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Class worksheet: Alg2H

Complex Numbers (I): Definition, addition and multiplication

(book chapter 7-7, page 321 to 329)

Define

Negative numbers do not have real square roots. Yet, we want to keep manipulate these. so we invent/define

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

Roots of negative numbers:

$$\sqrt{-5} = \sqrt{-1 \cdot 5} = \boxed{i\sqrt{5}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\sqrt{5}i}$$

$$\sqrt{-36} = i\sqrt{36} = \boxed{6i}$$

Multiples of i
(Powers)

$$i^1 = i$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$i^3 = i^2 \cdot i = -i$$

$$i^4 = i^2 \cdot i^2 = (-1)(-1) = 1$$

$$i^5 = i^4 \cdot i = i$$

$$i^6 = i^4 \cdot i^2 = -1$$

$$i^{12} = 1$$

$$i^{13} = i$$

$$i^{18} = i^2 \cdot i^{16} = -1$$

$$i^{83} = i^{80} \cdot i^3 = -i$$

Very common pitfall

what we learned today

$$\sqrt{-3} \cdot \sqrt{-12} \rightarrow i\sqrt{3} \cdot i\sqrt{12} = i^2 \cdot \sqrt{36} = \boxed{-6}$$

Wrong way:

$$\sqrt{-3} \cdot \sqrt{-12} \neq \sqrt{-3 \cdot -12} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

Complex numbers

a - real number

b - real number

$b \cdot i \rightarrow$ imaginary number

$a + bi \rightarrow$ complex number.

$$\underbrace{2}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Real} \\ \text{part}}} + \underbrace{3i}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Imaginary part}}}$$

Complex Number.

Adding and multiplying

Adding

$$(1) -7i + 10i = 3i$$

$$(2) (3 + 2i) + (5 - 3i) = 8 - i$$

$$(3) (4 + 3i) - (2 + 3i) = 2 \leftarrow \text{real number}$$

multiplying

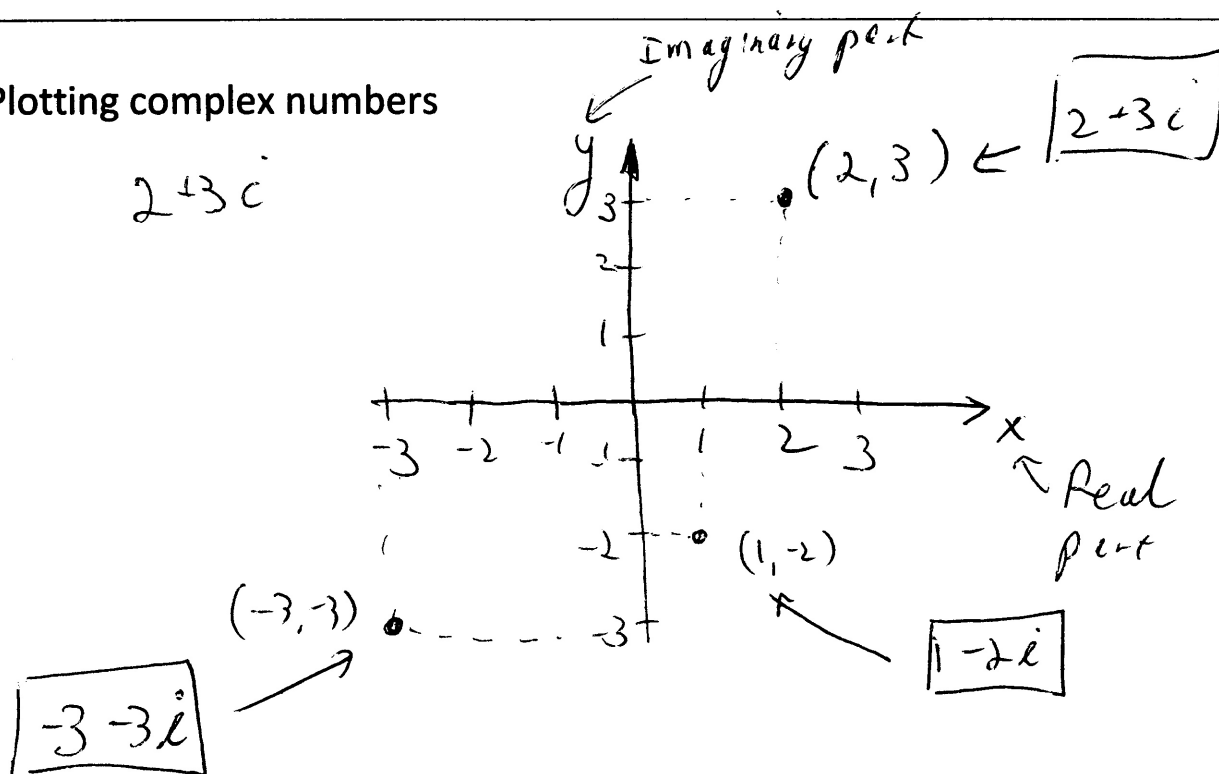
$$3 \cdot (2 + 3i) = 6 + 9i$$

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

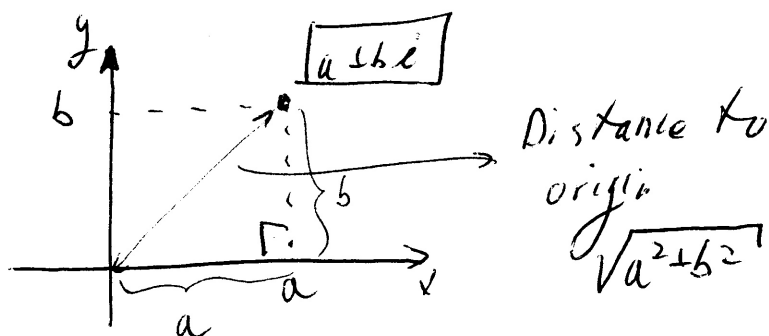
$$(2 + 3i)(1 + 4i) = 2 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 4i + 3i \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 4i^2$$

$$= 2 + 8i + 3i - 12 = \boxed{-10 + 11i}$$

Plotting complex numbers



General
 $a+bi$



Absolute value Distance to origin. For complex numbers, we define it as

$$\boxed{|a+bi| = \sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$$