

Questions: Arithmetic on complex numbers

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Summary

A selection of questions for the study guide on arithmetic on complex numbers.

Before attempting these questions, it is highly recommended that you read [Guide: Arithmetic on complex numbers](#).

Q1

Work out each of the following expressions, expressing your answer in the form $a + bi$ where a is the real part and b is the imaginary part.

- 1.1. $(5 + 7i) - (2 + 3i)$
- 1.2. $(8 + 6i) + (2 - 4i)$
- 1.3. $(4 - i\sqrt{2}) - (3 + i\sqrt{7})$
- 1.4. $(\sqrt{8} + 4i) - (\sqrt{5} + 2i)$
- 1.5. $(\sqrt{7} + 3i) + (2 - i)$
- 1.6. $(5 + i\sqrt{2}) - (7 - i) + (\sqrt{3} + 4i)$

Q2

Work out each of the following expressions, expressing your answer in the form $a + bi$ where a is the real part and b is the imaginary part.

- 2.1. $(2 + 3i)(4 + 5i)$
- 2.2. $(3 + i)(2 - i)$
- 2.3. $4(6 + 3i)$
- 2.4. $(1 + i)^2$
- 2.5. $(3 + 2i)^3$
- 2.6. $(7 - 4i)^2(i - 2)$
- 2.7. $(1 - i\sqrt{3})^3$

$$2.8. \quad (5 - 2i)(5 + 2i)$$

$$2.9. \quad (\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{8} - i\sqrt{3})$$

Q3

Work out each of the following expressions, expressing your answer in the form $a + bi$ where a is the real part and b is the imaginary part.

$$3.1. \quad \frac{7 - 6i}{1 + 2i}$$

$$3.2. \quad \frac{4 - i}{1 + 4i}$$

$$3.3. \quad \frac{3}{5i}$$

$$3.4. \quad \frac{4 + 2i}{3 - i}$$

$$3.5. \quad \frac{9 + i}{i}$$

$$3.6. \quad \frac{-2 - 2i}{-2 + 2i}$$

$$3.7. \quad \frac{1 + 5i}{-3i}$$

$$3.8. \quad \frac{-4}{1 - i}$$

$$3.9. \quad \frac{1 - 3i}{1 + 2i}$$

Q4

Work out each of the following expressions, expressing your answer in the form $a + bi$ where a is the real part and b is the imaginary part.

$$4.1. \quad \frac{(6 + 4i)(3 - i)}{2i}$$

$$4.2. \quad 3i(5 - 4i) + (6 + 2i)$$

$$4.3. \quad (2 + 3i)(1 - i) - (5 - 4i)$$

$$4.4. \quad \frac{(5 + 2i) + (4 - i)}{1 + i}$$

$$4.5. \quad \frac{(2 + i)^3}{(3 + i) - (1 + i)}$$

$$4.6. \quad \left(\frac{6 - 3i}{2(1 - i)}\right)^2$$

[After attempting the questions above, please click this link to find the answers.](#)

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