

HAT  
Complex Numbers

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Warm Up: Rewrite this function in vertex form. Sketch.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$$

$$\text{AOS: } x = 2$$

$$f(2) = 1 \quad (2, 1)$$

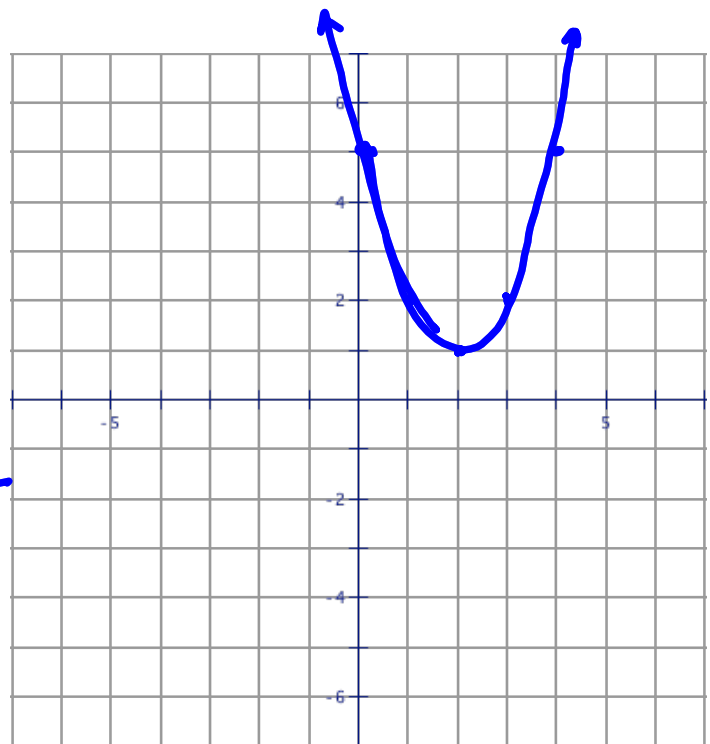
$$f(x) = (x-2)^2 + 1$$

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$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x + \underline{4} + 5 - \underline{4}$$

$$(x-2)(x-2)$$

$$f(x) = (x-2)^2 + 1$$



Ex#1: Solve  $\{x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$

No real solutions

Q.F.

$$x = \frac{4}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{16 - 4(1)(5)}}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-1} \cdot \sqrt{4}}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm \sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = 2 \pm i$$

Discriminant  
 $b^2 - 4ac$

if  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$   
2 real sol.

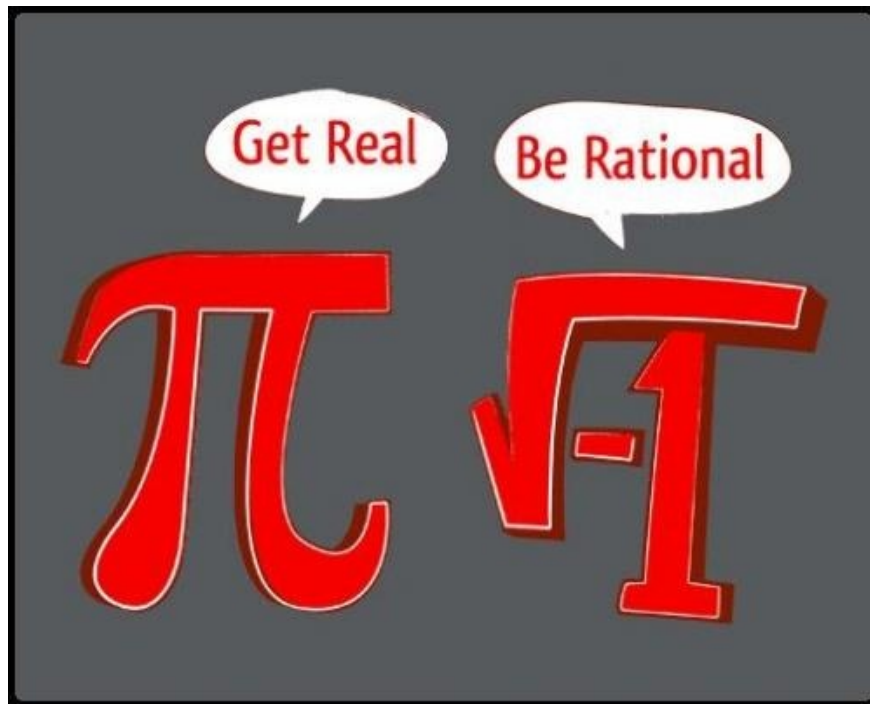
if  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$   
1 real sol.

if  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$   
no real sol.  
2 complex sol.

Until now, we have just been stuck.

To bypass this problem,  
we define the imaginary unit "i" with

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$



All of the numbers that we have worked with so far are classified as "real" (rational, irrational, integers, whole, natural).

**Complex numbers** have both a real part and an imaginary part.

They look like  $a+bi$  where  $a$  is the real part and  $bi$  is the imaginary part.

$$x = 2 + i$$
$$x = 2 - i$$

Our focus today is on the arithmetic of imaginary and complex numbers.

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$i^2 = (\sqrt{-1})^2$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

Ex#2: Simplify  $\sqrt{-9} \cdot \sqrt{-4} = 3i \cdot 2i = 6i^2 = -6$

IMPORTANT: Numbers must be put in *i*-form BEFORE any operations are performed.

Ex#3: Simplify  $i^{53}$  and  $i^{2010}$

$i^{48} = 1$

$i^{53} = (i^{52}) \cdot i = 1 \cdot i = i$

$i^{2008} = 1$

$i^{2010} = i^{2008} \cdot i^2 = 1 \cdot -1 = -1$

$i = i$   
 $i^2 = -1$   
 $i^3 = i^2 \cdot i = -i$   
 $i^4 = i^2 \cdot i^2 = 1$   
 $i^5 = i^4 \cdot i = i$   
 $i^6 = i^4 \cdot i^2 = -1$   
 $i^7 = -i$   
 $i^8 = 1$

$i^{39} = i^{36} \cdot i^3 = 1 \cdot i^3 = -i$

$1 \cdot -i = -i$

$i^{217} = i^{216} \cdot i = 1 \cdot i = i$

Lucky for us, adding and subtracting complex numbers works just like you would expect it to...

Ex#4: Simplify each expression

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

$$(\underline{-1} + \underline{3i}) - (\underline{2} - \underline{i}) = \underline{-3} + \underline{4i}$$

$$(1 - \sqrt{-16}) - (\sqrt{-9})$$

$1 - 4i - 3i$        $1 - 7i$

Multiplying also behaves as you would expect...

Ex#5: Simplify each expression

$$(3-5i)(2+i) = 6 + 3i - 10i - 5i^2$$

$-5(-1) = 5$

$$11 - 7i$$

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

$$-4i + 8i^2$$

$$-8 - 4i$$

$$(4-3i)^2$$

$$(4-3i)(4-3i)$$



Unfortunately, the procedure for dividing is less obvious...

Ex#6: Simplify  $(2+i) \div (3-i)$

$$\frac{2+i}{3-i} \cdot \frac{3+i}{3+i}$$

Mult by  
conjugate  
of the denominator

$$\frac{6 + 2i + 3i + i^2}{9 + 3i - 3i - i^2}$$

$$\frac{5 + 5i}{10}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$$

Assignment: pg. 250 #24, 26, 30, 33, 37, 39, 45, 54, 67, 69

