

Complex numbers

$$C = a + ib$$

↑
real part imaginary part $i^2 = -1$

Adding: add the real parts and add the imaginary parts

$$(1 + 2i) + (3 - 4i) = (1+3) + (2-4)i$$

$$= 4 - 2i$$

Multiplying: use FOIL, remembering $i^2 = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + 2i) \cdot (3 - 4i) &= 1 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot (-4i) + (2i \cdot 3) + (2i) \cdot (-4i) \\ &= 3 - 4i + 6i + 8 \\ &= 11 + 2i \end{aligned}$$

$$z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$$

$$z_1 = z_0^2 + C$$

$$= (x_0 + iy_0)^2 + (a + ib)$$

$$= x_0^2 - y_0^2 + 2x_0y_0i + a + ib$$

$$= (x_0^2 - y_0^2 + a) + (2x_0y_0 + b)i$$

$$z_2 = z_1^2 + C$$

$$z_3 = z_2^2 + C$$

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Mandelbrot formula

$$z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + C$$