

# COLLEGE ALGEBRA SECTION 0.10 HOMEWORK

TIMOTHY HEATH

**Question 1.** Find the complex conjugates of the following numbers:

a.  $\overline{11} = \boxed{11}$

b.  $\overline{20i} = \boxed{-20i}$

c.  $\overline{-95 + 88i} = \boxed{-95 - 88i}$

d.  $\overline{-483i - 84} = \boxed{-84 + 483i}$

a.

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{11} \\ & \overline{11 + 0i} \\ & 11 - 0i \\ & 11 \end{aligned}$$

b.

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{20i} \\ & \overline{0 + 20i} \\ & 0 - 20i \\ & -20i \end{aligned}$$

c.

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{-95 + 88i} \\ & -95 - 88i \end{aligned}$$

d.

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{-483i - 84} \\ & \overline{-84 - 483i} \\ & -84 + 483i \end{aligned}$$

**Question 2.** You find the discriminant  $D$  of a quadratic equation and notice that  $D = 0$ . What does this tell you about the solution(s) to the equation?

a. The equation has one real solution.

b. The equation has two real number solutions.

c. The equation has two complex number solutions.

d. The equation has one real and one complex solution.

**The answer is a.**

$$\begin{aligned} D &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\ x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{D}}{2a} \\ x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{0}}{2a} \\ x &= \frac{-b \pm 0}{2a} \\ x &= \frac{-b}{2a} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3.** Add.

$(-1 - 6i) + (6 + 10i) = \boxed{5 + 4i}$

$$\begin{aligned} (-1 - 6i) + (6 + 10i) &= \\ -1 - 6i + 6 + 10i &= \\ 6 - 1 + 10i - 6i &= \\ 5 + 4i &= \end{aligned}$$

**Question 4.** Perform the indicated operations and simplify.

Add:  $(13 - 25i) + (6 + 7i)$

$$\text{sum} = \boxed{19 - 18i}$$

Subtract:  $(13 - 25i) - (6 + 7i)$

$$\text{difference} = \boxed{7 - 32i}$$

$$(13 - 25i) + (6 + 7i) =$$

$$13 + 6 - 25i + 7i =$$

$$19 - 18i =$$

$$(13 - 25i) - (6 + 7i) =$$

$$13 - 6 - 25i - 7i =$$

$$7 - 32i =$$

**Question 5.** Simplify, write in the form  $a+bi$ .

$$(2 + 11i)(4 - 8i) = \boxed{96 + 28i}$$

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$$8 - 16i + 44i - 88i^2 =$$

$$8 + 28i + 88 =$$

$$96 + 28i =$$

**Question 6.** Perform the indicated operation and simplify. Express the answer as a complex number.

$$(11 - 12i)(-2 + 9i) = \boxed{86 + 123i}$$

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$$-22 + 99i + 24i - 108i^2 =$$

$$-22 + 123i + 108 =$$

$$86 + 123i =$$

**Question 7.** Multiply the following complex number by its conjugate, and simplify:  $(1 - 5i)$

$$\boxed{26}$$

$$(1 - 5i)$$

$$(1 - 5i)(1 + 5i)$$

$$1 - 25i^2$$

$$1 + 25$$

$$26$$

**Question 8.** In this problem you are going to investigate what happens when you multiply a complex number by its conjugate using the number  $1 - i$ .

First, multiply it by something that is not its conjugate:

$$(1 - i)(-9 - 5i) = \boxed{-14 + 4i}$$

Now, multiply it by its conjugate:

$$(1 - i)(1 + i) = \boxed{2}$$

You should notice a difference in those two results. To test it, try another one:

$$(-5 + 4i)(-5 - 4i) = \boxed{41}$$

When you multiply a complex number by its conjugate the result will be a real number.

**Question 9.**

$$(-1 + 4i)^2$$

$$1 - 8i - 16$$

$$-15 - 8i$$

**Question 10.** Let  $f(x) = x^2 + x - 4$ .

$$f(3+i) = \boxed{7+7i}$$

$$f(-i) = \boxed{-5-i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(3+i) &= (3+i)^2 + (3+i) - 4 \\ &= 9 + 6i - 1 + 3 + i - 4 \\ &= 7 + 7i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-i) &= (-i)^2 + (-i) - 4 \\ &= -1 - i - 4 \\ &= -5 - i \end{aligned}$$

**Question 11.**

$$i^{14} = -1$$

**Question 12.**

$$i^{71} + i^{72} + i^{73} = 1$$

**Question 13.**

$$\frac{-2+2i}{6i} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}i$$

**Question 14.**

$$\frac{-1}{2i} = \frac{i}{2}$$

**Question 15.**

$$\frac{3}{4+i} = \frac{12-3i}{17}$$

**Question 16.**

$$\frac{i}{3-2i} = \frac{-2+3i}{13}$$

**Question 17.** Find all complex solutions of the equation  $x^2 + 8x + 41 = 0$ .

$$x = \boxed{-4+5i, -4-5i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 8x + 41 &= 0 \\ x^2 + 8x + 16 + 25 &= 0 \\ (x+4)^2 + 25 &= 0 \\ (x+4)^2 + 5^2 &= 0 \\ (x+4)^2 &= -5^2 \\ x+4 &= \pm\sqrt{-5^2} \\ x+4 &= \pm\sqrt{-25} \\ x+4 &= \pm 5i \\ x &= -4 \pm 5i \end{aligned}$$

**Question 18.** Solve via completing the square.

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 - 12p + 17 &= 49 \\ p^2 - 12p + 36 &= 68 \\ (p-6)^2 &= 68 \\ p-6 &= \pm 2\sqrt{17} \\ p &= 6 \pm 2\sqrt{17} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 19.**

$$w^2 - 8w + 36 = -60$$

$$w^2 - 8w + 16 = -80$$

$$(w - 4)^2 = -80$$

$$w - 4 = \pm\sqrt{-80}$$

$$w - 4 = \pm 4i\sqrt{5}$$

$$w = 4 \pm 4i\sqrt{5}$$

$$m^2 + 4m - 38 = 57$$

$$m^2 + 4m + 4 = 99$$

$$(m + 2)^2 = 99$$

$$m + 2 = \pm\sqrt{99}$$

$$m + 2 = \pm 3\sqrt{11}$$

$$m = -2 \pm 3\sqrt{11}$$

**Question 20.**

$$x^4 - 5x^2 - 6 = 0$$

$$(x^2)^2 - 5x^2 - 6 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 6)(x^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$x^2 - 6 = 0, \text{ or } x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$(x - \sqrt{6})(x + \sqrt{6}) = 0, \text{ or } (x + i)(x - i) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = (-\sqrt{6}, +\sqrt{6}, -i, i)$$