

Some interesting characteristics of quotients of conjugates :

First of all, remember that  $\overline{a + bi}$  is the notation for the conjugate of  $a + bi$  ;  
 that is,  $\overline{a + bi} = a - bi$  and  $\overline{a - bi} = a + bi$

Comparing Two Quotients :

Case 1 :

$\frac{\text{Bicomplex \#1}}{\text{Bicomplex \#2}}$  vs.  $\frac{\overline{\text{Bicomplex \#1}}}{\overline{\text{Bicomplex \#2}}}$  ; that is,

$$\frac{a + bi}{c - di} \text{ vs. } \frac{a - bi}{c + di}$$

Think about what is necessary to rationalize a quotient involving a bicomplex divisor...  
 The conjugate, correct?

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a + bi}{c - di} \\ &= \left( \frac{a + bi}{c - di} \right) \left( \frac{c + di}{c + di} \right) \\ &= \frac{(ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i}{c^2 + d^2} \\ &= \left( \frac{ac - bd}{c^2 + d^2} \right) + \left( \frac{ad + bc}{c^2 + d^2} \right) i \end{aligned} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{a - bi}{c + di} \\ &= \left( \frac{a - bi}{c + di} \right) \left( \frac{c - di}{c - di} \right) \\ &= \frac{(ac - bd) - (ad + bc)i}{c^2 + d^2} \\ &= \left( \frac{ac - bd}{c^2 + d^2} \right) - \left( \frac{ad + bc}{c^2 + d^2} \right) i \end{aligned}$$

WHICH ARE CONJUGATES!

Now let's get radical, shall we ?

Case 2 :

$\frac{\text{Biradical \#1}}{\text{Biradical \#2}}$  vs.  $\frac{\overline{\text{Biradical \#1}}}{\overline{\text{Biradical \#2}}}$  ; that is,

$$\frac{a + \sqrt{b}}{c - \sqrt{d}} \text{ vs. } \frac{a - \sqrt{b}}{c + \sqrt{d}}$$

Think about what is necessary to rationalize a quotient involving a biradical divisor...  
The conjugate again, correct?

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a + \sqrt{b}}{c - \sqrt{d}} && \frac{a - \sqrt{b}}{c + \sqrt{d}} \\ &= \left( \frac{a + \sqrt{b}}{c - \sqrt{d}} \right) \left( \frac{c + \sqrt{d}}{c + \sqrt{d}} \right) && = \left( \frac{a - \sqrt{b}}{c + \sqrt{d}} \right) \left( \frac{c - \sqrt{d}}{c - \sqrt{d}} \right) \\ &= \frac{(ac - \sqrt{bd}) + (a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b})}{c^2 - d} && \text{vs.} && = \frac{(ac - \sqrt{bd}) - (a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b})}{c^2 - d} \\ &= \left( \frac{ac - \sqrt{bd}}{c^2 - d} \right) + \left( \frac{a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b}}{c^2 - d} \right) && && = \left( \frac{ac - \sqrt{bd}}{c^2 - d} \right) - \left( \frac{a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b}}{c^2 - d} \right) \end{aligned}$$

WHICH ARE AGAIN CONJUGATES!

How about we get complex and radical?

Case 3 :

$\frac{\text{Bicomrad \#1}}{\text{Bicomrad \#2}}$  vs.  $\overline{\frac{\text{Bicomrad \#1}}{\text{Bicomrad \#2}}}$  ; that is,

$$\frac{a + i\sqrt{b}}{c - i\sqrt{d}} \text{ vs. } \frac{a - i\sqrt{b}}{c + i\sqrt{d}}$$

Think about what is necessary to rationalize a quotient involving a bicomrad divisor...  
The conjugate again, correct?

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a + i\sqrt{b}}{c - i\sqrt{d}} \\ &= \left( \frac{a + i\sqrt{b}}{c - i\sqrt{d}} \right) \left( \frac{c + i\sqrt{d}}{c + i\sqrt{d}} \right) \\ &= \frac{(ac - \sqrt{bd}) + (a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b})i}{c^2 + d} \\ &= \left( \frac{ac - \sqrt{bd}}{c^2 + d} \right) + \left( \frac{a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b}}{c^2 + d} \right) i \end{aligned} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{a - i\sqrt{b}}{c + i\sqrt{d}} \\ &= \left( \frac{a - i\sqrt{b}}{c + i\sqrt{d}} \right) \left( \frac{c - i\sqrt{d}}{c - i\sqrt{d}} \right) \\ &= \frac{(ac - \sqrt{bd}) - (a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b})i}{c^2 + d} \\ &= \left( \frac{ac - \sqrt{bd}}{c^2 + d} \right) - \left( \frac{a\sqrt{d} + c\sqrt{b}}{c^2 + d} \right) i \end{aligned}$$

WHAT DO YOU... CONJUGATES AGAIN!

I know what you're thinking ... Does that work with binomials too?

Case 4 :

$\frac{\text{Binomial \#1}}{\text{Binomial \#2}}$  vs.  $\frac{\overline{\text{Binomial \#1}}}{\overline{\text{Binomial \#2}}}$  ; that is,

$$\frac{a + b}{c - d} \text{ vs. } \frac{a - b}{c + d}$$

Think about what is necessary to compare these two quotients...

You'd need to establish a common denominator, which would once again require that you employ the power of the conjugate, correct?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a + b}{c - d} &= \left( \frac{a + b}{c - d} \right) \left( \frac{c + d}{c + d} \right) \\ &= \frac{(ac + bd) + (ad + bc)}{c^2 - d^2} \\ &= \left( \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 - d^2} \right) + \left( \frac{ad + bc}{c^2 - d^2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad \text{vs.} \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{a - b}{c + d} &= \left( \frac{a - b}{c + d} \right) \left( \frac{c - d}{c - d} \right) \\ &= \frac{(ac + bd) - (ad + bc)}{c^2 - d^2} \\ &= \left( \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 - d^2} \right) - \left( \frac{ad + bc}{c^2 - d^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

AHA... CONJUGATES!

So are you thinking we need to get rational here, now?

Case 5 :

$\frac{\text{Birational \#1}}{\text{Birational \#2}}$  vs.  $\frac{\overline{\text{Birational \#1}}}{\overline{\text{Birational \#2}}}$  ; that is,

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} - \frac{g}{h}} \text{ vs. } \frac{\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} + \frac{g}{h}}$$

Think about what is necessary to compare these two quotients, which are complex fractions... Using Method 2 for clearing a complex fraction of its internal fractions, the Multiplicative Identity is employed. That is, you need to multiply the numerator and the denominator of the complex fraction by the LCD ( $bdfh$ ) of all the little fractions within the complex fraction, and at some point (see \* & \*\* below) you will once again need to employ a conjugate to compare the results. Allow me to demonstrate...

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} - \frac{g}{h}} & \frac{\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} + \frac{g}{h}} \\ & = \frac{bdfh \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} \right)}{bdfh \left( \frac{e}{f} - \frac{g}{h} \right)} & = \frac{bdfh \left( \frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} \right)}{bdfh \left( \frac{e}{f} + \frac{g}{h} \right)} \\ & = \frac{adf h + cbf h}{ebd h - gbd f} & = \frac{adf h - cbf h}{ebd h + gbd f} \\ & = \frac{fh(ad + bc)}{bd(eh - gf)} & = \frac{fh(ad - bc)}{bd(eh + gf)} \\ & = \frac{fh(ad + bc)}{bd(eh - gf)} \left( \frac{eh + gf}{eh + gf} \right) & * & = \frac{fh(ad - bc)}{bd(eh + gf)} \left( \frac{eh - gf}{eh - gf} \right) & ** \\ & = \frac{fh \left[ \frac{(adeh + bcgf) + (adgf + bceh)}{e^2 h^2 - g^2 f^2} \right]}{bd} & & = \frac{fh \left[ \frac{(adeh + bcgf) - (adgf + bceh)}{e^2 h^2 - g^2 f^2} \right]}{bd} \\ & = \left( \frac{fh(adeh + bcgf)}{bd(e^2 h^2 - g^2 f^2)} \right) + \left( \frac{fh(adgf + bceh)}{bd(e^2 h^2 - g^2 f^2)} \right) & \text{vs.} & = \left( \frac{fh(adeh + bcgf)}{bd(e^2 h^2 - g^2 f^2)} \right) - \left( \frac{fh(adgf + bceh)}{bd(e^2 h^2 - g^2 f^2)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

WHICH ARE, AMAZINGLY SO, AGAIN CONJUGATES !

Can we get similar results from quotients involving biradrats ?

Case 6 :

$$\frac{\text{Biradrat \#1}}{\text{Biradrat \#2}} \text{ vs. } \frac{\overline{\text{Biradrat \#1}}}{\overline{\text{Biradrat \#2}}} ; \text{ that is,}$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} - \frac{\sqrt{g}}{h}} \text{ vs. } \frac{\frac{a}{b} - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} + \frac{\sqrt{g}}{h}}$$

Once again, you need to multiply the numerator and the denominator of the complex fraction by the LCD (**bdfh**) of all the little fractions within the complex fraction, and at some point (see \* & \*\* below) you will once again need to employ a conjugate to compare the results. Allow me to demonstrate...

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} - \frac{\sqrt{g}}{h}} && \frac{\frac{a}{b} - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} + \frac{\sqrt{g}}{h}} \\ &= \frac{bdfh \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{d} \right)}{bdfh \left( \frac{e}{f} - \frac{\sqrt{g}}{h} \right)} && = \frac{bdfh \left( \frac{a}{b} - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{d} \right)}{bdfh \left( \frac{e}{f} + \frac{\sqrt{g}}{h} \right)} \\ &= \frac{adf h + bfh \sqrt{c}}{ebdh - bdf \sqrt{g}} && = \frac{adf h - bfh \sqrt{c}}{ebdh + bdf \sqrt{g}} \\ &= \frac{fh(ad + b\sqrt{c})}{bd(eh - f\sqrt{g})} && = \frac{fh(ad - b\sqrt{c})}{bd(eh + f\sqrt{g})} \\ &= \frac{fh(ad + b\sqrt{c})}{bd(eh - f\sqrt{g})} \left( \frac{eh + f\sqrt{g}}{eh + f\sqrt{g}} \right) && * \quad = \frac{fh(ad - b\sqrt{c})}{bd(eh + f\sqrt{g})} \left( \frac{eh - f\sqrt{g}}{eh - f\sqrt{g}} \right) && ** \\ &= \frac{fh \left[ \frac{(adeh + bf\sqrt{cg}) + (adf\sqrt{g} + beh\sqrt{c})}{e^2h^2 - f^2g} \right]}{bd} && = \frac{fh \left[ \frac{(adeh + bf\sqrt{cg}) - (adf\sqrt{g} + beh\sqrt{c})}{e^2h^2 - f^2g} \right]}{bd} \\ &= \left( \frac{fh(adeh + bf\sqrt{cg})}{bd(e^2h^2 - f^2g)} \right) + \left( \frac{fh(adf\sqrt{g} + beh\sqrt{c})}{bd(e^2h^2 - f^2g)} \right) && \text{ vs. } = \left( \frac{fh(adeh + bf\sqrt{cg})}{bd(e^2h^2 - f^2g)} \right) - \left( \frac{fh(adf\sqrt{g} + beh\sqrt{c})}{bd(e^2h^2 - f^2g)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

AGAIN CONJUGATES ! ... MAYBE THIS ISN'T SO AMAZING ANYMORE...

OK; last one ... How about combining complexity, rationality, & radicality ...

Allow me to coin one more “term” , bicomradrats , while dealing with quotients involving complexity, rationality, & radicality ?

Case 7 :

$$\frac{\text{Bicomradrat \#1}}{\text{Bicomradrat \#2}} \text{ vs. } \overline{\overline{\frac{\text{Bicomradrat \#1}}{\text{Bicomradrat \#2}}}} ; \text{ that is,}$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{i\sqrt{c}}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} - \frac{i\sqrt{g}}{h}} \text{ vs. } \frac{\frac{a}{b} - \frac{i\sqrt{c}}{d}}{\frac{e}{f} + \frac{i\sqrt{g}}{h}}$$

Once again, you need to multiply the numerator and the denominator of the complex fraction by the LCD (**bdfh**) of all the little fractions within the complex fraction, and at some point (see \* & \*\* below) you will once again need to employ a conjugate to compare the results.

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WOW CONJUGATES ! ... I didn't see that one coming </sarcasm>

I'm out ...