

Section 1.5 Complex Numbers

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to perform operations with complex numbers.

Course Number

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Important Vocabulary

Define each term or concept.

Complex number If a and b are real numbers, the number $a + bi$, where the number a is called the real part and the number bi is called the imaginary part, is a complex number written in standard form.

Imaginary number If $b \neq 0$, the number $a + bi$ is called an imaginary number.

Complex conjugates A pair of complex numbers of the form $a + bi$ and $a - bi$.

I. The Imaginary Unit i (Page 126)

Mathematicians created an expanded system of numbers using the **imaginary unit i** , defined as $i = \sqrt{-1}$, because . . . there is no real number x that can be squared to produce -1 .

By definition, $i^2 = -1$.

If a and b are real numbers, then the complex number $a + bi$ is said to be written in **standard form**. If $b = 0$, the number $a + bi = a$ is a(n) **real number**. If $b \neq 0$, the number $a + bi$ is a(n) **imaginary number**. If $a = 0$, the number $a + bi = bi$, where $b \neq 0$, is a(n) **pure imaginary number**.

The set of complex numbers consists of the set of **real numbers** and the set of **imaginary numbers**.

Two complex numbers $a + bi$ and $c + di$, written in standard form, are equal to each other if . . . **and only if $a = c$ and $b = d$** .

II. Operations with Complex Numbers (Pages 127–128)

To add two complex numbers, . . . **add the real parts and the imaginary parts of the numbers separately**.

What you should learn

How to use the imaginary unit i to write complex numbers

What you should learn

How to add, subtract, and multiply complex numbers

To subtract two complex numbers, . . . **subtract the real parts and the imaginary parts of the numbers separately.**

The **additive identity** in the complex number system is 0.

The **additive inverse** of the complex number $a + bi$ is

$$\underline{- (a + bi) = -a - bi}.$$

Example 1: Perform the operations:

$$(5 - 6i) - (3 - 2i) + 4i$$

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To multiply two complex numbers $a + bi$ and $c + di$, . . . **use the multiplication rule $(ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$ or use the Distributive Property to multiply the two complex numbers, similar to using the FOIL method for multiplying two binomials.**

Example 2: Multiply: $(5 - 6i)(3 - 2i)$

$$3 - 28i$$

III. Complex Conjugates (Page 129)

The product of a pair of complex conjugates is a(n)

real number.

To write the quotient of the complex numbers $a + bi$ and $c + di$ in standard form, where c and d are not both zero, . . .

multiply the numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator.

Example 3: Divide $(1 + i)$ by $(2 - i)$. Write the result in standard form.

$$1/5 + 3/5i$$

IV. Complex Solutions of Quadratic Equations (Page 130)

If a is a positive number, the **principal square root** of the negative

number $-a$ is defined as $\sqrt{-a} = \sqrt{a}i$.

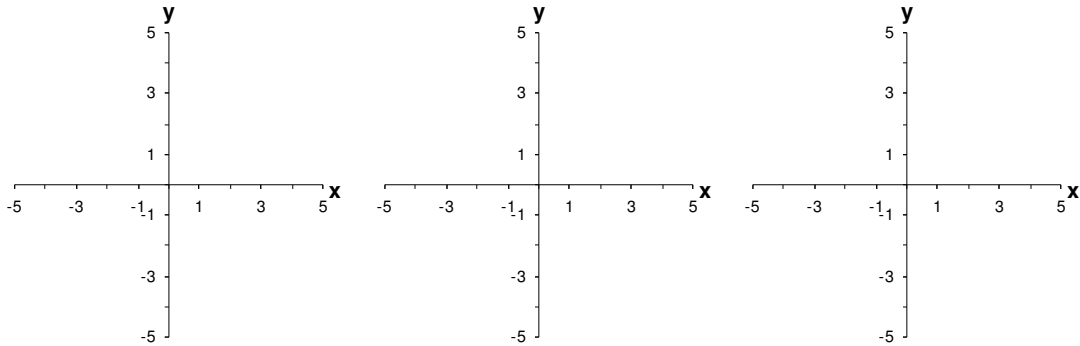
What you should learn
How to use complex conjugates to write the quotient of two complex numbers in standard form

What you should learn
How to find complex solutions of quadratic equations

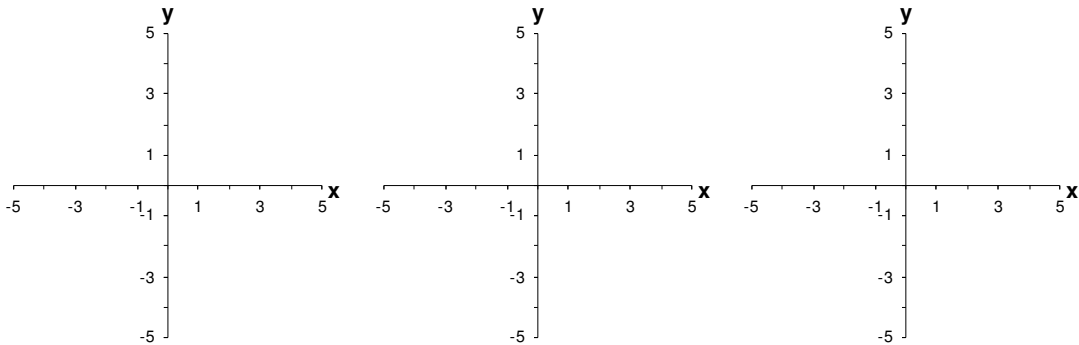
To avoid problems with square roots of negative numbers, be sure to convert complex numbers to standard form before multiplying.

Example 4: Perform the operation and write the result in standard form: $(5 - \sqrt{-4})^2$
 $21 - 20i$

Additional notes



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