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Read the directions.

1. (3 points) Find the constant of variation if  $y$  varies inversely as  $x$  and  $y = 34$  when  $x = 0.5$ .

- A.  $k = 23$   
B.  $k = 0$   
C.  $k = -856$   
**D.  $k = 17$**   
E.  $k = 1$

2. (4 points) Solve the quadratic equation by **factoring**.

$$2x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0 \quad (1)$$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0 &\implies 2x^2 + 6x - x - 3 = 0 \\ &\implies 2x(x + 3) - (x + 3) = 0 \\ &\implies (2x - 1)(x + 3) = 0 \\ &\implies 2x - 1 = 0 \text{ or } x + 3 = 0 \\ &\implies x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = -3. \end{aligned}$$

3. (3 points) Multiply and simplify.

$$(3 - 4i)(6 + 2i) \quad (2)$$

- A.  $26 - 18i$**   
B. 0  
C. 57  
D.  $2 + 5i$   
E.  $7i$

4. (1 point) **BONUS** Solve  $x^2+4=0$ . **Solution.**  $x^2+4=0 \implies x^2=-4 \implies x=\pm\sqrt{-4} \implies x=\pm 4i$ . It might be ambiguous whether the last or second-to-last step is the solution here. If one makes the convention that answers can never contain negative numbers under square roots, then  $\pm 4i$  is correct.

## USEFUL FORMULAS

- $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$
- $y = mx + b$
- $Ax + By = C$
- $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
- $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$
- $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
- $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
- $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$
- $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$
- $d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$
- $\left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$
- $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$
- $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
- $I = Prt$
- $A = P + Prt$
- $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
- $\frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$
- $d = rt$
- $a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$
- $a^0 = 1$
- $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$
- $(a^m)^n = a^{m \cdot n}$
- $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$
- $\frac{1}{a^n} = a^{-n}$
- $\left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}, (b \neq 0)$
- $i = \sqrt{-1}$
- $i^2 = -1$