

Complex Numbers - Practice Exam 8

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Question 1. Let $z = \sin \vartheta + i \cos \vartheta$. Show that

$$|z + 1| = \sqrt{2 + 2 \sin \vartheta}.$$

Question 2. Determine the roots, in polar form, of

$$z^2 - 2z \sin \vartheta + 1 = 0.$$

Question 3. Show that $|z - 2i| = 4 - |z|$ may be written as

$$\frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{4} = 1.$$

Question 4. Determine, with justification, whether it is possible to have a degree three polynomial $p(z)$, with real coefficients, such that $z = 2$, $z = 3 + i$ and $z = -3 - i$ are the roots of $p(z)$.

Question 5. (Dr. Lloyd Gunatilake).

a. Solve the equation $z^5 - 1 = 0$.

b. Hence, show that the roots of the equation $(z + 1)^5 = z^5$ are given by

$$z_k = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i \cot \left(\frac{k\pi}{5} \right),$$

where $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$.