

Complex Number 1

1. Given that $\sqrt{z} = \frac{2}{1-i} + 1 - 2i$, express the complex number z in the form $x + yi$.

$$\sqrt{z} = \frac{2}{1-i} + 1 - 2i = \frac{2(1+i)}{(1-i)(1+i)} + 1 - 2i = \frac{2(1+i)}{2} + 1 - 2i = 2 - i$$

$$z = (2 - i)^2 = 3 - 4i$$

2. Calculate, in the form $a + ib$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, the square root of $16 - 30i$.

Method 1

$$(a + ib)^2 = 16 - 30i$$

$$(a^2 - b^2) + 2abi = 16 - 30i$$

$$\begin{cases} a^2 - b^2 = 16 \dots (1) \\ 2ab = -30 \dots (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{From (2), } b = -\frac{15}{a} \dots (3)$$

$$\text{Substitute (3) in (1), } a^2 - \left(-\frac{15}{a}\right)^2 = 16 \Rightarrow a^4 - 16a^2 - 225 = 0 \Rightarrow (a^2 + 9)(a^2 - 25) = 0$$

$$\text{Since } a, b \in \mathbb{R}, a^2 + 9 = 0 \text{ has no solution, } a^2 = 25 \Rightarrow a = \pm 5$$

$$\text{From (3), } a + bi = 5 - 3i \text{ or } -5 + 3i$$

Method 2

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{16 - 30i} &= \sqrt{16 - 2(5)(3)i} = \sqrt{(5^2 - 3^2) - 2(5)(3)i} = \sqrt{(5^2 + (3i)^2) - 2(5)(3)i} \\ &= \sqrt{5^2 - 2(5)(3)i + (3i)^2} = \sqrt{[\pm(5 - 3i)]^2} = \pm(5 - 3i) \end{aligned}$$

3. Express the complex number $z = \sqrt{3} - i$ in its polar form. Hence, find $z^6 + \frac{1}{z^6}$ and $z^6 - \frac{1}{z^6}$.

$$|z| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (-1)^2} = 2, \quad \arg z = \tan^{-1} \frac{(-1)}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore z = 2 \left[\cos \left(-\frac{\pi}{6} \right) + i \sin \left(-\frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} z^6 &= 2^6 \left[\cos \left(-\frac{\pi}{6} \right) + i \sin \left(-\frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right]^6 = 2^6 \left[\cos 6 \left(-\frac{\pi}{6} \right) + i \sin 6 \left(-\frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right], \text{ by de Moivre's Theorem} \\ &= 64 [\cos(-\pi) + i \sin(-\pi)] \\ &= -64 \end{aligned}$$

$$z^6 + \frac{1}{z^6} = -64 - \frac{1}{64} = -\frac{4097}{64}, \quad z^6 - \frac{1}{z^6} = -64 + \frac{1}{64} = -\frac{4095}{64}$$

4. If $z = 1 + 2i$ is a root of the equation $z^4 - z^3 + 4z^2 + 3z + 5 = 0$, express $z^4 - z^3 + 4z^2 + 3z + 5$ as a product of two quadratic factors. Hence, find the complex roots of the equation $z^4 - z^3 + 4z^2 + 3z + 5 = 0$.

If $z = 1 + 2i$ is a root, then $z = 1 - 2i$ is also a root.

Then $[z - (1 + 2i)][z - (1 - 2i)] = (z - 1)^2 - (2i)^2 = z^2 - 2z + 5$
is a factor of $z^4 - z^3 + 4z^2 + 3z + 5$.

By division, $\frac{z^4 - z^3 + 4z^2 + 3z + 5}{z^2 - 2z + 5} = z^2 + z + 1$.

Hence $z^4 - z^3 + 4z^2 + 3z + 5 = (z^2 - 2z + 5)(z^2 + z + 1)$

The given equation then becomes: $(z^2 - 2z + 5)(z^2 + z + 1) = 0$

$$z^2 - 2z + 5 = 0 \text{ or } z^2 + z + 1 = 0$$

$$z = 1 \pm 2i \text{ or } z = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}.$$

5. Solve the equation $z^5 + 32 = 0$.

$$z^5 + 32 = 0 \Rightarrow z^5 = -32 = 32(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi) \Rightarrow z = 2[\cos \pi + i \sin \pi]^{\frac{1}{5}}$$

By de Moivre's Theorem, we have:

$$z = 2[\cos(2k\pi + \pi) + i \sin(2k\pi + \pi)]^{\frac{1}{5}} = 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{2k\pi + \pi}{5}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2k\pi + \pi}{5}\right)\right], \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

$$z_0 = 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{5}\right)\right] \approx 1.6180339887499 + 1.1755705045849i$$

$$z_1 = 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{5}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{5}\right)\right] \approx -0.6180339887499 + 1.9021130325903i$$

$$z_2 = 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{5}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{5}\right)\right] = -2$$

$$z_4 = 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{5}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{5}\right)\right] \approx -0.6180339887499 - 1.9021130325903i$$

$$z_5 = 2\left[\cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{5}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{9\pi}{5}\right)\right] \approx 1.6180339887499 - 1.1755705045849i$$