

**Question**

Simplify

$$\left(\frac{a+ib}{a-ib}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a-ib}{a+ib}\right)^2$$

**Answer**

$$\left(\frac{a+ib}{a-ib}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a-ib}{a+ib}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(a+ib)^4 - (a-ib)^4}{(a+ib)^2(a-ib)^2} \\ &= \frac{(a^2 + 2aib - b^2)^2 - (a^2 - 2aib - b^2)}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{a^4 + 4a^3ib - 6a^2b^2 - 4aib^3 + b^4 - (a^4 - 4a^3ib - 6a^2b^2 + 4aib^3 + b^4)}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{8a^3bi - 8ab^3i}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{8iab(a^2 - b^2)}{(a^2 + b^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$