

Unit 2 (Chapter 2): Polynomial & Rational Functions

P.6 Complex Numbers

Target 2B: Find Real and Complex Zeroes of Polynomials by Synthetic and Long Division

Review of Prior Concepts

Without a graphing calculator, find the zeroes of $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x - 2$. Identify if the zeroes are rational or irrational.

$p = \{ \pm 1, \pm 2 \}$
 $q = \{ \pm 1 \}$
 $p/q = \text{possible rational zeroes} = \{ \pm 1, \pm 2 \}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ & & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & -1 & -3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 2 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -2 \\ & & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

$\therefore x=2$ is a zero

$x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

recall: $i = \sqrt{-1}$
 ... irrational ...

zeroes: $x=2$ rational
 $x = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ irrational (and imaginary)

More Practice

Rational Zeroes Theorem

- <http://www.sparknotes.com/math/algebra2/polynomials/section4.rhtml>
- http://www.math-prof.com/Alg2/Alg2_Ch_16.asp
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mNBBBspqUc>



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4. Create an equivalent form of an algebraic expression

Example: For $i = \sqrt{-1}$, what is the sum $(7 + 3i) + (-8 + 9i)$?

- A) $-1 + 12i$
- B) $-1 - 6i$
- C) $15 + 12i$
- D) $15 - 6i$

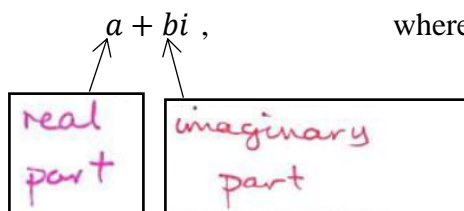
$$7 + -8 + 3i + 9i$$

$$-1 + 12i$$

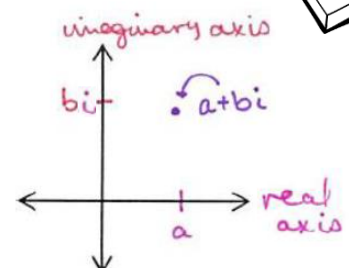
Solution

Standard Form of Complex Numbers

Fill in the key ideas from the definition



Label the complex plane



<https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/complex-numbers.html>



Examples:

Simplify and graph the solution.

1) $(2+i) - (7-3i)$ distribute "-"
 $2+i-7+3i$
 $2-7+i+3i$
 $-5+4i$
 Graph: A coordinate plane with a point at $(-5, 4)$. The x-axis is labeled "real" and the y-axis is labeled "imaginary".

2) $(4+i)(3-2i)$ distribute
 $12-8i+3i-2i^2$
 $12-5i-2i^2$
 $12-5i-2(-1)$ $i = \sqrt{-1}$
 $12-5i+2$
 $12+2-5i$
 $14-5i$
 Graph: A coordinate plane with a point at $(14, -5)$.

3) $(2+i)^3$
 $(2+i)(2+i)(2+i)$ distribute
 $(4+2i+2i+i^2)(2+i)$ simplify
 $(4+4i-1)(2+i)$
 $(3+4i)(2+i)$ distribute
 $6+3i+8i+4i^2$
 $6+11i+4(-1)$
 $6+11i-4$
 $2+11i$
 Graph: A coordinate plane with a point at $(2, 11)$.

Complex Conjugates and Division



Vocabulary Term	In my own words...	Examples
Complex Conjugate	answers vary by student * product of complex # and its conjugate is a real # * real part sign stays same, imaginary part sign changes	$a+bi$ conjugate $\rightarrow a-bi$ $3+2i$ conjugate $\rightarrow 3-2i$ $-4+i$ conjugate $\rightarrow -4-i$ $7-5i$ conjugate $\rightarrow 7+5i$

Examples:

Write the complex number in standard form.

1) $\frac{3}{4-i} \cdot \frac{4+i}{4+i}$ multiply by 1, with conjugate
 $= \frac{3(4+i)}{(4-i)(4+i)}$
 $= \frac{12+3i}{16-i^2}$
 $= \frac{12+3i}{16-(-1)}$
 $= \frac{12+3i}{17} \rightarrow \frac{12}{17} + \frac{3}{17}i$

2) $\frac{2+5i}{3+i} \cdot \frac{3-i}{3-i}$ multiply num + denom. by conjugate of denom.
 $= \frac{(2+5i)(3-i)}{(3+i)(3-i)}$
 $= \frac{6-2i+15i-5i^2}{9-i^2}$
 $= \frac{6+13i-5(-1)}{9-(-1)}$
 $= \frac{6+13i+5}{10} \rightarrow \frac{11+13i}{10} = \frac{11}{10} + \frac{13}{10}i$



Complex Solutions of Quadratic Equations

When solving a quadratic equation, the discriminant ($b^2 - 4ac$) tells whether the solutions are real or imaginary.

Discriminant	Symbolically	# & type of solutions
Positive	$b^2 - 4ac > 0$	2 real solutions
Zero	$b^2 - 4ac = 0$	1 real solution (with multiplicity 2)
Negative	$b^2 - 4ac < 0$	2 imaginary solutions

Examples:

Solve the quadratic equation.

$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$... Quadratic Formula

1) $x^2 + x + 11 = 5x - 8$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{-5x + 8} \quad \underline{-5x + 8} \\ x^2 - 4x + 19 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(19)}}{2(1)} \\ &= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-60}}{2} \\ &= \frac{4 \pm i\sqrt{60}}{2} \\ &= \frac{4 \pm i\sqrt{4 \cdot 15}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$b^2 - 4ac < 0$
2 imag.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{4 \pm 2i\sqrt{15}}{2} \\ &= \frac{4}{2} \pm \frac{2i\sqrt{15}}{2} \\ &= 2 \pm i\sqrt{15} \end{aligned}$$

2) $3x^2 + x + 2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4(3)(2)}}{2(3)} \\ &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-23}}{6} \\ &= \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{23}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$b^2 - 4ac < 0$
2 imag.

$$x = \frac{-1}{6} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{23}}{6}$$

More Practice

Complex Numbers and Solutions

<http://www.regentsprep.org/regents/math/algtrig/ate3/quadcomlesson.htm>

<http://www.coolmath.com/algebra/10-complex-numbers/03-quadratic-formula-01>

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/complex-numbers.html>

<http://www.virtualnerd.com/algebra-2/quadratics/formula-discriminant/quadratic-formula/complex-solutions-quadratic-formula-example>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpywdu1afas>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SP-YJe7Vldo>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/algebra2/introduction-to-complex-numbers-algebra-2>

Homework Assignment

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SAT Connection**Solution**

Choice A is correct. To calculate $(7 + 3i) + (-8 + 9i)$, add the real parts of each complex number, $7 + (-8) = -1$, and then add the imaginary parts, $3i + 9i = 12i$. The result is $-1 + 12i$.

Choices B, C, and D are incorrect and likely result from common errors that arise when adding complex numbers. For example, choice B is the result of adding $3i$ and $-9i$, and choice C is the result of adding 7 and 8.