

Exercise 32

For the following exercises, perform the indicated operation and express the result as a simplified complex number.

$$\frac{-5 + 3i}{2i}$$

Solution

Start by making the denominator real. Then use the distributive property.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{-5 + 3i}{2i} \\ & \frac{-5 + 3i}{2i} \times \frac{i}{i} \\ & \frac{(-5 + 3i)i}{2i^2} \\ & \frac{-5i + 3i^2}{2i^2} \\ & \frac{-5i + 3(-1)}{2(-1)} \\ & \frac{(-1)(5i + 3)}{2(-1)} \\ & \frac{5i + 3}{2} \\ & \frac{5}{2}i + \frac{3}{2} \\ & \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{2}i \end{aligned}$$