

## Objectives:

- Evaluate the square root of negative real numbers.
- Add or subtract complex numbers.
- Multiply or divide complex numbers.
- Evaluate the powers of  $i$ .

## Lesson 7.8: Complex Numbers

### Definitions:

- The **imaginary unit**, denoted by  $i$ , is the number whose square equals  $-1$ . That is:

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

- Complex numbers are numbers in the form  $\underline{a} + \underline{bi}$ , where the real number  $a$  is called the real part, and the real number  $b$  is called the imaginary part. If  $a = 0$ , we call the remaining part ( $bi$ ) a *pure imaginary number*.

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### Evaluating Square Roots of Negative Numbers:

$$\sqrt{-N} = \sqrt{N(-1)} = \sqrt{N} \cdot \sqrt{-1} = \sqrt{N} \cdot i$$

$$\text{where } i = \sqrt{-1}$$

Examples: Evaluate the radicals

a.)  $\sqrt{-25}$

$$i\sqrt{25}$$

$$5i$$

b.)  $\sqrt{-2}$

$$i\sqrt{2}$$

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Examples: Evaluate the radicals

c.)  $\sqrt{-48}$

$$= i \sqrt{48}$$

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$$= \boxed{4i\sqrt{3}}$$

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Examples: Write in Standard Form

$a+bi$

d.)  $3 - \sqrt{-16}$

$= \boxed{3 - 4i}$

e.)  $5 + \sqrt{-12}$

$= 5 + i\sqrt{12}$

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$= \boxed{5 + 2i\sqrt{3}}$

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Examples: Write in Standard Form

$$\begin{aligned} \text{f.) } \frac{15 - \sqrt{-75}}{5} &= \frac{15 - i\sqrt{75}}{5} = \frac{\cancel{15}^3 - \cancel{5}^1 i\sqrt{3}}{\cancel{5}_1} \\ &= \boxed{3 - i\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

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### Adding or Subtracting Complex Numbers:

Two complex numbers are added or subtracted by combining like terms. Real parts are added, then imaginary parts are added.

### Sum of complex numbers:

$$\underline{(a + bi)} + \underline{(c + di)} = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

### Difference of complex numbers:

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

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### Examples: Add or Subtract

$$g.) (2 + 3i) + (-6 + 7i)$$

$$= 2 - 6 + 3i + 7i$$

$$= \boxed{-4 + 10i}$$

$$h.) (5 + \sqrt{-36}) - (2 - \sqrt{-49})$$

$$= (5 + 6i) - (2 - 7i)$$

$$= 5 + 6i - 2 + 7i$$

$$= \boxed{3 + 13i}$$



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$$i^2 = -1$$

### Multiplying Complex numbers:

We multiply complex numbers just like any other polynomial – by distribution.

- $(ai)(bi) = (ab)i^2 = (ab)(-1) = -ab$
- Multiplying conjugates:  $(a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$

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### Examples: Multiply

$$i.) \sqrt{-49} \cdot \sqrt{-4}$$

$$= (7i)(2i)$$

$$= 14i^2$$

$$= 14(-1)$$

$$= \boxed{-14}$$

$$j.) \overset{\text{arc}}{2i(5 - 3i)}$$

$$= 10i - 6i^2$$

$$= 10i - 6(-1)$$

$$= 10i + 6$$

$$\boxed{6 + 10i}$$

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### Examples: Multiply

$$k.) (5 - 2i)(-1 + 3i)$$

$$= -5 + 15i + 2i - 6i^2$$

$$= -5 + 17i + 6$$

$$= \boxed{1 + 17i}$$

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

$$= 9 - \cancel{6i} + \cancel{6i} - 4i^2$$

$$= 9 + 4$$

$$= \boxed{13}$$

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### Dividing Complex numbers:

- Step 1:** Write the numerator and denominator in standard complex form  $(a + bi)$ .
- Step 2:** Multiply both the numerator and denominator by the conjugate of the denominator.
- Step 3:** Simplify by writing the quotient in standard form  $(a + bi)$ .

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### Examples: Divide

$$\begin{aligned} \text{m.) } & \frac{(6+5i)}{3i} \cdot \frac{i}{i} \\ & = \frac{6i+5i^2}{3i^2} = \frac{6i+5(-1)}{3(-1)} \\ & = \frac{6i-5}{-3} \\ & = \boxed{\frac{-5+6i}{-3} = \frac{5-6i}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{n.) } & \frac{(2-i)}{(4+3i)} \cdot \frac{(4-3i)}{(4-3i)} \\ & = \frac{8-6i-4i+3i^2}{16-12i+12i-9i^2} \\ & = \frac{8-10i-3}{16+9} \\ & = \frac{\cancel{1}5-\cancel{2}10i}{\cancel{2}5\cancel{5}} = \boxed{\frac{1-2i}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

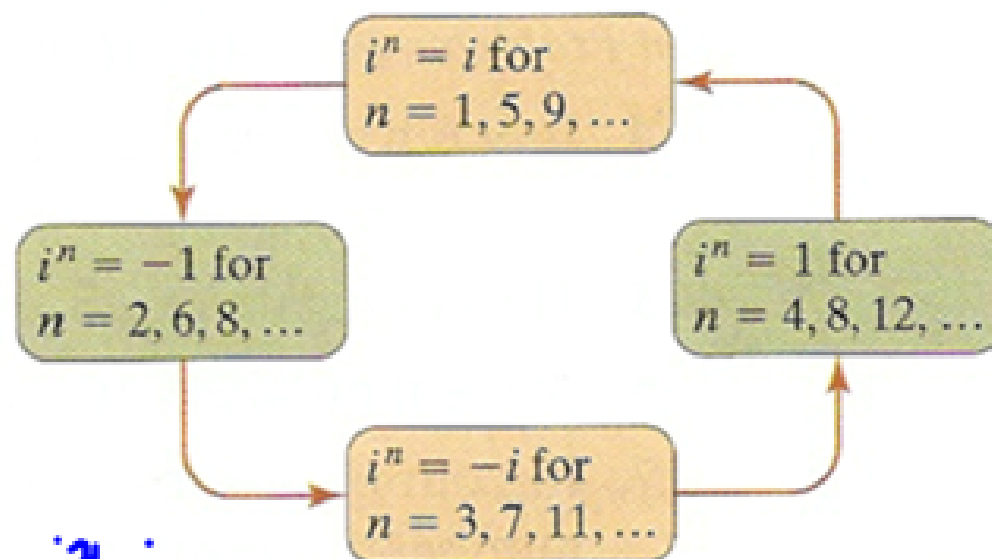
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### Powers of $i$ :

The powers of  $i$  follow a pattern.

$$\begin{aligned} i^0 &= 1 \\ i^1 &= i \\ i^2 &= -1 \\ i^3 &= -i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i^4 &= 1 \\ i^5 &= i \\ i^6 &= -1 \\ i^7 &= -i \end{aligned}$$



$$i^2 \cdot i$$

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### *Simplifying Powers of $i$ :*

**Step 1:** Divide the exponent of  $i$  by 4. Rewrite  $i^n$  as  $(i^4)^q \cdot i^r$  where  $q$  is the quotient and  $r$  is the remainder of the division.

**Step 2:** Simplify the product in Step 1 to just  $i^r$ , since  $i^4 = 1$ . Remember:  $i^0 = 1, i^1 = i,$   
 $i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i$  You should not have any exponents remaining in your final answer!

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Examples: Simplify

o.)  $i^{27} = i^3 = \boxed{-i}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 4 \overline{) 27} \\ \underline{-24} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{array}$$

p.)  $i^{38} = i^2 = \boxed{-1}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 4 \overline{) 38} \\ \underline{-36} \\ \textcircled{2} \end{array}$$



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Can You?

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Homework:

Pg. 598: # 11, 15, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41,  
47, 51, 55, 59, 61, 65, 67, 71, 75, 79, 81, 83,  
85, 87, 103, 107, 109, 113

(26 problems)