

## Exercise 49

For the following exercises, evaluate the expressions, writing the result as a simplified complex number.

$$\frac{1}{i} + \frac{4}{i^3}$$

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### Solution

Simplify the given expression.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{i} + \frac{4}{i^3} &= \frac{1}{i} + \frac{4}{i^2 \cdot i} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} + \frac{4}{(-1) \cdot i} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} - \frac{4}{i} \\ &= \frac{1 - 4}{i} \\ &= \frac{-3}{i} \\ &= -\frac{3}{i} \times \frac{i}{i} \\ &= -\frac{3i}{i^2} \\ &= -\frac{3i}{(-1)} \\ &= 3i\end{aligned}$$