

Tutorial 1

Question 1

Suppose a and b are real numbers, not both 0 . Find real number c and d such that

$$1/(a + bi) = c + di$$

Solution

To Prove

$$1/(a + bi) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} c + di$$

Now

$$\frac{1}{a+bi} = c + di$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{1(a-bi)}{(a+bi)(a-bi)} = c + di$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{a-bi}{a^2-b^2} = c + bi \quad (\because i^2 = -1)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{a}{a^2-b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2-b^2}i = c + di$$

$$\therefore c = \frac{a}{a^2-b^2}, \quad d = \frac{-b}{a^2-b^2}$$

Question 2

Show that $\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}$ is a cube root of 1 (meaning that its cube equals 1).

Solution

To prove

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

Let

$$x = \frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 &= \left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^2 \\
 \text{or, } x^2 &= \frac{1-2\sqrt{3}i-3}{4} \\
 \text{or, } x^2 &= 2\left(\frac{-1-\sqrt{3}i}{4}\right) \\
 \therefore x^2 &= \frac{-1-\sqrt{3}i}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3 &= x \cdot x^2 \\
 \text{or, } x^3 &= \left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{-1-\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right) \\
 \text{Taking '-' sign common on both ends.} \\
 x^3 &= \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right) \\
 \text{or, } x^3 &= \frac{1^2-\sqrt{3}i^2}{2^2} \\
 \text{or, } x^3 &= \frac{1+3}{4} = 1 \\
 \therefore x^3 &= 1 \\
 \therefore \left(\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)^3 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 4

Show that $\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$.

Solution

Let us suppose

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= a_1 + b_1i \\
 \text{and, } \beta &= a_2 + b_2i
 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha + \beta &= (a_1 + b_1i) + (a_2 + b_2i) \\
 &= (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)i \text{ --- } I
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta + \alpha &= (a_2 + b_2i) + (a_1 + b_1i) \\
 &= (a_2 + a_1) + (b_2 + b_1)i \\
 &= (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)i \text{ --- } II \\
 &\quad (\because a + b = b + a \text{ where } a, b \in \mathbb{R})
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore eq^n I$ and $eq^n II$ are same we can say $\alpha + \beta = \beta + \alpha \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$.

Question 5

Show that $(\alpha + \beta) + \lambda = \alpha + (\beta + \lambda) \forall \alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Let us Suppose

$$\alpha = a_1 + b_1i$$

$$\beta = a_2 + b_2i$$

$$\lambda = a_3 + b_3i$$

where $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, a_3, b_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ and i is imaginary unit.

Now

$$\begin{aligned}(\alpha + \beta)\lambda &= ((a_1 + b_1i) + (a_2 + b_2i)) + (a_3 + b_3i) \\&= ((a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)i) + (a_3 + b_3i) \\&= (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) + (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)i \text{ --- } I\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha + (\beta\lambda) &= (a_1 + b_1i) + ((a_2 + b_2i) + (a_3 + b_3i)) \\&= (a_1 + b_1i) + ((a_2 + a_3) + (b_2 + b_3)i) \\&= (a_1 + a_2 + a_3) + (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)i \text{ --- } II\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore eq^n I$ and $eq^n II$ are same, $(\alpha + \beta) + \lambda = \alpha + (\beta + \lambda) \forall \alpha, \beta, \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ is proved.

Question 7

Show that $\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \exists$ a unique $\beta \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha + \beta = 0$.

Solution

Let us Suppose

$$\alpha = x + yi$$

and

$$\alpha + \beta = 0 \text{ --- } I \text{ and } \alpha + \lambda = 0 \text{ --- } II$$

from eqⁿI

$$\alpha + \beta = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \beta = -\alpha$$

$$\text{or, } \beta = -(x + yi)$$

$$\text{or, } \beta = -x - yi$$

again from eqⁿII

$$\alpha + \lambda = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \lambda = -\alpha$$

$$\text{or, } \lambda = -(x + yi)$$

$$\text{or, } \lambda = -x - yi$$

$$\therefore \beta = -x - yi = \lambda, \beta = \lambda$$

$\therefore \beta$ and λ are same number, we can say that $\forall \alpha \in \mathbf{C} \exists$ a unique $\beta \in \mathbf{C} : \alpha + \beta = 0$.