

## 3.3 Real Zeros of Polynomials

## 3.3.3: Exercises

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## 3.4 Complex Zeros and the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

## 3.4.1 Exercises

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Memorize

**Definition 3.4.** The imaginary unit  $i$  satisfies the two following properties

1.  $i^2 = -1$
2. If  $c$  is a real number with  $c \geq 0$  then  $\sqrt{-c} = i\sqrt{c}$

$$\sqrt{-c} = \sqrt{-1} \sqrt{c}$$

$$= i\sqrt{c} \quad c, c \geq 0$$

Memorize

**Definition 3.5.** A **complex number** is a number of the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $i$  is the imaginary unit.

$\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{C} = \text{set of all complex numbers}$

$\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{R} = \text{set of all real numbers}$

$$\mathbb{C} = \{a + bi \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}, i^2 = -1\}$$

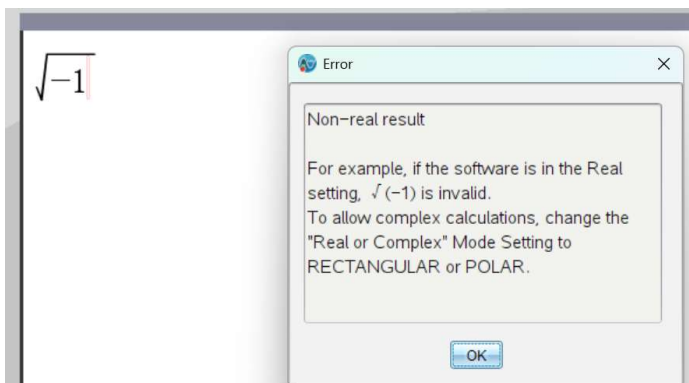
$$(2 + 3i) + (5 - i) = (2 + 5) + (3 - 1)i$$

$$(2+3i) + (5-i) = (2+5) + (3-1)i \\ = 7+2i$$

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

$$\text{Def } (a+bi) - (c+di) \\ = (a-c) + (b-d)i$$

$$(2+3i)(4-2i) \\ = 8 + 12i - 4i - 6i^2 \\ = 8 + 8i - 6(-1) \\ = \boxed{14 + 8i}$$



$$\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$$

$$n \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow n = n + 0i \in \mathbb{C}$$

memorize

$$\text{Def let } z = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{conjugate of } z = \bar{z} = a - bi$$

$$\frac{2-i}{3+i} = \left( \frac{2-i}{3+i} \right) \left( \frac{3-i}{3-i} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(2-i)(3-i)}{(3+i)(3-i)}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 3i - 2i + i^2}{\underbrace{3^2 - i^2}}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 5i - 1}{9 - (-1)}$$

$$= \frac{5 - 5i}{10}$$

$$= \frac{1-i}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)i \in \mathbb{C}$$

Remember

$$(a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2$$

$$\text{want } b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

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$$\text{Let } b=3, a=4, c=1$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 9 - (4)(4)(1) \\ & = 9 - 16 = -7 < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

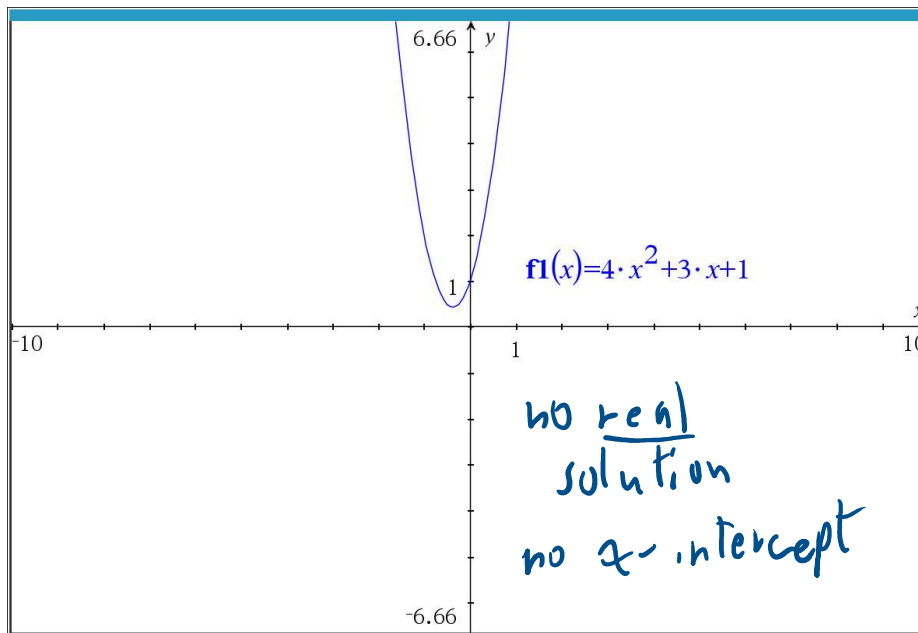
$$f(x) = 4x^2 + 3x + 1$$

Find zero of  $f(x)$

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

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{-7}}{8}$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{8} \pm \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)(\sqrt{7})i$$



supplied

**Theorem 3.13. The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra:** Suppose  $f$  is a polynomial function with complex number coefficients of degree  $n \geq 1$ , then  $f$  has at least one complex zero.

Supplied

**Theorem 3.14. Complex Factorization Theorem:** Suppose  $f$  is a polynomial function with complex number coefficients. If the degree of  $f$  is  $n$  and  $n \geq 1$ , then  $f$  has exactly  $n$  complex zeros, counting multiplicity. If  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k$  are the distinct zeros of  $f$ , with multiplicities  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$ , respectively, then  $f(x) = a(x - z_1)^{m_1}(x - z_2)^{m_2} \cdots (x - z_k)^{m_k}$ .

Memorize

**Theorem 3.15. Conjugate Pairs Theorem:** If  $f$  is a polynomial function with real number coefficients and  $z$  is a zero of  $f$ , then so is  $\bar{z}$ .

Memorize

**Theorem 3.16. Real Factorization Theorem:** Suppose  $f$  is a polynomial function with real number coefficients. Then  $f(x)$  can be factored into a product of linear factors corresponding to the real zeros of  $f$  and irreducible quadratic factors which give the nonreal zeros of  $f$ .

### 3.4.1 EXERCISES

In Exercises 1 - 10, use the given complex numbers  $z$  and  $w$  to find and simplify the following. Write your answers in the form  $a + bi$ .

- $z + w$

- $zw$

- $z^2$

- $\frac{1}{z}$

- $\frac{z}{w}$

- $\frac{w}{z}$

- $\bar{z}$

- $z\bar{z}$

- $(\bar{z})^2$

4.  $z = 4i, w = 2 - 2i$

$$z \cdot \bar{z} = (4i)(-4i) = -16i^2 = -16(-1) = \boxed{16}$$

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In Exercises 27 - 48, find all of the zeros of the polynomial then completely factor it over the real numbers and completely factor it over the complex numbers.

28.  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 5$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - (4)(1)(5)}}{2}$$

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

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{16} \sqrt{-1}}{2}$$

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

$$x = 1 \pm 2i$$

$$x - 1 \pm 2i$$

$$f(x) = (x - (1 + 2i))(x - (1 - 2i))$$

$$f(x) = ((x-1) - 2i)((x-1) + 2i)$$

$$f(x) = (x-1)^2 - (2i)^2$$

$$f(x) = (x-1)^2 + 4$$

Textbook answer

28.  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 5 = (x - (1 + 2i))(x - (1 - 2i))$   
Zeros:  $x = 1 \pm 2i$

3.4

In Exercises 49 - 53, create a polynomial  $f$  with real number coefficients which has all of the desired characteristics. You may leave the polynomial in factored form.

- 53.
- The leading term of  $f(x)$  is  $-2x^3$
  - $c = 2i$  is a zero
  - $f(0) = -16$

$$f(x) = -2x^3 + \text{lower degree terms}$$

$$x - 2i \text{ is a factor of } f(x)$$

$$c = -2i \text{ is a zero}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2i \text{ is a factor of } f(x)$$

$$f(x) = -2x^3 + ? = (?) (x - 2i)(x + 2i)$$

$$(?) (-2x) (x - 2i)(x + 2i)$$

...

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

Now  $f(0) = (-2)(0)(0-2i)(0+2i) = 0$   
 but we want  $f(0) = -16$

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

$$= (-2x)(x^2 - 4i^2) - 16$$

$$= (-2x)(x^2 + 4) - 16$$

$$f(x) = -2x^3 - 8x - 16$$

Wrong

Textbook answer

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

Finish at home

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + 4 \quad \overline{) \quad -2x^3 + 0x^2 - 8x + 16} \\
 \underline{-2x^3} \phantom{+ 0x^2} \phantom{- 8x} \phantom{+ 16} \\
 \phantom{-2x^3} + 0x^2 - 8x + 16 \\
 \phantom{-2x^3} \underline{-8x} \phantom{+ 16} \\
 \phantom{-2x^3} \phantom{+ 0x^2} \phantom{-8x} + 16 \\
 \phantom{-2x^3} \phantom{+ 0x^2} \phantom{-8x} \underline{+ 16} \\
 \phantom{-2x^3} \phantom{+ 0x^2} \phantom{-8x} \phantom{+ 16} 0
 \end{array}$$

$+ \frac{16}{x^2+4}$



$$\begin{array}{r} - + x \qquad \qquad - 8x \\ \hline \end{array} \quad 16$$

$\therefore x^2 + 4$  is not a factor

Try again

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