

# Math Diversion Problem 289

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You either get control of your lusts and feelings of  
entitlement, or they will get control of you.  
— The Author

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Title: A System With Conjugates |  
Problem 341  
Presenter: aplusbi

## 1 The Problem

Given the relations

$$z + \bar{w} = 3 + 2i \equiv a_0, \quad (1a)$$

$$w - \bar{z} = 5 - 4i \equiv b_0, \quad (1b)$$

find the values of  $z, w$ .

## 2 The Solution

My solution started with taking the complex conjugate of (1b):

$$\bar{w} - z = \bar{b}_0. \quad (2)$$

Now if we subtract (2) from (1a), we get

$$z = \frac{1}{2}(a_0 - \bar{b}_0) = -1 - i. \quad (3)$$

And if we add (2) to (1a), we get

$$\bar{w} = \frac{1}{2}(a_0 + \bar{b}_0) = 4 + 3i. \quad (4)$$

Hence,

$$w = 4 - 3i. \quad (5)$$