



Tutorial 4B : Complex Numbers II: Polar Form

Section A (Basic Questions)

Do these questions without a GC first, then verify your answers using a GC wherever possible.

- 1 For each of the following complex number, express it in polar form:

(a) $\sqrt{3} + i$

(b) $-1 + i\sqrt{3}$

(c) $i^2(1 + i)$

(d) $-i(1 + i)$

(e) $\sin \theta + i \cos \theta$, where $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

[a] $2e^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$ b] $2e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}}$ c] $\sqrt{2}e^{i(-\frac{3\pi}{4})}$ d] $\sqrt{2}e^{i(-\frac{\pi}{4})}$ e] $e^{i(\frac{\pi}{2}-\theta)}$

- 2 Express the following complex numbers in the form $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$:

(a) $2e^{i\frac{5\pi}{6}}$

(b) $5e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}$

[a] $-\sqrt{3} + i$ b] $\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2}(1 - i)$

- 3 The complex numbers z_1 and z_2 are such that

$$|z_1| = 2, \arg(z_1) = \frac{\pi}{3}, |z_2| = \sqrt{2}, \arg(z_2) = -\frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

Find the modulus and argument of the following:

(a) $\frac{1}{z_1}$

(b) z_1^*

(c) $-z_1$

(d) $z_1 z_2$

(e) z_2^2

(f) $\frac{z_1}{z_2}$

[a] $\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{3}$ b] $2, -\frac{\pi}{3}$ c] $2, -\frac{2\pi}{3}$ d] $2\sqrt{2}, -\frac{5\pi}{12}$ e] $2, \frac{\pi}{2}$ f] $\sqrt{2}, -\frac{11\pi}{12}$

- 4 The complex numbers z and w are such that

$$|z| = 2, \arg(z) = -\frac{2\pi}{3}, |w| = 5, \arg(w) = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

Find the exact values of (a) $\operatorname{Re}(z)$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z)$, (b) $\left|\frac{w^2}{z}\right|$, $\arg\left(\frac{w^2}{z}\right)$ and $\operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{w^2}{z}\right)$.

[a] $-1, -\sqrt{3}$ b] $\frac{25}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{25}{4}$

Section B (Standard Questions)

- 5 The complex number w has modulus $\sqrt{2}$ and argument $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$, and the complex number z has modulus 2 and argument $-\frac{\pi}{3}$.

Find the exact values of the modulus and argument of wz .

By expressing w and z in the form $x+iy$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, find the exact real and imaginary parts of wz . Hence show that $\sin \frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}}$.

$$[2\sqrt{2}, \frac{11\pi}{12}; -1-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}-1]$$

- 6 Express the complex numbers $z_1 = \frac{1+i}{1-i}$ and $z_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{1-i}$ in polar form.

Draw an Argand diagram showing the points representing z_1 , z_2 and $z_1 + z_2$.

Deduce from your diagram that $\tan \frac{3\pi}{8} = 1 + \sqrt{2}$.

$$[z_1 = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}, z_2 = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}]$$

- 7 [9740/2012/01/Q6]

Do not use a calculator in answering this question

The complex number z is given by $z = 1+ic$ where c is a non-zero real number.

- Find z^3 in the form $x+iy$.
- Given that z^3 is real, find the possible values of z .
- For the value of z found in part (ii) for which $c < 0$, find the smallest positive integer n such that $|z^n| > 1000$. State the modulus and argument of z^n when n takes this value.

$$[(i) z^3 = 1 - 3c^2 + i(3c - c^3) (ii) z = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}i (iii) \text{ smallest } n = 10, |z^{10}| = 1024, \arg z^{10} = \frac{2\pi}{3}]$$

- 8 [9740/2014/02/Q4(b)]

It is given that $w = \sqrt{3} - i$.

- Without using a calculator, find an exact expression for w^6 . Give your answer in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where $r > 0$ and $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$.
- Without using a calculator, find the three smallest positive whole number values of n for which $\frac{w^n}{w^*}$ is a real number.

$$[(i) 64e^{i\pi} (ii) n = 5, 11, 17]$$

9 [JJC Prelim 9740/2014/02/Q4(i)]

The complex numbers p and q are given by

$$p = 1 - i \text{ and } q = 1 + \sqrt{3}i.$$

Two other complex numbers r and s are given by

$$r = k + i \text{ and } s = \frac{p^2 r}{q^3}, \text{ where } k \text{ is a real number.}$$

Given that $|s| = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\arg(s) = -\frac{2}{3}\pi$, find the value of k .

$$\ln\left(\frac{p^2 r}{q^3}\right) = 2 \ln p + \ln r - 3 \ln q$$

$$[k = -\sqrt{3}]$$

10 [NJC Prelim 9740/2014/02/Q3]

(a) Given that $\left|\frac{2i - z^*}{z} - 1\right|^2 - z = i$, find z in the form $x + iy$.

(b) Let $p = -\sqrt{3} + i$ and $q = -4i$.

(i) Write down p and q exactly in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where $r > 0$ and $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$.

(ii) Find the exact value of $\frac{p^{10}}{q^5} + \frac{q^5}{p^{10}}$.

$$[(a) 4 - i, (b)(i) 2e^{i\frac{5\pi}{6}}, 4e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} (ii) -\sqrt{3}]$$

11 (a) In an Argand diagram, the points A, B, C, D represent the complex numbers a, b, c, d respectively. Given that $ABCD$ is a square described in an anticlockwise sense, with $a = 1 + i$ and $c = 7 + 3i$, find b and d .

(b) In an Argand diagram, O is the origin, and the point P represents the complex number $3 + i$. The point Q represents the complex number $a + ib$, where $a, b > 0$, and triangle OPQ is equilateral. Find the exact values of a and b .

$$[(a) b = 5 - i, d = 3 + 5i (b) a = \frac{1}{2}(3 - \sqrt{3}), b = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 3\sqrt{3})]$$

Section C (Extensions / Challenging Questions)

12 Let z_1 and z_2 be distinct complex numbers.

Classify the following statements as true or false, justifying your answers.

(i) If $|z_1| = |z_2|$, then $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2}\right) = 0$. (ii) If $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2}\right) = 0$, then $|z_1| = |z_2|$.

13 9205/1999/02/Q12b

The complex numbers z and w each have modulus R , and have arguments α and β respectively, where $0 < \alpha < \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

In either order,

(i) show that $z + w = 2R \left\{ \cos \left(\frac{1}{2}(\beta - \alpha) \right) \right\} e^{\frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta)i}$,

(ii) express $|z + w|$ and $\arg(z + w)$ in terms of R , α and β , as appropriate.

Show also that $|z - w| = 2R \sin \left(\frac{1}{2}(\beta - \alpha) \right)$.

The complex numbers z and w are represented by the points Z and W respectively on an Argand diagram with origin O . Triangle OZW has area Δ .

Show that $|z^2 - w^2| = 4\Delta$.

Section D (Self-Practice Questions)

1(i) Find the exact values of $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\frac{3}{x + iy} + \frac{5}{2 + 6i} = 4$. [3]

(ii) The complex number z is given by $-\sqrt{3} + i$.

Find the modulus and argument of z .

Find the smallest positive integer value k such that $\left(\frac{1}{z} \right)^k$ is real. [5]

[1i] $x = \frac{10}{13}, y = -\frac{2}{13}$ ii) $2, \frac{5\pi}{6}$; smallest $k = 6$]

2 Show that the complex number $z = 1 + e^{-i\frac{\pi}{3}}$ can be expressed as $\sqrt{3}e^{-i\frac{\pi}{6}}$.

The complex number zw has modulus 5 and argument $\frac{3\pi}{4}$. Find the complex number w in polar form. [5]

[2] $w = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3} e^{i\frac{11\pi}{12}}$

3 CJC Prelim 9740/2009/01/Q8a

One of the roots of the equation $z^4 - z^3 + 4z^2 + 3z + p = 0$ is $1 - 2i$, where p is a constant.

A student says that "One of the other roots must be $1 + 2i$."

Explain why this statement is not entirely correct.

(i) Determine the value of p .

(ii) Find the exact values of all the other roots of the equation.

[3(i) $p = 5$ ii) $-\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$]

4 TPJC Prelim 9740/2008/01/Q6 (modified)

Given that $z_1 = 1 - 2i$ is a root of the quadratic equation $z^2 + az + b = 0$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, find the values of a and b . Mark on an Argand diagram the points P_1 and P_2 , which represent the roots z_1 and z_2 of the quadratic equation $z^2 + az + b = 0$. A third point P_3 is on the real axis such that P_1 , P_2 and P_3 form a triangle which encloses the origin with an area of 8 square units. Find the complex number represented by the point P_3 .

[5]

$$P_3 = 3$$

$$[4] \ a = -2, b = 5; -3]$$

5 NJC Prelim 9740/2007/01/Q8 (modified)

Given that $z = \frac{i-1}{(\sqrt{3}+i)^2}$, find the exact modulus of z , and show that the argument of z is $\frac{5\pi}{12}$.

[3]

Find the exact values of a and b which satisfy the equation $z^3 = e^{a+ib}$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $-\pi < b \leq \pi$.

[3]

$$[5] \ |z| = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}; \ a = -\frac{9}{2}\ln 2, \ b = -\frac{3\pi}{4}]$$

6 JJC Prelim 9233/2006/02/Q3

Given that $z = \frac{(-1+i\sqrt{3})^{10}}{(i)^{14}}$, express z in the form $a+ib$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, giving the exact values of a and b .

[4]

$$[a = 512, b = -512\sqrt{3}]$$

7 DHS Prelim 9740/2013/02/Q4

The equation $z^4 - 4z^3 + az^2 - 20z + 25 = 0$, $a \in \mathbb{R}$, has a root ki , where k is a real number.

(i) Explain clearly why there is more than one possible value for k .

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(ii) Find the possible exact values of k and show that $a = 10$.

Hence find the roots of the above equation.

[7]

(iii) Deduce the roots of the following equations in the form $x+iy$, where x and y are real,

(a) $w^4 + 4iw^3 - 10w^2 - 20iw + 25 = 0$,

(b) $25v^4 - 20v^3 + 10v^2 - 4v + 1 = 0$.

[4]

$$[k = \pm\sqrt{5}, z = \pm\sqrt{5}i, 2 \pm i, w = \pm\sqrt{5}, \pm 1 - 2i, v = \pm\frac{i}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{5}(2 \pm i)]$$

8 PJC Common Test 2 9740/2007/Q2

- (i) Find the fourth roots of the complex number $8(1+i\sqrt{3})$, giving your answers exactly in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where $r > 0$ and $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$. [4]
- (ii) Sketch the points P_1, P_2, P_3 and P_4 on an Argand diagram, where P_1, P_2, P_3 and P_4 represent the roots of $8(1+i\sqrt{3})$. Prove that $P_1P_2P_3P_4$ form a square. [3]

$$[(i) \ 2e^{i\left(\frac{6k+1}{12}\right)\pi}, k = -2, -1, 0, 1]$$

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HCI Prelim 9740/2007/02/Q2

The equation E is given by $z^4 + az^2 + b = 0$, where a and b are constants.

- (a) Solve E when $a=0$ and $b=1-i\sqrt{3}$, giving your answers in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where $r > 0$ and $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$. [3]

The points A, B, C and D represent the roots of the equation E on an Argand diagram. By considering the modulus and argument of each of the roots found, identify the shape of the quadrilateral $ABCD$. Justify your answer. [5]

- (b) Find the range of values of b such that all the roots to E are real when $a = -2$. [3]

$$[(a) \ 2^{\frac{1}{4}} e^{i\left(\frac{3k+1}{6}\right)\pi}, k = -2, -1, 0, 1; \text{ square } (b) \ 0 \leq b \leq 1]$$