

## HW 2.2.1: Complex Roots Visualization

- 1. Consider the graph of  $f(x) = x^2 4x + 5$ 
  - a. Graph f(x) in detail in the xy plane of the coordinate system provided on the next page without using a graphing calculator.
  - b. What conclusion can you make about the roots of f(x)?
  - c. Show that 2-i is a root for f(x).
  - d. Show that f(2-3i) is a real number.
  - e. Show that f(3+i) is not a real number.
  - f. Try a few more complex values and make a conjecture about values of a and b for which f(a+bi) is a real number. Explain how you arrived at your conjecture and prove that it is true.
  - g. Lastly, draw a graphical representation of what your above answer imply about the real-valued outputs of f with regard to the inclusion of a complex domain.





- 2. Consider the graph of  $f(x) = x^2 + 8x + 18$ 
  - a. Graph f(x) in detail in the xy plane of the coordinate system provided on the next page without using a graphing calculator.
  - b. What conclusion can you make about the roots of f(x)?
  - c. Show that  $-4 + \sqrt{2}i$  is a root for f(x).
  - d. Show that f(-4-3i) is a real number.
  - e. Show that f(3+2i) is not a real number.
  - f. Try a few more complex values and make a conjecture about values of a and b for which f(a+bi) is a real number. Explain how you arrived at your conjecture and prove that it is true.
  - g. Lastly, draw a graphical representation of what your above answer imply about the real-valued outputs of f with regard to the inclusion of a complex domain.

