Exercise 1

Verify that

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

(b) $(2, -3)(-2, 1) = (-1, 8);$
(c) $(3, 1)(3, -1)\left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{1}{10}\right) = (2, 1).$

Solution

Part (a)

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

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

Part (b)

$$(2,-3)(-2,1) = (2-3i)(-2+i)$$

= -4 + 2i + 6i - 3i²
= -4 + 8i + 3
= -1 + 8i
= (-1,8)

Part (c)

$$(3,1)(3,-1)\left(\frac{1}{5},\frac{1}{10}\right) = (3+i)(3-i)\left(\frac{1}{5}+\frac{1}{10}i\right)$$
$$= (9-i^2)\left(\frac{1}{5}+\frac{1}{10}i\right)$$
$$= 10\left(\frac{1}{5}+\frac{1}{10}i\right)$$
$$= 2+i$$
$$= (2,1)$$