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# 1.1) Imaginary and complex numbers [Chapter CONTENTS](#)

## Worked example

Write in terms of  $i$ :

$$\sqrt{-39}$$

$$\sqrt{-40}$$

## Your turn

Write in terms of  $i$ :

$$\sqrt{-49}$$

$$7i$$

$$\sqrt{-20}$$

$$(2\sqrt{5})i$$

## Worked example

Simplify, giving your answers in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :

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

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

## Your turn

Simplify, giving your answers in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :

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

$$6 + 8i$$

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

$$-2 + 2i$$

## Worked example

Simplify, giving your answers in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$2(3 + 4i)$$

$$-5(6 - 7i)$$

## Your turn

Simplify, giving your answers in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$-8(9 + 10i)$$

$$-72 - 80i$$

## Worked example

Simplify, giving your answers in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\frac{6 - 8i}{2}$$

$$\frac{-7 + 21i}{7}$$

## Your turn

Simplify, giving your answers in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\frac{15 - 12i}{3}$$

$$5 - 4i$$

## Worked example

Given that  $z_1 = a + 2i$ ,  $z_2 = -3 + bi$ , and  $z_2 - z_1 = 5 + 7i$ , find  $a$  and  $b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

## Your turn

Given that  $z_1 = a + 5i$ ,  $z_2 = -2 + 7i$ , and  $z_2 - z_1 = 3 + 11i$ , find  $a$  and  $b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

$$a = -5, b = 16$$

## Worked example

Given that  $z = a + bi$ , and  $w = a - bi$ ,  
where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , show that:

$z + w$  is always real

## Your turn

Given that  $z = a + bi$ , and  $w = a - bi$ ,  
where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , show that:

$z - w$  is always imaginary

$$\begin{aligned} & (a + bi) - (a - bi) \\ &= a + bi - a + bi \\ &= 2bi \\ &= (2b)i \end{aligned}$$



## Worked example

Solve:

$$z^2 = -9$$

$$z^2 + 16 = 0$$

## Your turn

Solve:

$$z^2 + 25 = 0$$

$$z = \pm 5i$$

## Worked example

Solve:

$$(z + 2)^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$(z - 3)^2 + 16 = 0$$

## Your turn

Solve:

$$(z + 4)^2 + 25 = 0$$

$$z = -4 \pm 5i$$

## Worked example

Solve:

$$z^2 + 4z + 13 = 0$$

$$z^2 - 6z + 25 = 0$$

## Your turn

Solve:

$$z^2 + 8z + 41 = 0$$

$$z = -4 \pm 5i$$

## Worked example

Solve:

$$z^2 + 3z + 13 = 0$$

$$3z^2 - 7z + 25 = 0$$

## Your turn

Solve:

$$2z^2 - 8z + 41 = 0$$

$$z = 2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{66}}{2}i$$

## Worked example

The equation  $z^2 + bz + 31 = 0$ , where  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , has distinct, non-real complex roots. Find the range of possible values of  $b$

## Your turn

The equation  $z^2 + bz + 13 = 0$ , where  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , has distinct, non-real complex roots. Find the range of possible values of  $b$

$$-2\sqrt{13} < b < 2\sqrt{13}$$

## 1.2) Multiplying complex numbers

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## Worked example

Determine the value of:

$$i^2$$

$$i^3$$

$$i^4$$

$$(3i)^5$$

## Your turn

Determine the value of:

$$i^{10}$$

$$-1$$

$$i^7$$

$$-i$$

$$i^{40}$$

$$1$$

$$(2i)^5$$

$$32i$$

## Worked example

Determine the value of:

$$i^{101}$$

$$i^{202}$$

$$i^{3003}$$

## Your turn

Determine the value of:

$$i^{10007}$$

$$-i$$



## Worked example

Express each of the following in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b$  are integers:

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

$$(2 + 3i)(3 + 2i)$$

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

## Your turn

Express each of the following in the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a, b$  are integers:

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

$$29$$

$$(4 + 5i)(5 + 4i)$$

$$41i$$

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

$$41 - 40i$$

## Worked example

Simplify, giving your answer in the form  $a + bi$ :

$$(1 + i)^3$$

$$(1 + i)^4$$

## Your turn

Simplify, giving your answer in the form  $a + bi$ :

$$(1 + i)^5$$

$$-4 - 4i$$

## Worked example

Given that

$$(a + 5i)(1 + bi) = 38 - 16i,$$

find the possible values of  $a$  and  $b$

## Your turn

Given that

$$(a + 5i)(1 + bi) = 22 - 16i,$$

find the values of  $a$  and  $b$

$$a = 7, b = -3$$

$$a = 15, b = -\frac{7}{5}$$

## 1.3) Complex conjugation

## Worked example

Write the complex conjugate for:

$$z = 2 + 3i$$

$$z = -2 - 3i$$

$$z = 3i - 2$$

## Your turn

Write the complex conjugate for:

$$z = -5 - 4i$$

$$z^* = -5 + 4i$$

## Worked example

Write in the form  $a + bi$ :

$$\frac{5 + 4i}{2 + 3i}$$

$$\frac{2 - 3i}{4 - 5i}$$

## Your turn

Write in the form  $a + bi$ :

$$\frac{5 + 4i}{2 - 3i}$$

$$-\frac{2}{13} + \frac{23}{13}i$$

## Worked example

Given that  $z_1 = 2 + 3i$ ,  $z_2 = \frac{5-12i}{z_1}$ ,  
find  $z_2$  in the form  $a + ib$ , where  $a$  and  $b$   
are real

## Your turn

Given that  $z_1 = 3 + 2i$ ,  $z_2 = \frac{12-5i}{z_1}$ ,  
find  $z_2$  in the form  $a + ib$ , where  $a$  and  $b$   
are real

$$2 - 3i$$

## Worked example

Given that  $z_1 = p - 3i$ ,  $z_2 = 2 - 5i$ , and that  $p$  is an integer, find  $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$  in the form  $a + ib$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational and given in terms of  $p$

## Your turn

Given that  $z_1 = p - 5i$ ,  $z_2 = 2 + 3i$ , and that  $p$  is an integer, find  $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$  in the form  $a + ib$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational and given in terms of  $p$

$$\frac{2p - 15}{13} + \frac{-10 - 3p}{13}i$$



## Worked example

$$z = \frac{p + 2i}{p - 5i}, p \in \mathbb{R}, p > 0$$

Given that the real part of  $z$  is  $\frac{6}{41}$ , find the value of  $p$

## Your turn

$$z = \frac{p + 3i}{p - 7i}, p \in \mathbb{R}, p > 0$$

Given that the real part of  $z$  is  $\frac{2}{37}$ , find the value of  $p$

$$p = 5$$

## Worked example

Given that  $z = x + iy$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , find the value of  $x$  and  $y$  such that:

$$(3 - i)z^* + 2iz = -9 - 13i$$

where  $z^*$  is the complex conjugate of  $z$

## Your turn

Given that  $z = x + iy$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , find the value of  $x$  and  $y$  such that:

$$(3 - i)z^* + 2iz = 9 - i$$

where  $z^*$  is the complex conjugate of  $z$

$$x = 5, y = 2$$

## 1.4) Roots of quadratic equations

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## Worked example

Given that  $\alpha = 5 + 3i$  is one of the roots of a quadratic equation with real coefficients,

- (a) state the value of the other root,  $\beta$ .
- (b) find the quadratic equation.

## Your turn

Given that  $\alpha = 7 + 2i$  is one of the roots of a quadratic equation with real coefficients,

- (a) state the value of the other root,  $\beta$ .
- (b) find the quadratic equation.

(a)  $\beta = 7 - 2i$

(b)  $z^2 - 14z + 53 = 0$

## Worked example

Given that  $\alpha = 5 + qi$  is one of the roots of the equation  $z^2 - 5pz + 41 = 0$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are positive real constants, find the value of  $p$  and the value of  $q$

## Your turn

Given that  $\alpha = 5 + qi$  is one of the roots of the equation  $z^2 - 2pz + 61 = 0$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are positive real constants, find the value of  $p$  and the value of  $q$

$$p = 5, q = 6$$

## 1.5) Solving cubic and quartic equations

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## Worked example

Given that  $-2$  is a root of the cubic equation

$$z^3 - 2z^2 - 3z + k = 0$$

- (a) Find the value of  $k$
- (b) Find the other two roots

## Your turn

Given that  $-1$  is a root of the cubic equation

$$z^3 - z^2 + 3z + k = 0$$

- (a) Find the value of  $k$
- (b) Find the other two roots

(a)  $k = 5$

(b)  $1 + 2i$  and  $1 - 2i$

## Worked example

Given that  $3 + i$  is a root of the quartic equation

$2z^4 - 37z^3 + 221z^2 - 380z - 250 = 0$ ,  
solve the equation completely.

## Your turn

Given that  $3 + i$  is a root of the quartic equation

$2z^4 - 3z^3 - 39z^2 + 120z - 50 = 0$ , solve  
the equation completely.

$$z_1 = -5$$

$$z_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$z_3 = 3 + i$$

$$z_4 = 3 - i$$



## Worked example

Show that  $z^2 + 9$  is a factor of

$$z^4 - 8z^3 + 26z^2 - 72z + 153$$

Hence solve the equation

$$z^4 - 8z^3 + 26z^2 - 72z + 153 = 0$$

## Your turn

Show that  $z^2 + 4$  is a factor of

$$z^4 - 2z^3 + 21z^2 - 8z + 68$$

Hence solve the equation

$$z^4 - 2z^3 + 21z^2 - 8z + 68 = 0$$

$$z_1 = 2i$$

$$z_2 = -2i$$

$$z_3 = 1 + 4i$$

$$z_4 = 1 - 4i$$

## Worked example

Given that 5 and  $4 + 3i$  are roots of the equation

$$x^3 - 13x^2 + cx + d = 0 \quad c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$

- (a) Write down the other complex root
- (b) Find the value of  $c$  and the value of  $d$

## Your turn

Given that 2 and  $5 + 2i$  are roots of the equation

$$x^3 - 12x^2 + cx + d = 0 \quad c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$

- (a) Write down the other complex root
- (b) Find the value of  $c$  and the value of  $d$

(a)  $5 - 2i$

(b)  $c = 49, d = -58$

## Worked example

Solve:

$$z^4 = 1$$

$$z^4 = 16$$

## Your turn

Solve:

$$z^4 = 81$$

$$z_1 = 3$$

$$z_2 = -3$$

$$z_3 = 3i$$

$$z_4 = 1 - 4i$$

## Worked example

$$f(z) = z^3 + 4z^2 + kz + 36, k \in \mathbb{R}$$

Given that  $f(3i) = 0$ , find the value of  $k$  and the other two roots of the equation

## Your turn

$$f(z) = z^3 + 3z^2 + kz + 48, k \in \mathbb{R}$$

Given that  $f(4i) = 0$ , find the value of  $k$  and the other two roots of the equation

$$k = 16$$
$$-4i \text{ and } -3$$

## Worked example

Find the square root of  $3 + 4i$

Find the square root of  $i$

## Your turn

Find the square root of  $5 + 12i$

$$3 - 2i, -3 + 2i$$