# 2.5 Complex Numbers For use with Exploration 2.5

## Essential Question What are the subsets of the set of complex numbers?



### **EXPLORATION:** Classifying Numbers

Work with a partner. Determine which subsets of the set of complex numbers contain each number.

**a.**  $\sqrt{9}$  **b.**  $\sqrt{0}$  **c.**  $-\sqrt{4}$ 

**d.**  $\sqrt{\frac{4}{9}}$ 

**e.**  $\sqrt{2}$ 

**f.**  $\sqrt{-1}$ 

### 2.5 Complex Numbers (continued)

## 2

## **EXPLORATION:** Simplifying $i^2$

Work with a partner. Justify each step in the simplification of  $i^2$ .

Algebraic Step Justification

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

## **Communicate Your Answer**

**3.** What are the subsets of the set of complex numbers? Give an example of a number in each subset.

**4.** Is it possible for a number to be both whole and natural? natural and rational? rational and irrational? real and imaginary? Explain your reasoning.

5. Your friend claims that the conclusion in Exploration 2 is incorrect because  $i^2 = i \bullet i = \sqrt{-1} \bullet \sqrt{-1} = \sqrt{-1(-1)} = \sqrt{1} = 1$ . Is your friend correct? Explain.

# **2.5 Practice** For use after Lesson 2.5

## Core Concepts

### The Square Root of a Negative Number

### Property

#### Example

- **1.** If *r* is a positive real number, then  $\sqrt{-r} = i\sqrt{r}$ .  $\sqrt{-3} = i\sqrt{3}$
- **2.** By the first property, it follows that  $(i\sqrt{r})^2 = -r$ .  $(i\sqrt{3})^2 = i^2 \cdot 3 = -3$

#### Notes:

### Sums and Differences of Complex Numbers

To add (or subtract) two complex numbers, add (or subtract) their real parts and their imaginary parts separately.

Sum of complex numbers:	(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i
Difference of complex numbers:	(a + bi) - (c + di) = (a - c) + (b - d)i

Notes:

2.5 Practice (continued)

## Worked-Out Examples

#### Example #1

Find the values of x and y that satisfy the equation.

-10x + 12i = 20 + 3yi

Set the real parts equal to each other and the imaginary parts equal to each other.

-10x = 20 12 = 3yx = -2 y = 4So, x = -2 and y = 4.

### Example #2

Add or subtract. Write the answer in standard form.

$$16 - (2 - 3i) - i = (16 - 2) + (3 - 1)i$$
$$= 14 + 2i$$

# **Practice A**

In Exercises 1–6, find the square root of the number.

 1.  $\sqrt{-49}$  2.  $\sqrt{-4}$  3.  $\sqrt{-45}$  

 4.  $-2\sqrt{-100}$  5.  $6\sqrt{-121}$  6.  $5\sqrt{-75}$ 

#### In Exercises 7 and 8, find the values of x and y that satisfy the equation.

**7.** 
$$-10x + i = 30 - yi$$
  
**8.**  $44 - \frac{1}{2}yi = -\frac{1}{4}x - 7i$ 

### 2.5 Practice (continued)

In Exercises 9–14, simplify the expression. Then classify the result as a *real number* or *imaginary number*. If the result is an *imaginary number*, specify if it is a *pure imaginary number*.

**9.** 
$$(-8+3i) + (-1-2i)$$
  
**10.**  $(36-3i) - (12+24i)$ 

**11.** 
$$(16 + i) + (-16 - 8i)$$
 **12.**  $(-5 - 5i) - (-6 - 6i)$ 

**13.** 
$$(-1+9i)(15-i)$$
 **14.**  $(6-7i)(-5+8i)$ 

**15.** Find the impedance of the series circuit.



In Exercises 16–18, multiply the complex number by this complex conjugate.

**16.** 8 + i **17.** 3 - 2i **18.** -7 - 5i

# **Practice B**

In Exercises 1–3, find the square root of the number.

**1.**  $3\sqrt{-25}$  **2.**  $2\sqrt{-40}$  **3.**  $4\sqrt{-54}$ 

In Exercises 4–7, find the values of x and y that satisfy the equation.

**4.** 2x - 3yi = 14 + 12i **5.**  $\frac{1}{3}x - 6i = 8 - 3yi$  **6.**  $22 + \frac{1}{5}yi = 2x - 2$ **7.** -1 + 10i = -x + 3yi

In Exercises 8–11, add or subtract. Write the answer in standard form.

**8.** (9 + 6i) - (15 - 7i)**9.** 13 - (5 + i) + 7i**10.** 14 - (17 - 7i) + 8i**11.** -4 + (9 - 2i) + 3i

**12.** The additive inverse of a complex number z is a complex number  $z_a$  such that  $z + z_a = 0$ . Find the additive inverse of each complex number.

**a.** 
$$z = 2 + 3i$$
 **b.**  $z = 4 - 4i$  **c.**  $z = -5 + 2i$ 

#### In Exercises 13–16, multiply. Write the answer in standard form.

- **13.** (4 + 7i)(5 + 2i) **14.** (5 3i)(5 + 3i)
- **15.** (10 7i)(10 + 7i) **16.**  $(6 4i)^2$
- **17.** Justify each step in performing the operation.
  - (6-2i)(8-3i)

$48 - 18i - 16i + 6i^2$	
$48 - 34i + 6i^2$	
48 - 34i + 6(-1)	
42 - 34i	

#### In Exercises 18–20, multiply the complex number by its complex conjugate.

**18.** 4 + 5i **19.** 6 - 4i

**20.** -2 - 5i

**21.** Write the complex conjugate of  $1 + \sqrt{-18}$ . Then find the product of the complex conjugates.