

P.6 Complex Numbers

- Objectives: 13) I can write a complex number in standard form.
- 14) I can add/subtract complex numbers.
- 15) I can multiply complex numbers.
- 16) I can find the conjugate of a complex number.
- 17) I can use conjugates to write a complex number in standard form.

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Quick Radical Review

$$\sqrt{18}$$

$$5\sqrt[3]{24}$$

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Complex Numbers

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

$$\sqrt{-16}$$

$$\sqrt{-3}$$

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.

ex. $4 + 5i$

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Add:

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

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

Subtract:

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

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

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Multiply

$$4i(3 - 6i) \quad (2 + 3i)^2$$

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

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Complex Conjugates

Multiply (What Happens?)

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

Write the expression in standard form.

$$\frac{1}{3 + i}$$

$$\frac{1 + i}{2 - i}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}i &= \sqrt{-1} \\i^2 &= (\sqrt{-1})^2 = -1 \\i^3 &= i^2 \cdot i = -1 \cdot i = -i \\i^4 &= i^2 \cdot i^2 = (-1)(-1) = 1 \\i^5 &= i^4 \cdot i = (1)i = i \\i^6 &= i^4 \cdot i^2 = (1)(-1) = -1 \\i^7 &= i^6 \cdot i = (-1)i = -i \\i^8 &= i^4 \cdot i^4 = (1)(1) = 1 \\i^9 &= i^8 \cdot i = (1)i = i\end{aligned}$$

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