

#### Introduction

- The first chapter of FP1 introduces you to imaginary and complex numbers
- You will have seen at GCSE level that some quadratic equations cannot be solved
- Imaginary and complex numbers will allow us to actually solve these equations!
- We will also see how to represent them on an Argand diagram
- We will also see how to use complex numbers to solve cubic and quartic equations



#### You can use both real and imaginary numbers to solve equations

At GCSE level you met the Quadratic formula:

 $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ 

The part under the square root sign is known as the 'discriminant', and can be used to determine how many solutions the equation has:

 $b^{2} - 4ac > 0 \quad \longrightarrow 2 \text{ real roots}$   $b^{2} - 4ac = 0 \quad \longrightarrow 1 \text{ real root}$  $b^{2} - 4ac < 0 \quad \longrightarrow 0 \text{ real roots}$ 

The problem is that we cannot square root a negative number, hence the lack of real roots in the 3<sup>rd</sup> case above To solve these equations, we can use the imaginary number 'i'

 $i = \sqrt{-1}$ 

The imaginary number 'i' can be combined with real numbers to create 'complex numbers'

An example of a complex number would be:

5 + 2i

Complex numbers can be added, subtracted, multiplied and divided in the same way you would with an algebraic expression



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1) Write  $\int$ -36 in terms of i



2) Write  $\int$ -28 in terms of i

$\sqrt{-28}$	$\gamma$ Split up into a positive
	and negative part
$\sqrt{28}\sqrt{-1}$	Split up the 28
$\sqrt{4}\sqrt{7}\sqrt{-1}$	further
	) Simplify each part
$= 2\sqrt{7}i$	This is usually
$=2i\sqrt{7}$	🖌 written in this way



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Complex Numbers? (imaginary?, real)  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{Z}^2 + \mathbf{C}$ 

Z = complex point C = complex point

Solve the equation:

$$x^2 + 9 = 0$$



You should ensure you write full workings - once you have had a lot of practice you can do more in your head!



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Solve the equation:

 $x^2 + 6x + 25 = 0$ 

- → You can use one of two methods for this
- → Either 'Completing the square' or the Quadratic formula
- $(x + 3)^{2}$  (x + 3)(x + 3)Imagine squaring the bracket This is the answer we get  $x^{2} + 6x + 9$ The squared bracket gives us both the x<sup>2</sup> term and the 6x term  $\rightarrow$  It only gives us a number of 9, whereas we need 25 - add 16 on!



If the x term is even, and there is only a single x<sup>2</sup>, then completing the square will probably be the quickest method!



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a = 1 b = 6 c = 25



If the x<sup>2</sup> coefficient is greater than 1, or the x term is odd, the Quadratic formula will probably be the easiest method!



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Simplify each of the following, giving your answers in the form:



**1)** (2+5i) + (7+3i)Group terms together = 9 + 8i2) (2-5i) - (5-11i)= 2-5i-5+11iY 'Multiply out' the bracket Group terms = -3 + 6i**3)** 6(1+3i)= 6 + 18i Multiply out the bracket



#### rs <u>Multiply out the following bracket</u> (2+3i)(4+5i) $= 8+12i+10i+15i^{2}$ = 8+22i+15(-1) = -7+22iMultiply put like you would algebraically (eg) grid method, FOIL, smiley face etc) Group i terms, write i<sup>2</sup> as -1 Simplify

You can multiply complex numbers and simplify powers of I

Complex numbers can be multiplied using the same techniques as used in algebra.

You can also use the following rule to simplify powers of i:

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

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Express the following in the form a + bi

 $(7-4i)^{2}$  = (7-4i)(7-4i)  $= 49 - 28i - 28i + 16i^{2}$  = 49 - 56i + 16(-1) = 33 - 56iWrite as a double bracket Multiply out Group i terms, write i^{2} as -1 Simplify



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 $i^2 = -1$ 



Now multiply this by the 3<sup>rd</sup> bracket

$$(-7-22i)(1+3i)$$

$$= -7-22i-21i-66i^{2}$$

$$= -7-43i-66(-1)$$

$$= 59-43i$$
Multiply out the brackets  
Group i terms and replace  
i^{2} with -1  
Simplify

 $\frac{z^4}{z^6}$ 

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

Simplify: 3)  $(2i)^5$   $= 2^5 \times i^5$   $= 2^5 \times i^2 \times i^2 \times i^2$   $= 32 \times -1 \times -1 \times i$  = 32iWrite both as a power of 5 Split up the i terms Work out 2<sup>5</sup> and replace the i<sup>2</sup> terms Simplify



#### You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

You can write down the complex conjugate of a complex number, and it helps you divide one complex number by another

If a complex number is given by: a + bi

Then the complex conjugate is: a - bi

(You just reverse the sign of the imaginary part!)

Together, these are known as a <u>complex</u> <u>conjugate pair</u>

The complex conjugate of z is written as  $z^*$ 

Write down the complex conjugate of:

a) 2+3i= 2-3i Reverse the sign of the imaginary term

b) 5-2i= 5+2i Reverse the sign of the imaginary term

c) 
$$1 - i\sqrt{5}$$
  
=  $1 + i\sqrt{5}$  Reverse the sign of the imaginary term



You can find the complex conjugate  $z + z^*$ = (2 - 7i) + (2 + 7i)Replace z and z\* Group terms of a complex number Find z + z\*, and zz\*, given that: z = 2 - 7i  $ZZ^*$  $\rightarrow$  7\* = 2 + 7i Replace z and  $z^*$ = (2 - 7i)(2 + 7i)  $= 4 + 14i - 14i - 49i^{2}$  = 4 - 49(-1) = 52Replace 2 and 2^\*
Multiply out
The *i* terms cancel out,
replace i<sup>2</sup> with -1 = 53



You can find the complex conjugate  $z + z^*$ of a complex number Replace z and z\*  $= \left(2\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}\right) + \left(2\sqrt{2} - i\sqrt{2}\right) \checkmark$ Find z + z\*, and zz\*, given that:  $=4\sqrt{2}$ 7 = 2J2 + iJ2 $\rightarrow$  z\* = 2 $\int$ 2 - i $\int$ 2  $ZZ^*$ Replace z and z\*  $= (2\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2})(2\sqrt{2} - i\sqrt{2})$  $= 4\sqrt{4} + 2i\sqrt{4} - 2i\sqrt{4} - i^2\sqrt{4}$ Multiply out Some terms cancel out, replace i<sup>2</sup> with -1 = 8 - (-1)(2)Simplify = 10



You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

> Simplify:  $(10 + 5i) \div (1 + 2i)$

With divisions you will need to write it as a fraction, then multiply both the numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator

(This is effectively the same as rationalising when surds are involved!)

 $\frac{10+5i}{1+2i} \times \frac{1-2i}{1-2i}$ Multiply by the complex conjugate of the denominator  $=\frac{(10+5i)(1-2i)}{(1+2i)(1-2i)}$ Expand both brackets  $10 + 5i - 20i - 10i^2$ =  $\frac{1}{1+2i-2i-4i^2}$ Group i terms, replace the i<sup>2</sup> terms with -1 (use brackets  $=\frac{10-15i-10(-1)}{1-4(-1)}$ to avoid mistakes) Simplify terms  $=\frac{20-15i}{5}$ Divide by 5 = 4 - 3i



You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

Simplify:

 $(5+4i) \div (2-3i)$ 

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- $\rightarrow$  If you have the roots of a quadratic equation:
- $\rightarrow$  Add them and reverse the sign to find the 'b' term
- → Multiply them to find the 'c' term



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= 34

So the 'c'term is 34

You can find the complex conjugate of a complex number

Find the quadratic equation that has roots 3 + 5i and 3 - 5i



Now you have the b and c coefficients, you can write the equation!

Simplify

The equation is therefore:  $x^2 - 6x + 34 = 0$ 



You can represent complex numbers on an Argand diagram

A grid where values for x and y can be plotted is known as a Cartesian set of axes (after Rene Descartes)

An Argand diagram is very similar, but the x-axis represents real numbers and the y-axis represents imaginary numbers.

Complex numbers can be plotted on an Argand diagram, by considering the real and imaginary parts as coordinates



Find the magnitude of |OA|, |OB|and |OC|, where O is the origin of the Argand diagram, and A, B and C are  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$  and  $z_3$  respectively

→ You can use Pythagoras' Theorem to find the magnitude of the distances  $|OA| = \sqrt{2^2 + 5^2}$   $|OA| = \sqrt{29}$   $|OC| = \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2}$   $|OB| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}$   $|OC| = \sqrt{17}$ |OB| = 5



Notice that vector  $z_1 + z_2$  is effectively the diagonal of a parallelogram



#### Vector $z_1 - z_2$ is still the diagram of a parallelogram

 $\rightarrow$  One side is  $z_1$  and the other side is  $-z_2$  (shown on the diagram)

You can represent complex numbers on an Argand diagram

 $z_1 = 2 + 5i$   $z_2 = 4 + 2i$ 

Show  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$  and  $z_1 - z_2$  on an Argand diagram

 $z_1 - z_2$ 

$$(2+5i) - (4+2i)$$

= -2 + 3i



You can find the value of r, the modulus of a complex number z, and the value of  $\theta$ , which is the argument of z

The modulus of a complex number is its magnitude - you have already seen how to calculate it by using Pythagoras' Theorem

 $\rightarrow~$  It is usually represented by the letter  $^{\rm r}$ 

The argument of a complex number is the angle it makes with the positive real axis

- → The argument is usually measured in radians
  - → It will be negative if the complex number is plotted below the horizontal axis

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Find, to two decimal places, the modulus and argument of z = 4 + 5i





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You can find the value of r, the modulus of a complex number z, and the value of 0, which is the argument of z

Find, to two decimal places, the modulus and argument of z = -2 + 4i



Use Pythagoras' Theorem to find r  

$$r = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2}$$
  
 $r = \sqrt{20}$   
 $r = 4.47 (2dp)$   
Calculate  
Work out as a  
decimal (if needed)

Use Trigonometry to find arg z  

$$Tan\theta = \frac{\theta}{A}$$

$$Tan\theta = \frac{4}{2}$$
Sub in values  

$$Tan\theta = \frac{4}{2}$$
Calculate in radians  

$$\theta = 1.11 \ radians \ (2dp)$$
Subtract from  $\pi$  to find the  
required angle (remember  $\pi$   
 $\pi - 1.11 = 2.03 \ radians$ 
arg  $z = 2.03$ 



#### Complex Numbers

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Find, to two decimal places, the modulus and argument of z = -3 - 3i



Use Pythagoras' Theorem to find r  $r = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2}$   $r = \sqrt{18}$  r = 4.24 (2dp)Calculate Work out as a decimal (if needed)





You can find the modulus-argument form of the complex number z

You have seen up to this point that a complex number z will usually be written in the form:

z = x + iy

The modulus-argument form is an alternative way of writing a complex number, and it includes the modulus of the number as well as its argument.

The modulus-argument form looks like this:

 $z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$ 

r is the modulus of the number  $\theta$  is the argument of the number



By GCSE Trigonometry:  

$$O \longrightarrow Opp = Hyp \times Sin\theta = rsin\theta$$
  
 $A \longrightarrow Adj = Hyp \times Cos\theta = rcos\theta$   
 $z = rcos\theta + irsin\theta$   
 $z = r(cos\theta + isin\theta)$   
Factorise

### **Complex Numbers**



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You can find the modulus-argument form of the complex number z

Express the numbers following numbers in the modulus argument form:

$$z_1 = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$$
$$z_2 = -3 - 3i$$
$$z_1 = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$



### **Complex Numbers**



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 $z_{1} = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$   $z_{2} = -3 - 3i$   $z_{1} = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$   $z_{2} = 3\sqrt{2}\left(\cos\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$ 



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$$z_{2} = 3\sqrt{2}\left(\cos\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$

Write down the value of  $|z_1z_2|$ 

$$|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|$$
$$= 2 \times 3\sqrt{2}$$
$$= 6\sqrt{2}$$



## **Complex Numbers**



You can find the modulus-argument form of the complex number z

A complex number is represented in the modulus-argument form as:

 $z = 4\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ 

Write the number in the form:

z = x + iyStart by sketching the number on an Argand diagram

 → The modulus is 4
 → The angle is positive and less than <sup>π</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, so the point is somewhere in the top right section

> → Work out x and y using Trigonometry...



Your sketch will help you decide whether answers are negative or positive! It will also help you confirm what angle you should use... 1F



You can solve problems involving complex numbers

Problems can be solved by equating the real and imaginary parts of a complex equation

→ This technique can also be used to square root a number

Given that:

3 + 5i = (a + ib)(1 + i)

Find the real values of a and b



As the equations balance, the real and imaginary parts will be the same on each side → Compare them and form equations

1) 
$$a - b = 3$$
  
2)  $a + b = 5$   
 $2a = 8$   
 $a = 4$   
 $b = 1$   
Add the equations together  
Solve for a  
Use a to find b



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→ Let the square root of 3 + 4i be given by a + ib

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1) 
$$a^2 - b^2 = 3$$

2) 
$$2ab = 4$$
  
 $ab = 2$   
 $b = \frac{2}{a}$   
Divide by 2  
Divide by a



1 2 3

3 -2 -1

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#### a + ib

Use each pair of a and b to find the square roots

2+i -2-i

a) 
$$a^{2} - b^{2} = 3$$
  
 $a^{2} - b^{2} = 3$   
 $a^{2} - (\frac{2}{a})^{2} = 3$   
 $a^{2} - (\frac{2}{a})^{2} = 3$   
 $a^{2} - (\frac{2}{a})^{2} = 3$   
 $a^{2} - \frac{4}{a^{2}} = 3$   
 $a^{4} - 4 = 3a^{2}$   
 $a^{4} - 3a^{2} - 4 = 0$   
 $(a^{2} - 4)(a^{2} + 1) = 0$   
 $a^{2} = 4 \text{ or } a^{2} - 1$   
 $a = 2 \text{ or } - 2$   
 $b = 1 \text{ or } - 1$   
 $a^{2} - b^{2} = 3$   
Replace b from the second equation  
Square the bracket  
Subtract  $3a^{2}$   
You can factorise this like  
you would a quadratic  
Each bracket can give  
solutions  
But we want the real  
one so ignore  $x^{2} = -1$   
Use these to find their  
corresponding b values

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# **Complex Numbers**

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If the roots a and b of a quadratic equation are complex, a and b will always be a complex conjugate pair

- → You can find what a quadratic equation was by using its roots
- → Let us start by considering a quadratic equation with real solutions...



This will work every time!

- $\rightarrow$  If you have the roots of a quadratic equation:
- $\rightarrow$  Add them and reverse the sign to find the 'b' term
- $\rightarrow$  Multiply them to find the 'c' term



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Find the guadratic equation that has roots 3 + 5i and 3 - 5i



= 34

Simplify

So the 'c'term is 34

Now you have the b and c coefficients, you can write the equation!

*The equation is therefore:*  $x^2 - 6x + 34 = 0$ 

#### You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

You have seen that if the roots of an equation are complex, they occur as a complex conjugate pair

If you know one complex root of a quadratic equation, you can find the whole equation itself

- 7 + 2i is one of the roots of a quadratic equation with real coefficients. Find the equation.
- → You can use a method from earlier in the chapter for this type of question
  - → If 7 + 2i is one root, the other must be 7 - 2i

7+2i 7-2i

 $\frac{\text{Add them together}}{(7+2i)+(7-2i)}$ 

= 14

So the 'b'term is -14

<u>Multiply them</u> (7 + 2i)(7 - 2i)  $= 49 + 14i - 14i - 4i^2$  = 49 - 4(-1)= 53

So the 'c'term is 53

Now you know b and c you can write the equation

 $x^2 - 14x + 53 = 0$ 





You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

Show that x = 2 is a solution of the cubic equation:

 $x^3 - 6x^2 + 21x - 26 = 0$ 

Hence, solve the equation completely.



As subbing in a value of 2 makes the equation balance, x = 2 must be a solution



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→ As x = 2 is a solution, the equation must have (x - 2) as a factor

→ Divide the expression by (x - 2) in order to help factorise it x - 2  $x^3 - 6x^2 + 21x - 26$ 

Divide  $x^3$  by x

Multiply the divisor by the answer and write it beneath

Subtract this from the original equation

Now divide  $-4x^2$  by x

Multiply the divisor by this and continue these steps until you're finished!  $-4x^2 + 21x - 26$ 

$$4m^2 + 9m$$

$$-4x^2+8x$$
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$$13x - 26$$
  
 $13x - 26$  -

 $x^{3} - 6x^{2} + 21x - 26$  $= (x - 2)(x^{2} - 4x + 13)$ 



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients	$x^3 - 6x^2$ $(x - 2)(x^2)$	+21x - 26 = 0 -4x + 13) = 0
Show that x = 2 is a solution of the cubic equation:	Either this bracket is 0	Or this bracket is 0
$x^3 - 6x^2 + 21x - 26 = 0$	•	
Hence, solve the equation completely.	$\begin{aligned} x - 2 &= 0 \\ x &= 2 \end{aligned}$	$x^{2} - 4x + 13 = 0$ $(x - 2)^{2} + 9 = 0$ Use completing the square
→ As x = 2 is a solution, the equation must have (x - 2) as a factor	We already knew this solution!	$(x-2)^2 = -9$ Subtract 9 Square root $x-2 = \pm 3i$
→ Divide the expression by (x - 2) in order to help factorise it		$x = 2 \pm 3i \checkmark \text{Add } 2$

The solutions of the equation  $x^3 - 6x^2 + 21x - 26 = 0$  are:

x = 2 x = 2 + 3i and x = 2 - 3i



Given that -1 is a root of the equation:

 $x^3 - x^2 + 3x + k = 0$ 

Find the other two roots of the equation.

→ If we substitute -1 in, the equation will balance...

 $x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 5 = 0$ 

$$x^{3} - x^{2} + 3x + k = 0$$
  

$$-1)^{3} - (-1)^{2} + 3(-1) + k = 0$$
  

$$-1 - 1 - 3 + k = 0$$
  

$$k = 5$$
  
Sub in x = -1  
Calculate each  
part  
Rearrange to  
fin d k

We now know the actual equation

$$x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 5 = 0$$







You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

Given that -1 is a root of the equation:

 $x^3 - x^2 + 3x + k = 0$ 

Find the other two roots of the equation.

- → We can now solve the equation  $x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 5 = 0$
- → As -1 is a root, (x + 1) will be a factor of the equation

Multiply the divisor by the answer and write it beneath

Divide  $x^3$  by x

Subtract this from the original equation

Now divide  $-2x^2$  by x

Multiply the divisor by this and continue these steps until you're finished!



$$-2x^2-2x \qquad -$$

$$5x + 5$$
  
$$5x + 5 -$$

0

$$x^{3} - x^{2} + 3x + 5$$
$$= (x + 1)(x^{2} - 2x + 5)$$



The solutions of the equation  $x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 5 = 0$  are: x = -1 x = 1 + 2i and x = 1 - 2i

Argand Diagram



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

In a cubic equation, either: → All 3 solutions are real → One solution is real and the other 2 form a complex conjugate pair



You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

You can also solve a quartic equation using this method

→ A quartic equation has an x power of 4, and will have a total of 4 roots

For a quartic equation, either:

- $\rightarrow$  All 4 roots are real
- → 2 roots are real and 2 are complex, forming a complex conjugate pair
- → All 4 roots are complex and form
   2 complex conjugate pairs



Given that 3 + i is a root of the quartic equation:

$$2x^4 - 3x^3 - 39x^2 + 120x - 50 = 0$$

Solve the equation completely.

As one root is 3 + i, we know that another root will be 3 - i

→ We can use these to find an expression which will factorise into the original equation

3+i 3-i

Add them together	<u>Mult</u>
(3+i) + (3-i)	(3 +
= 6	= 9 ·
So the 'b' term is $-6$	= 9 ·
	= 10

<u>Multiply them</u> (3 + i)(3 - i)  $= 9 + 3i - 3i - i^{2}$  = 9 - (-1) = 10So the 'c'term is 10

Now you know b and c you can write an expression that will divide into the original equation

$$x^2 - 6x + 10$$





You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

Given that 3 + i is a root of the quartic equation:

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→ We can use these to find an expression which will factorise into the original equation

 $x^2 - 6x + 10$  is a factor

 $\rightarrow$  Divide the original equation by this!

 $\begin{array}{r}
 2x^{2} + 9x = 5 \\
6x + 10 \quad 2x^{4} - 3x^{3} - 39x^{2} + 120x - 50 \\
2x^{4} - 12x^{3} + 20x^{2} \\
\hline
 9x^{3} - 59x^{2} + 120x - 50 \\
9x^{3} - 54x^{2} + 90x \\
\hline
 - 5x^{2} + 30x - 50 \\
- 5x^{2} + 30x - 50
\end{array}$ 

0

We have now factorised the original equation into 2 quadratics

$$2x^4 - 3x^3 - 39x^2 + 120x - 50$$
$$= (x^2 - 6x + 10)(2x^2 + 9x - 5)$$



We need to find

the solutions for

this one!

You can solve some types of polynomial equation with real coefficients

Given that 3 + i is a root of the quartic equation:

$$2x^4 - 3x^3 - 39x^2 + 120x - 50 = 0$$

Solve the equation completely.

As one root is 3 + i, we know that another root will be 3 - i

→ We can use these to find an expression which will factorise into the original equation

 $x^2 - 6x + 10$  is a factor

 $\rightarrow$  Divide the original equation by this!

 $(x^2 - 6x + 10)(2x^2 + 9x - 5) = 0$ 

We already have the solutions for this bracket!

$$2x^{2} + 9x - 5 = 0$$
  
 $(2x + 1)(x - 5) = 0$  Factorise

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \quad or \quad x = 5$$

$$2x^4 - 3x^3 - 39x^2 + 120x - 50 = 0$$

Solutions are: x = 3 + i

All these will give the answer 0 when substituted in!

#### Summary

- You have been introduced to imaginary and complex numbers
- You have seen how these finally allow all quadratic equations to be solved
- You have learnt how to show complex numbers on an Argand diagram
- You have seen how to write the modulus-argument form of a complex number
- You have also seen how to solve cubic and quartic equations using complex numbers