

Complete as many of the following problems as you can with your group. You do not have to go in order. Each group will be given a specific problem that they must complete and present to either Professor MG or to Stefanie before they leave.

(1) Simplify and write your final answer in standard form:

(a)  $\sqrt{-50} - \sqrt{-8}$

(c)  $\sqrt{-8} - \sqrt{-18} + \sqrt{-32}$

(b)  $\sqrt{-3}(\sqrt{-75} - \sqrt{3})$

(d)  $\sqrt{(3 + \sqrt{-16})(3 - \sqrt{-16})}$

**Solution**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{-50} - \sqrt{-8} &= i\sqrt{50} - i\sqrt{8} \\ &= i\sqrt{25 \cdot 2} - i\sqrt{4 \cdot 2} \\ &= 5i\sqrt{2} - 2i\sqrt{2} \\ &= \boxed{3i\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{-3}(\sqrt{-75} - \sqrt{3}) &= i\sqrt{3}(i\sqrt{75} - \sqrt{3}) \\ &= i\sqrt{3}(i\sqrt{25 \cdot 3} - \sqrt{3}) \\ &= i\sqrt{3}(5i\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3}) \\ &= 5i^2(3) - i(3) \\ &= \boxed{-15 - 3i}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{-8} - \sqrt{-18} + \sqrt{-32} &= i\sqrt{8} - i\sqrt{18} + i\sqrt{32} \\ &= i\sqrt{4 \cdot 2} - i\sqrt{9 \cdot 2} + i\sqrt{16 \cdot 2} \\ &= 2i\sqrt{2} - 3i\sqrt{2} + 4i\sqrt{2} \\ &= \boxed{3i\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{(3 + \sqrt{-16})(3 - \sqrt{-16})} &= \sqrt{(3 + i\sqrt{16})(3 - i\sqrt{16})} \\ &= \sqrt{(3 + 4i)(3 - 4i)} \\ &= \sqrt{9 - 16i^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{25} \\ &= \boxed{5}\end{aligned}$$

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(2) Perform the operation and write your final answer in standard form:

(a)  $(6 - 5i) + (14 - 3i) - (7 + i)$

(c)  $i + 3 + (i - 3) + (3i - 1)$

(b)  $(19 + i) + 7i - (3 - 4i) + 2$

(d)  $2 - 3i + (4i - 5i) + 6i - (7i - 2)$

### Solution

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}(6 - 5i) + (14 - 3i) - (7 + i) &= 6 - 5i + 14 - 3i - 7 - i \\ &= \boxed{13 - 9i}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}(19 + i) + 7i - (3 - 4i) + 2 &= 19 + i + 7i - 3 + 4i + 2 \\ &= \boxed{18 + 12i}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}i + 3 + (i - 3) + (3i - 1) &= i + 3 + i - 3 + 3i - 1 \\ &= \boxed{-1 + 5i}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}2 - 3i + (4i - 5i) + 6i - (7i - 2) &= 2 - 3i + 4i - 5i + 6i - 7i + 2 \\ &= \boxed{4 - 5i}\end{aligned}$$

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(3) Perform the operation and write your final answer in standard form:

(a)  $7i(-4 - 3i)$       (b)  $i(4 + i)(1 + i)$       (c)  $(2 + 3i)(7 - 2i)$       (d)  $(3 - 8i)(2 + 7i)$

**Solution**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}7i(-4 - 3i) &= -28i - 21i^2 \\ &= -28i + 21 \\ &= \boxed{21 - 28i}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}i(4 + i)(1 + i) &= (4i + i^2)(1 + i) \\ &= (4i - 1)(1 + i) \\ &= 4i + 4i^2 - 1 - i \\ &= -4 - 1 + 3i \\ &= \boxed{-5 + 3i}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}(2 + 3i)(7 - 2i) &= 14 - 4i + 21i - 6i^2 \\ &= 14 + 17i + 6 \\ &= \boxed{20 + 17i}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}(3 - 8i)(2 + 7i) &= 6 + 21i - 16i - 56i^2 \\ &= 6 + 5i + 56 \\ &= \boxed{62 + 5i}\end{aligned}$$

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(4) Perform the operation and write your final answer in standard form:

(a)  $\frac{4-3i}{5+5i}$

(b)  $\frac{17-8i}{-5i}$

**Solution**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4-3i}{5+5i} &= \frac{4-3i}{5+5i} \cdot \frac{5-5i}{5-5i} \\ &= \frac{20-20i-15i+15i^2}{25-10i+10i-25i^2} \\ &= \frac{20-35i-15}{25+25} \\ &= \frac{5-35i}{50} \\ &= \frac{5(1-7i)}{50} \\ &= \frac{1-7i}{10} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{10} - \frac{7}{10}i}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{17-8i}{-5i} &= \frac{17-8i}{-5i} \cdot \frac{5i}{5i} \\ &= \frac{85i-40i^2}{-25i^2} \\ &= \frac{40+85i}{25} \\ &= \frac{5(8+17i)}{25} \\ &= \frac{8+17i}{5} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{8}{5} + \frac{17}{5}i}\end{aligned}$$

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(5) Perform the operation and write your final answer in standard form:

(a)  $i^{13}$

(b)  $-i^{17}$

(c)  $(1 + i)^3$

(d)  $(2i)^5 + i^9$

**Solution**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}i^{13} &= i^{12} \cdot i \\ &= (i^4)^3 \cdot i \\ &= (1)^3 \cdot i \\ &= \boxed{i}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}-i^{17} &= -i^{16} \cdot i \\ &= -(i^4)^4 \cdot i \\ &= -(1)^4 \cdot i \\ &= \boxed{-i}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}(1 + i)^3 &= (1 + i)(1 + i)(1 + i) \\ &= (1 + 2i + i^2)(1 + i) \\ &= (1 + 2i - 1)(1 + i) \\ &= 2i(1 + i) \\ &= 2i + 2i^2 \\ &= 2i + 2(-1) \\ &= \boxed{-2 + 2i}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}(2i)^5 + i^9 &= 2^5 i^5 + i^9 \\ &= 32i^4 \cdot i + i^8 \cdot i \\ &= 32(1)i + (i^4)^2 \cdot i \\ &= 32i + (1)^2 i \\ &= 32i + i \\ &= \boxed{33i}\end{aligned}$$

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(6) Find the discriminant to determine what kind of solutions the quadratic equation has, then solve the equation.

(a)  $x^2 + 11x + 30 = 0$

(c)  $x^2 - 8x + 52 = 0$

(b)  $2x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$

(d)  $x^2 - 10x + 34 = 0$

**Solution**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + 11x + 30 = 0 &\Leftrightarrow (x + 6)(x + 5) = 0 \\&\Leftrightarrow x + 6 = 0 \text{ or } x + 5 = 0 \\&\boxed{x = -6 \text{ or } x = -5}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}2x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0 &\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(2)(-1)}}{2(2)} \\&\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 8}}{4} \\&\Leftrightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 8x + 52 = 0 &\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{-(-8) \pm \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4(1)(52)}}{2(1)} \\&\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 208}}{2} \\&\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{-144}}{2} \\&\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{8 \pm i\sqrt{144}}{2} \\&\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{8 \pm 12i}{2} \\&\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2(4 \pm 6i)}{2} \\&\Leftrightarrow x = \boxed{4 \pm 6i}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$x^2 - 10x + 34 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{(-10)^2 - 4(1)(34)}}{2(1)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 136}}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{10 \pm i\sqrt{36}}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{10 \pm 6i}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2(5 \pm 3i)}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{x = 5 \pm 3i}$$

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Key:

- (1) (a)  $3i\sqrt{2}$   
(b)  $-15 - 3i$   
(c)  $3i\sqrt{2}$   
(d) 5  
(2) (a)  $13 - 9i$   
(b)  $18 + 12i$

- (c)  $-1 + 5i$   
(d)  $-5i + 4$   
(3) (a)  $21 - 28i$   
(b)  $-5 + 3i$   
(c)  $20 + 17i$   
(d)  $62 + 5i$

- (4) (a)  $\frac{1}{10} - \frac{7}{10}i$   
(b)  $\frac{8}{5} + \frac{17}{5}i$   
(5) (a)  $i$   
(b)  $-i$   
(c)  $-2 + 2i$   
(d)  $33i$

- (6) (a)  $-5, -6$   
(b)  $\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$   
(c)  $4 \pm 6i$   
(d)  $5 \pm 3i$