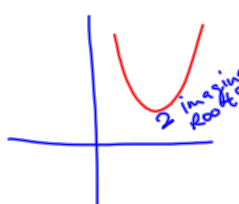


chapter **3**

Complex numbers


Section 3.6 **Conjugate roots theorem**




2 imaginary roots

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

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



1 root



2 real roots

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

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

if $x = d + ei$ $x = d - ei$

Conjugates

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Example 1

If $z = 1 + 5i$ is a root of the equation $az^2 + bz + c = 0$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, find the values of a, b, c .

If $z = 1 + 5i$ is a root } Conjugate root theorem
 $\Rightarrow \bar{z} = 1 - 5i$ is also a root

$$x^2 - [\text{sum roots}]x + [\text{product roots}] = 0$$

$$x^2 - [(1+5i) + (1-5i)]x + [(1+5i)(1-5i)] = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x + [1 - 25i^2] = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 26 = 0$$

Example 2

Given that $z = 2 + i$ is a root of $z^2 - 4z + 5 = 0$, show that \bar{z} is also a root.

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

$$a = 1$$

$$b = -4$$

$$c = 5$$

$$z = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(5)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 20}}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{4 \pm 2i}{2}$$

$$= 2 \pm i$$