

## Lesson 5 I May Be Irrational, But You're Imaginary

$i$  and multiples of  $i$  are called **imaginary numbers**. Imaginary numbers can be added to real numbers to form **complex numbers**. Complex numbers are written as  $a + bi$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are both real numbers.

1. Do these addition and subtraction problems. The answers may be complex numbers.

a.  $(13 + 2i) + (-12 - 5i)$

$$1 - 3i$$

b.  $(-7 + 12i) + (3 - 6i)$

$$-4 + 6i$$

c.  $(8 - i) - (7 - 3i)$

$$1 + 2i$$

d.  $(-9 + 4i) - (9 - 4i)$

$$-18 + 8i$$

2. Do these multiplication problems. Remember how to multiply binomials?

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

	-4	2i
3	-12	6i
-5i	20i	-10

$-2 + 26i$

b.  $(10 - 3i)(4 - 6i)$

	10	-3i
4	40	-12i
-6i	-60i	18

$22 - 72i$

c.  $(1 + 3i)(1 - 3i)$

	1	3i
1	1	3i
-3i	-3i	-9

$10$

d.  $(3 + 5i)(3 - 5i)$

	3	5i
3	9	15i
-5i	-15i	-25

$34$

3. Now that you know about complex numbers, solve the following quadratic equations.

a.  $x^2 + 4x + 5 = 0$

$a=1$   $b=4$   $c=5$

$$x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 5}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-4 \pm 2i}{2} = -2 \pm i$$

b.  $x^2 - 3x + 4 = 0$

$a=1$   $b=-3$   $c=4$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 4}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 16}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \pm \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}i}{2}$$

4. Using your answers to #4, write the following quadratic functions in factored form. Then multiply the factored forms out to confirm that they have the correct standard form.

a.  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 5$

$$f(x) = (x - (-2+i))(x - (-2-i))$$

or

$$f(x) = (x + 2-i)(x + 2+i)$$

multiplying:

	x	2	-i
x	$x^2$	$2x$	$-ix$
2	$2x$	4	$-2i$
i	$ix$	$2i$	+1

$$= x^2 + 4x + 5 \quad \checkmark$$

b.  $g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$

$$g(x) = \left(x - \left(\frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}i\right)\right)\left(x - \left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}i\right)\right)$$

or

$$g(x) = \left(x - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}i\right)\left(x - \frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}i\right)$$

multiplying:

	x	$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}i$
x	$x^2$	$-\frac{3}{2}x$	$-\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}ix$
$-\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}x$	$\frac{9}{4}$	$\frac{3\sqrt{7}}{4}i$
$\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}i$	$\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2}ix$	$-\frac{3\sqrt{7}}{4}i$	$-\frac{7}{4} \cdot -1$

$$x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{7}{4} = x^2 - 3x + \frac{16}{4}$$

$$= x^2 - 3x + 4 \quad \checkmark$$

Every complex number has a **complex conjugate**. The conjugate of  $a + bi$  is  $a - bi$ .

5. Write the conjugate for each complex number:

a.  $4 + 6i$       $4 - 6i$

b.  $3 + 2i$       $3 - 2i$

c.  $4.5 + 7.2i$       $4.5 - 7.2i$

d.  $-3 - 9i$       $-3 + 9i$

e.  $4 - 8i$       $4 + 8i$

f.  $4 + 8i$       $4 - 8i$

6. Multiply each number by its conjugate.

a.  $4 + 6i$

	4	6i
4	16	24i
-6i	-24i	-36i-1

$$= 52$$

b.  $3 + 2i$

	3	2i
3	9	6i
-2i	-6i	-4i-1

$$= 13$$

c.  $4.5 + 7.2i$

	4.5	7.2i
4.5	20.25	32.4i
-7.2i	-32.4i	-51.84i-1

$$= 72.09$$

d.  $-3 - 9i$

	-3	-9i
-3	9	27i
9i	-27i	-81i-1

$$= 90$$

e.  $4 - 8i$

	4	-8i
4	16	-32i
8i	32i	-64i-1

$$= 80$$

f.  $4 + 8i$

	4	8i
4	16	32i
-8i	-32i	-64i-1

$$= 80$$