

Complex Numbers

To multiply complex numbers multiply each of the 4 parts of the complex numbers together – using Multiplication of Polynomial Rules, and remember $i^2 = -1$.

Formulas:

$$\diamond (a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + cb)i \text{ From FOIL}$$

$$\circ (a + bi)(c + di) \rightarrow ac + adi + cbi + bd i^2 \rightarrow ac + adi + cbi + bd(-1)$$

$$\diamond (a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$$

From Product of Sum and Difference

Examples:

$$\diamond .$$

$$\diamond 4i(7i) \rightarrow 28i^2 \rightarrow -28$$

$$6i(2 + 3i) \rightarrow 6i * 2 + 6i * 3i \rightarrow$$

$$\diamond 12i + 18i^2 \rightarrow -18 + 12i$$

$$\diamond (5 + 4i)(7 + 9i) \rightarrow (5 * 7 - 4 * 9) + (5 * 9 + 7 * 4)i \rightarrow -1 + 73i$$

$$\diamond (3 + 2i)(3 - 2i) \rightarrow 9 + 4 \rightarrow 13$$

$$(4 + 2i)(3 - 4i) \rightarrow 4 * 3 + 4 * (-4i) + 2i * 3 + 2i * (-4i) \rightarrow$$

$$\diamond 12 - 16i + 6i - 8i^2 \rightarrow 12 - 10i - 8(-1) \rightarrow$$

$$12 - 10i + 8 \rightarrow 20 - 10i$$