Math 1513 - College Algebra $_{\rm Quiz~\#5}$ - $_{\rm 2011.09.01}$

Solutions

1. Describe the standard form for a complex number, and then give an example.

The standard for for a complex number z is z = a + bi, where a and b are real numbers and $i = \sqrt{-1}$. As an example, the complex number 2-3i is in standard form.

2. Solve the equation $s = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 + vt$ for the variable g.

First, we subtract vt from both sides to get $s-vt=\frac{1}{2}gt^2$. Next, we multiply both sides by $\frac{2}{t^2}$ to get $g=\frac{2(s-vt)}{t^2}$.