

Chapter1: Equations and Inequalities.

1.4: Complex Numbers

The Imaginary Unit i

The imaginary unit i is defined as

$$i = \sqrt{-1}, \text{ where } i^2 = -1$$

Example1

$$\sqrt{-25} =$$

$$\sqrt{-16} =$$

$$\sqrt{-9} =$$

$$\sqrt{-5} =$$

$$\sqrt{-3} =$$

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

$$(-i)^2 =$$

$$(2i)^2 =$$

$$(-2i)^2 =$$

$$(3i)^2 =$$

$$(-3i)^2 =$$

$$(ai)^2 = (-ai)^2 = -a^2$$

Complex Numbers and Imaginary Numbers

The set of all numbers in the form

$$a + bi$$

with real numbers a and b , and i , the imaginary unit, is called the set of ***complex numbers***. "The real number a is called the ***real part*** and the real number b is called the ***imaginary part*** of the complex number $a + bi$.

If $b \neq 0$, then the complex number is called an ***imaginary number***

An imaginary number in the form bi is called a ***pure imaginary number***.

Example2 The complex number

$$3 - 4i \quad \text{has}$$

3 as the *real part* and -4 as the *imaginary part*.

$3 - 4i$ is an *imaginary number*,

$7i$ is a *pure imaginary number*.

They are all called complex numbers.

The complex number $5i$ is the same as

$$0 + 5i$$

0 is the *real part* and 5 is the *imaginary part*.

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Conjugate of a Complex Number

The *complex conjugate* of the number $a + bi$ is $a - bi$, and
the *complex conjugate* of the number $a - bi$ is $a + bi$

Example3

The complex conjugate of $3 - 5i$ is $3 + 5i$.

The complex conjugate of $7 + 2i$ is $7 - 2i$.

The complex conjugate of $8i$ is $-8i$.

The complex conjugate of 4 is 4

Example4 Find the following:

Complex number	Real part	Imaginary	Conjugate
$2 - 7i$			
$-4i$			
$\sqrt{2}$			
$\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4}i$			
$\sqrt{-9}$			

Adding and Subtracting Complex Numbers.

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

$$(a + bi) - (c + di) = (a - c) + (b - d)i$$

Example5 Find the following:

1) $(7 + 2i) + (1 - 4i)$	3) $(3 + 2i) - (5 - 7i)$
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$$5) 6 - (-5 + 4i) - (-13 - i)$$

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

Multiplying Complex Numbers:

$$\begin{aligned}(a + bi)(c + di) &= ac + adi + bci + bdi^2 \\ &= ac + adi + bci - bd \\ &= ac - bd + (ad + bc)i\end{aligned}$$

Multiplication of conjugates: $(a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$

Example6 Find the following:

11) $(-5 + 4i)(3 + i)$

15) $(3 + 5i)(3 - 5i)$

19) $(2 + 3i)^2 =$

20) $(2i - 3)^2 =$

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Dividing Complex Numbers:

$$\frac{a + bi}{c + di} = \frac{a + bi}{c + di} \cdot \frac{c - di}{c - di} = \frac{(a + bi)(c - di)}{c^2 + d^2}$$

Example7 Perform the indicated operations and write the result in standard form:

21) $\frac{2}{3-i} =$

27) $\frac{2+3i}{2+i} =$

31) $5\sqrt{-16} + 3\sqrt{-81}$

32) $(2 - \sqrt{-7})^2 =$

39) $\frac{-6 - \sqrt{-12}}{48}$

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$$41) \sqrt{-8}(\sqrt{-3} - \sqrt{5})$$

$$42) \sqrt{-9}\sqrt{-4} - \sqrt[3]{-27}$$

$$43) \frac{(3 - 4i)(3 + 4i)}{10 - 5i}$$

44) $\frac{2 - 3i}{1 - 2i} + \frac{\sqrt{-36}}{\sqrt{-4}\sqrt{-9}}$

45) $\frac{1 - 3i}{1 + i}$

46) $2i(2 - 3i)^2 =$