - (-1))$$

$$\boxed{3(2x+i)(2x-i)}$$

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

