

**Essential Question: How do we multiply and divide complex numbers?**

Consider about multiplication. What is  $(\sqrt{-1})^2$ ? Let's try to find a pattern to the powers of  $i$ :

- R1  $i = i$
- R2  $i^2 = -1$
- R3  $i^3 = -i$
- R4  $i^4 = 1$
- $i^5 = i$
- $i^6 = -1$
- $i^7 = -i$
- $i^8 = 1$

Notice that every 4 values, the pattern repeats. To figure out where we are in the pattern for bigger exponents, we can divide the exponent by 4 and use the remainder.

**Model:** For  $i^{22}$  consider  $22 \div 4$ . It has a remainder of 2. So,  $i^{22} = i^2 = -1$

**Examples:**

1.  $i^{12} = 1$

2.  $i^{26} = -1$

$\begin{array}{r} 4 \overline{)26} \\ 24 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$  R2

3.  $i^{18} = -1$   $4 \cdot 4 = 16$  R2

4.  $i^{11} = -i$   $\begin{array}{r} 4 \overline{)11} \\ 8 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$  R3  $\boxed{-i}$

When we multiply complex numbers, we multiply similarly to variable expressions. We can distribute and then combine like terms.

**Examples:**

5.  $(8 + 5i)(2 - 3i)$   
 $16 - 24i + 10i - 15i^2$   
 $\boxed{31 - 14i}$

6.  $(-6 + 2i)(5 - 3i)$   
 $-30 + 18i - 10i - 6i^2$   
 $-30 + 8i + 6$   
 $\boxed{-24 + 8i}$

7.  $4(4i + 12)(3 - 2i)$   
 $(16i + 48)(3 - 2i)$   
 $48i - 32i^2 + 144 - 96i$   
 $\boxed{-48i + 176}$

8.  $(11 - 3i)(11 + 3i)$   
 $121 + 33i - 33i - 9i^2$   
 $121 + 9 = \boxed{130}$

Notice in our last example what happened to  $i$ . This is because the expressions are known as conjugates. We will use this property to divide (or rationalize) complex numbers.

REMEMBER: Whatever we multiply with the denominator, we need to also multiply with the numerator!!

$$\text{Model: } \frac{3}{9-i} \cdot \frac{(9+i)}{(9+i)} = \frac{27+3i}{9^2+1^2} = \frac{27}{82} + \frac{3}{82}i$$

**Examples:** Write the following in standard form.

$$9. \frac{(3-i)}{2+7i} \cdot \frac{(2-7i)}{(2-7i)}$$

$$\frac{6-21i-2i+14i^2}{4+49}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-8-23i}{53}}$$

$$10. \frac{8i}{1+2i} \cdot \frac{1-2i}{1-2i} = \frac{8i+16i^2}{1+4}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-16+8i}{5}}$$

$$11. \frac{(5+2i)(3+i)}{3-i} \cdot \frac{3+i}{3+i} = \frac{15+5i+6i+2i^2}{9+1}$$

$$\frac{15+11i-2}{10}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{13+11i}{10}}$$

$$12. \frac{2-3i}{2i} \cdot \frac{i}{i} = \frac{2i+3}{2i^2} = \frac{2i+3}{-2} = \boxed{\frac{3+2i}{-2}}$$

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## Homework: Multiplying and Dividing Complex Numbers

1.  $(12+7i)(2-4i)$

$$24 - 48i + 14i - 28i^2$$

$$24 - 34i + 28$$

$$\boxed{52 - 34i}$$

2.  $(3+8i)(11-5i)$

3.  $(4i-6i)(9i+10)$

4.  $6(1-i)(1+i)$

$$6(1+i^2)$$

$$\boxed{12}$$

5.  $\frac{(3+2i)(1+3i)}{(1-3i)(1+3i)}$

$$\frac{3+9i+2i+6i^2}{1+9} = \frac{-3+11i}{10}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-3+11i}{10}}$$

6.  $\frac{6-4i}{4+5i} \cdot \frac{(4-5i)}{(4-5i)}$

$$\frac{24-30i-16i+20i^2}{16+25}$$

7.  $\frac{2-3i}{i} \cdot \frac{i}{i}$

$$\frac{2i-3i^2}{i^2}$$

$$\frac{2i+3}{-1}$$

$$\boxed{-(3+2i)}$$

8.  $\frac{4+5i}{2-i}$

9.  $\frac{6+7i}{3+2i}$

