

HP35s - Complex Numbers

Note: If you would like to try using an HP calculator, you can download a free app on your cell phone

- Android: Free42. HP42s calculator (almost identical to an HP35s but out of production)
- Apple: ComplexRPN A generic RPN calculator which does complex numbers

Input a Complex Number

There are two ways to input a complex number

```
3
i
4
```

results in the X register being $3 + j4$

```
3.0000 i4.0000
```

```
3
θ
60
```

results in the X register being $3\angle 60^\circ$

```
1.5000 i2.5981
```

Display a Complex Number

Rectangular Form:

```
DISPLAY
9 XiY
```

Polar Form:

```
DISPLAY
10 rθa
```

Magnitude:

```
ABS
```

Angle

```
ARG
```

Operations with Complex Numbers

HP35s has no problems working with complex numbers.

Sample Problems

Problem 1. Assume $X = 3 + j4$. Solve for Y :

$$Y(x) = \left(\frac{10(x+2)(x+20+j40)}{x(x+2+j15)} \right)$$

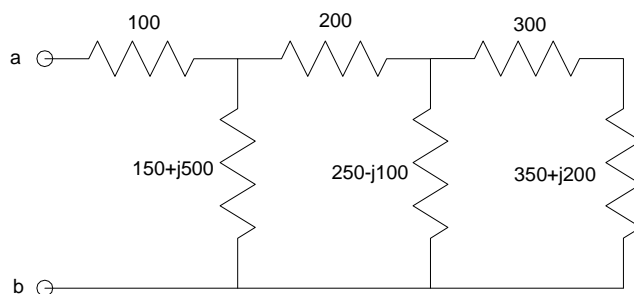
Solution:

key	x register contents	
3i4	3.000 i4.000	
STO X		
10	10.000	= 10
RCL X		
2		
+		
x	50.000 i40.000	= 10(x+2)
RCL X		
20i40		
+		
*	-610.000 i3120.000	= 10(x+2)(x+20+j40)
RCL X		
/	426.000 i472.000	= 10(x+2)(x+20+j40)/x
RCL X		
2i15		
+		
/	28.751 -i14.855	= 10(x+2)(x+20+j40)/x/(x+2+j15)

The answer is

28.7513 - j14.8549

Problem 2: Find the net resistance from A to B



Start from the right and start simplifying

```

350i200          x register displays....
ENTER           350.000 i200.000
300
+               650.000 i200.000
1/X
250i-100
1/X
+
1/X           198.476 -i38.720
200
+           398.476 -i38.720
1/X
150i500
1/X
+
1/X           258.227 +j135.493
100
+           358.227 +j135.493

```