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Warm Up

Solve:

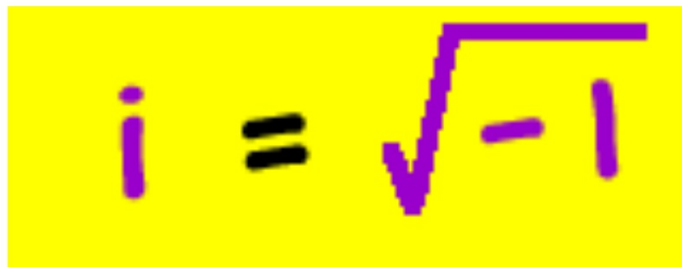
$$0 = 5x^2 + 8x + 5$$

Complex and Imaginary Numbers

You've been told (even by me) that you couldn't take the squareroot of a negative number because there is no solution.

Well, actually, yes, there IS an answer!

(Try to calm down -- I know this is terribly exciting.) The answer is imaginary. No, I'm not making this up.


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

Since $i = \sqrt{-1}$

Squaring both sides gives

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$\sqrt{-4}$$

$$\sqrt{-4} = \sqrt{(4)(-1)} = \sqrt{4} \sqrt{-1} = 2i$$

$$\sqrt{-25} = 5i$$

$$\sqrt{-49} = 7i$$

$$\sqrt{-13} = \sqrt{13} i$$

Factor: $x^2 - 9$

$$= (x+3)(x-3)$$

Factor: $x^2 + 9$

$$x^2 + 9 = 0$$
$$\begin{array}{cc} -9 & -9 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 = -9$$

sqare root of both sides

$$x = \pm\sqrt{-9}$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{9 \cdot -1} = \pm\sqrt{9} \sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = \pm 3i$$

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

use the quadratic formula

a) $3(x-1)^2 = -27$ **b)** $(x+5)^2 + 10 = 2$ **c)** $5(2x+8)^2 = -80$

