

Complex number 2

1. Given $z_1 = 2 + i$, $z_2 = 3 - 4i$ and $\frac{1}{z_3} = \frac{1}{z_1} + 2z_2$, find z_3 .

Write your answer in the standard form of $a + bi$.

Hence, find the modulus and principal argument of z_3 .

State your answers correct to three decimal places.

$$\frac{1}{z_3} = \frac{1}{z_1} + 2z_2 \Rightarrow z_3 = \frac{z_1}{1+2z_1z_2} = \frac{2+i}{1+2(2+i)(3-4i)} = \frac{2+i}{21-10i} = \frac{(2+i)(21+10i)}{(21-10i)(21+10i)} = \frac{32+41i}{541} = \frac{32}{541} + \frac{41}{541}i$$

$$|z_3| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{32}{541}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{41}{541}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2705}}{541} \approx 0.0961360711567 \approx \mathbf{0.096} \text{ (to 3 dec.places)}$$

$$\text{Arg}(z_3) = \tan^{-1} \frac{\frac{41}{541}}{\frac{32}{541}} = \tan^{-1} \frac{41}{32} \approx 0.9080668189019 \approx \mathbf{0.908 \text{ radians}} \text{ (to 3 dec.places)}$$

2. Given that $|z - 1| = 2|z + 1|$, find the Cartesian equation of the locus of the point P representing complex number z .

Hence, sketch the locus of the point P on an Argand diagram.

Let $z = x + yi$

$$|z - 1| = 2|z + 1|$$

$$\Rightarrow |x + yi - 1| = 2|x + yi + 1|$$

$$\Rightarrow |(x - 1) + yi|^2 = 4|(x + 1) + yi|^2$$

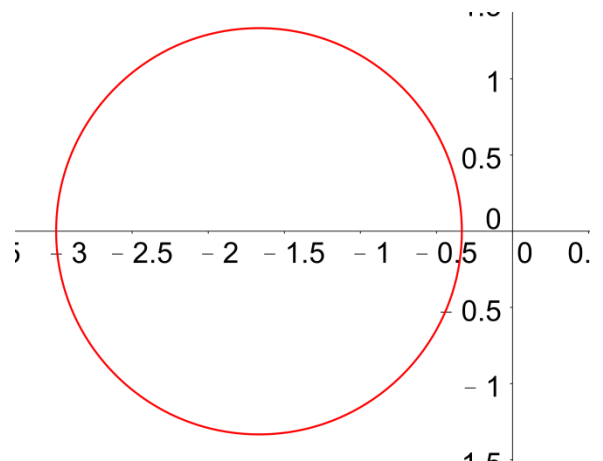
$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 4[(x + 1)^2 + y^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 + 3y^2 + 10x + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + \frac{10}{3}x + 1 = 0$$

Locus is a circle centre = $-\frac{5}{3}$,

$$\text{radius} = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right)^2 - 1} = \frac{4}{3}$$



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

$$z^5 = -32i = 32 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 32 \operatorname{cis} \left(2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right), \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

By de Moirves' Theorem,

$$z_k = (-32i)^{\frac{1}{5}} = \left[32 \operatorname{cis} \left(2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{5}} = 2 \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}}{5} \right), \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

$$z_0 = 2 \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{\pi}{10} \right) \approx 1.9021 - 0.6180i$$

$$z_1 = 2 \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{3\pi}{10} \right) \approx 1.1756 + 1.6180i$$

$$z_2 = 2 \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{5\pi}{10} \right) = -2i$$

$$z_3 = 2 \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{7\pi}{10} \right) \approx -1.1756 + 1.6180i$$

$$z_4 = 2 \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{9\pi}{10} \right) \approx -1.9021 - 0.6180i$$

4. If the equation $z^3 + az + b = 0$ has a root $z = -1 + i$ where a, b are real numbers, find the values of a, b . Show that $z = -1 - i$ is also a root of the equation.

$$(-1 + i)^3 + a(-1 + i) + b = 0 \Rightarrow (2 + 2i) + a(-1 + i) + b = 0 \Rightarrow (2 - a + b)i + (2 + a) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 2 - a + b = 0 \\ 2 + a = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = -2 \\ b = -4 \end{cases}$$

The equation becomes $z^3 - 2z - 4 = 0$

Since $(-1 - i)^3 - 2(-1 - i) - 4 = (2 - 2i) - 2(-1 - i) - 4 = 0$, $z = -1 - i$ is also a root of the equation.

5. (a) One of the roots of the equation $4x^3 + x + 5 = 0$ is an integer. Find this root and write down a quadratic equation for the remaining roots. Find these roots, expressing your answer in the standard form of $a + bi$.
- (b) By writing $y = \frac{1}{x}$, find the roots of the equation $5y^3 + y^2 + 4 = 0$, giving the complex roots in the form $a + bi$.

(a) $f(x) = 4x^3 + x + 5$, $f(-1) = 4(-1) + (-1) + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow (x + 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

By division, we have $4x^3 + x + 5 = (x + 1)(4x^2 - 4x + 5) = 0$

$$\therefore x = -1 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} - i \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} + i.$$

(b) $5y^3 + y^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow 5\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow 4x^3 + x + 5 = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{y} = -1 \text{ or } \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{2} - i \text{ or } \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{2} + i$$

$$\therefore y = -1 \text{ or } \frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{5}i \text{ or } \frac{2}{5} - \frac{4}{5}i$$

6. Find the roots of the equation $(z - i\alpha)^3 = i^3$, where α is a real constant.

(a) Show that the points representing the roots of the above equation form an equilateral triangle.

(b) Solve the equation $[z - (1 + i)]^3 = (2i)^3$.

(c) If ω is a root of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \neq 0$, show that the conjugate ω' is also a root of this equation.

(d) Hence, or otherwise, obtain a polynomial equation of degree six with three of its roots also the roots of the equation $(z - 1)^3 = i^3$

(a) $(z - i\alpha)^3 = i^3 = -i = \text{cis} \left(2k\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2} \right), k \in \mathbb{R}$

$$z - i\alpha = \left[\text{cis} \left(2k\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) \right]^{1/3} = \text{cis} \left(\frac{2k\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3} \right), k = 0, 1, 2.$$

$$\therefore z = i\alpha + \text{cis} \left(\frac{2k\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3} \right), k = 0, 1, 2.$$

$$z_0 = i\alpha + \cos \left(\frac{0 + \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{0 + \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3} \right) = (\alpha + 1)i$$

$$z_1 = i\alpha + \cos \left(\frac{2\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{2\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3} \right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right)i$$

$$z_2 = i\alpha + \cos \left(\frac{4\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3} \right) + i \sin \left(\frac{4\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}}{3} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right)i$$

$$|z_0 - z_1| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 + \left[(\alpha + 1) - \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]^2} = 3$$

$$|z_1 - z_2| = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 + \left[\left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]^2} = 3$$

$$|z_2 - z_0| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 + \left[\left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\right) - (\alpha + 1)\right]^2} = 3$$

Thus the points representing the roots of the above equation form an equilateral triangle.

$$(b) [z - (1 + i)]^3 = (2i)^3 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{z-(1+i)}{2}\right]^3 = i^3 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{z-1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right]^3 = i^3$$

$$\text{By (a), } \frac{z_0-1}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{2} + 1\right)i \Rightarrow z_0 = 1 + 3i$$

$$\frac{z_1-1}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)i \Rightarrow z_1 = 1 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\frac{z_2-1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)i \Rightarrow z_2 = 1 + \sqrt{3}$$

(c) If ω is a root of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then $a\omega^2 + b\omega + c = 0$
 $\overline{a\omega^2 + b\omega + c} = \bar{0} \Rightarrow \bar{a}\bar{\omega}^2 + \bar{b}\bar{\omega} + \bar{c} = 0 \Rightarrow a\bar{\omega}^2 + b\bar{\omega} + c = 0$, since $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$
 $\omega' = \bar{\omega}$ is also a root of this equation.

Alternatively, we can set $\omega = u + vi, \omega' = u - vi$

$$\begin{aligned} a\omega^2 + b\omega + c &= 0 \Rightarrow a(u + vi)^2 + b(u + vi) + c = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (au^2 - av^2 + bu + c) + (2auv + bv)i = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (au^2 - av^2 + bu + c = 0) \text{ and } (2auv + bv) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$a\omega'^2 + b\omega' + c = a(u - vi)^2 + b(u - vi) + c = (au^2 - av^2 + bu + c) - (2auv + bv)i = 0$$

Thus, ω' is also a root of the equation.

(d) **Method 1 (More complicate, but it satisfies the former part of quadratics)**

Replace $i\alpha$ by 1 in part (a), the roots of $(z - 1)^3 = i^3$ are

$$z_0 = 1 + i, \quad z_1 = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i, \quad z_2 = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i$$

$$\text{Their conjugates are } z'_0 = 1 - i, \quad z'_1 = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i, \quad z'_2 = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$$

Hence, the required polynomial equation of degree six is

$$[z-(1+i)][z-(1-i)]\left[z-\left(1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}-\frac{1}{2}i\right)\right]\left[z-\left(1-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}+\frac{1}{2}i\right)\right]\left[z-\left(1+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}-\frac{1}{2}i\right)\right]\left[z-\left(1+\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}+\frac{1}{2}i\right)\right]=0,$$

which is the product of three quadratics:

$$\begin{aligned} (z^2 - 2z + 2)(z^2 + \sqrt{3}z - 2z - \sqrt{3} + 2)(z^2 - \sqrt{3}z - 2z + \sqrt{3} + 2) &= 0 \\ (z^2 - 2z + 2)(z^4 - 4z^3 + 5z^2 - 2z + 1) &= 0 \\ z^6 - 6z^5 + 15z^4 - 20z^3 + 15z^2 - 6z + 2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Method 2 (faster, but it does not use the former part of quadratics)

However, we you simply find a polynomial equation of degree six with real coefficients.

Consider $[(z - 1)^3 - i^3][(z - 1)^3 + i^3] = 0$,

which obviously has the roots of the equation $(z - 1)^3 = i^3$.

$[(z - 1)^3 + i][(z - 1)^3 - i] = 0$ (note that the conjugates are also roots)

$$(z - 1)^6 - i^2 = 0$$

$$(z - 1)^6 + 1 = 0$$

$$z^6 - 6z^5 + 15z^4 - 20z^3 + 15z^2 - 6z + 2 = 0$$

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