

MPS21XH - Polynomials Problem Set 1  
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For questions 8,9,11,12, and 13, you **must use** the formulas for the sum and product of the roots of a quadratic polynomial. DO NOT assume anything about the coefficients.

**Complex Review:**

- 1.) If  $(5 - 3i)^2 + (7 + 4i)^2 = a + bi$ , compute  $a + b$ .
- 2.) Let  $z_1 = \frac{1-i}{1+i}$  and let  $z_2 = \frac{1+2i}{1-i}$ .
  - a.) Find  $\overline{z_1}$ . - recall that  $\overline{z}$  is the conjugate of  $z$ .
  - b.) Find  $|z_1 * z_2|$ .
- 3.) The complex number  $z = a + bi$  satisfies  $z + |z| = 2 + 8i$ . Compute  $|z|$ .
- 4.) Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $Im(z) = 164$  and  $Re(z) = a$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{z}{z+n} = 4i$ . Compute  $n$ .
- 5.) Let  $z = 9 + bi, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $Im(z^2) = Im(z^3)$ , compute  $b$ .
- 6.) Let  $z = 3i^3 - 2ai^2 + (1 - a)i + 5, a \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $Im(z) = 0$ , find  $a$ .
- 7.) Let  $P(x) = x^2 + 4ix - 13$ . Without using the quadratic formula, solve  $P(x) = 0$ .

**Quadratic Polynomials:**

- 8.) One root of  $x^2 + bx + 1 = 0$  is twice the other. Compute all possible values of  $b$ .
- 9.) Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the roots of  $P(x) = 5x^2 + 14x - 18$ . Compute  $(a - 2)(b - 2)$  **without** finding the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- 10.) If  $4x^2 + ax + 8x + 9 = 0$  has exactly one solution in  $x$ , find **all** possible values of  $a$ .
- 11.) The roots of  $x^2 - 26x + N = 0$  are  $r$  and  $s$ . If  $19r + 94s = 1994$ , compute  $N$ .
- 12.) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be the roots of  $x^2 - Sx + 8 = 0$ . If  $p - q = 2$ , compute all possible values of  $S$ .
- 13.) Let  $f(x) = x^2 + mx + n$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + px + m, m, n, p \neq 0$ . If the roots of  $f(x) = 0$  are twice the roots of  $g(x) = 0$ , compute  $\frac{n}{p}$ .