Exercise 41

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

 i^8

Solution

Use the fact that $i = \sqrt{-1}$ and $i^2 = -1$.

$$i^{8}$$

$$i^{2} \cdot i^{2} \cdot i^{2} \cdot i^{2}$$

$$(-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1)$$

$$1$$