

N.CN.A.3: Conjugates of Complex Numbers

- 1 What is the conjugate of $-2 + 3i$?
 - 1) $-3 + 2i$
 - 2) $-2 - 3i$
 - 3) $2 - 3i$
 - 4) $3 + 2i$

- 2 The conjugate of $7 - 5i$ is
 - 1) $-7 - 5i$
 - 2) $-7 + 5i$
 - 3) $7 - 5i$
 - 4) $7 + 5i$

- 3 What is the conjugate of $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}i$?
 - 1) $-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}i$
 - 2) $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2}i$
 - 3) $\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$
 - 4) $-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2}i$

- 4 The conjugate of the complex expression $-5x + 4i$ is
 - 1) $5x - 4i$
 - 2) $5x + 4i$
 - 3) $-5x - 4i$
 - 4) $-5x + 4i$

- 5 What is the sum of $5 - 3i$ and the conjugate of $3 + 2i$?
 - 1) $2 + 5i$
 - 2) $2 - 5i$
 - 3) $8 + 5i$
 - 4) $8 - 5i$

- 6 When $-3 - 2i$ is multiplied by its conjugate, the result is
 - 1) -13
 - 2) -5
 - 3) 5
 - 4) 13

- 7 State the conjugate of $7 - \sqrt{-48}$ expressed in simplest $a + bi$ form.

- 8 Multiply $x + yi$ by its conjugate, and express the product in simplest form.

- 9 Show that the product of $a + bi$ and its conjugate is a real number.

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Answer Section

1 ANS: 2 REF: 081024a2

2 ANS: 4 REF: 011111a2

3 ANS: 2 REF: 011213a2

4 ANS: 3 REF: 061219a2

5 ANS: 4

$$\frac{5-3i+\text{conj}(3+2i)}{8-5i}$$

REF: 060810b

6 ANS: 4

$$(-3-2i)(-3+2i) = 9-4i^2 = 9+4 = 13$$

REF: 011512a2

7 ANS:

$$7 + \sqrt{-48} = 7 + 4i\sqrt{3}$$

REF: 011730a2

8 ANS:

$$(x+yi)(x-yi) = x^2 - y^2i^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

REF: 061432a2

9 ANS:

$(a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 - abi + abi - b^2i^2 = a^2 - b^2(-1) = a^2 + b^2$. Since a and b are real, their squares are real and the sum of their squares is real.

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