

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

$$\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \sqrt{b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow, \quad \sqrt{-c} &= \sqrt{c} \sqrt{-1} \\ &= (\sqrt{c})(i) \\ &= i\sqrt{c} \end{aligned}$$

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.

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

 \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R}

$$\begin{aligned} (2 + 3i) + (5 - i) &= (2 + 5) + (3 - 1)i \\ &= \boxed{7 + 2i} \end{aligned}$$

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Def $(a + bi) \pm (c + di)$

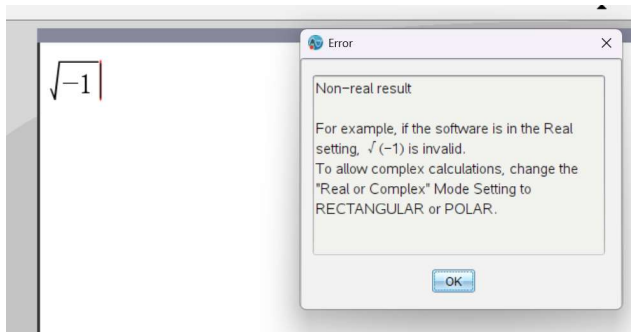
$$= (a + c) \pm (b + d)i$$

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

$$\boxed{i^2 = -1}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (2)(5) + (3i)(5) + (2)(-i) + (3i)(-i) \\
&= 10 + 15i - 2i - 3i^2 \\
&= 10 + 13i - 3(-1) \\
&= \boxed{13 + 13i}
\end{aligned}$$



Memorize

Definition!

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

Then $\bar{z} = \underline{\text{conjugate}}$ of $z = a - bi \in \mathbb{C}$

$$(13 + 13i) \div (5 - i)$$

$$\frac{13 + 13i}{5 - i} = \left(\frac{13 + 13i}{5 - i} \right) \left(\frac{5 + i}{5 + i} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(13 + 13i)(5 + i)}{(5 - i)(5 + i)}$$

$$= \frac{[(13)(5) + 13i^2] + [(5)(13) + 13]i}{5^2 - i^2}$$

$$= (65 - 13) + (65 + 13)i$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(65 - 13) + (65 + 13)i}{25 - (-1)} \\
&= \frac{52 + 78i}{26} \\
&= \boxed{2 + 3i}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

"rationalizing the denominator"

Understand

Theorem 3.12. Properties of the Complex Conjugate: Let z and w be complex numbers.

- $\overline{\overline{z}} = z$
- $\overline{z + w} = \overline{z} + \overline{w}$
- $\overline{z\overline{w}} = \overline{z}w$
- $(\overline{z})^n = \overline{z^n}$, for any natural number n
- z is a real number if and only if $\overline{z} = z$.

$$\text{Let } z = a + bi$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{z} = \overline{a + bi} = a - bi$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\overline{z}} = \overline{\overline{a + bi}} = \overline{a - bi}$$

$$= a + bi = z$$

$$\therefore \overline{\overline{z}} = z$$

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 $f(x) = a(x - z_1)^{m_1}(x - z_2)^{m_2} \dots (x - z_k)^{m_k}$.

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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} .

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

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

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \text{real number}}{2a} \quad \text{2 real distinct solutions}$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm 0}{2a} = \frac{-b}{2a} \quad \text{1 real solution mult 2}$$

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm (?)i}{2a} \quad \text{2 complex conjugate solutions}$$

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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 .

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In Exercises 11 - 18, simplify the quantity.

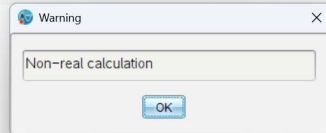
13. $\sqrt{-25}\sqrt{-4}$

14. $\sqrt{(-25)(-4)}$

$$\sqrt{25}\sqrt{-1} \sqrt{4} \sqrt{-1} \quad \Bigg| \quad = \sqrt{100}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sqrt{25}\sqrt{-1} \sqrt{4} \sqrt{-1} \\ (5i)(2i) \\ = 10i^2 \\ = 10(-1) \\ = \boxed{-10} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{100} \\ &= \boxed{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{-25} \cdot \sqrt{-4}$$



-10

$$\sqrt{-25 \cdot -4}$$

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Conjecture

$$\sqrt{(a+bi)(c+di)} = \sqrt{a+bi} \sqrt{c+di}$$

Think about this

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.

- 52.
- f is degree 5.
 - $x = 6$, $x = i$ and $x = 1 - 3i$ are zeros of f
 - as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

f is of deg 5 \Rightarrow leading term ax^5 , $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$x = 6$ is a zero $\Rightarrow x - 6$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$x = i$ is a zero $\Rightarrow x - i$ is a factor

$\Rightarrow x = -i$ is a zero

$\Rightarrow x - (-i)$ is a factor

$x = 1 - 3i$ is a zero $\Rightarrow x = 1 + 3i$ is a zero

$\Rightarrow x - (1 - 3i)$ is a factor of $f(x)$

$\Rightarrow x - (1 - 3i)$ is a factor of $f(x)$
 $x - (1 + 3i)$ is " " " "

$$f(x) = a(x - 6)(x + i)(x - i)((x - 1) + 3i)((x - 1) + 3i)$$

$\nearrow a < 0$

leading term ax^5

end behavior $x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

$\Rightarrow a < 0$