

Maharashtra State Board 11th Commerce Maths Solutions Chapter 3 Complex Numbers Ex 3.1

Question 1.

Write the conjugates of the following complex numbers:

- (i) $3 + i$
- (ii) $3 - i$
- (iii) $-\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{7}i$
- (iv) $-\sqrt{-5}$
- (v) $5i$
- (vi) $\sqrt{5} - i$
- (vii) $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}i$

Solution:

- (i) Conjugate of $(3 + i)$ is $(3 - i)$
- (ii) Conjugate of $(3 - i)$ is $(3 + i)$
- (iii) Conjugate of $(-\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{7}i)$ is $(-\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}i)$
- (iv) $-\sqrt{-5} = -\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{-1} = -\sqrt{5}i$
Conjugate of $-\sqrt{-5}$ is $\sqrt{5}i$
- (v) Conjugate of $5i$ is $-5i$
- (vi) Conjugate of $\sqrt{5} - i$ is $\sqrt{5} + i$
- (vii) Conjugate of $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}i$ is $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}i$

Question 2.

Express the following in the form of $a + ib$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $i = \sqrt{-1}$. State the values of a and b :

- (i) $(1 + 2i)(-2 + i)$
- (ii) $i(4 + 3i)(1 - i)$
- (iii) $(2 + i)(3 - i)(1 + 2i)$
- (iv) $3 + 2i2 - 5i + 3 - 2i2 + 5i$
- (v) $2 + -3\sqrt{4} + -3\sqrt{4}$
- (vi) $(2 + 3i)(2 - 3i)$
- (vii) $4i8 - 3i9 + 33i11 - 4i10 - 2$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i. } (1 + 2i)(-2 + i) &= -2 + i - 4i + 2i^2 \\ &= -2 - 3i + 2(-1) \\ &\dots [\because i^2 = -1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (1 + 2i)(-2 + i) &= -4 - 3i \\ \therefore a &= -4 \text{ and } b = -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii. } \frac{i(4 + 3i)}{1 - i} &= \frac{4i + 3i^2}{1 - i} \\ &= \frac{-3 + 4i}{1 - i} \dots [\because i^2 = -1] \\ &= \frac{(-3 + 4i)(1 + i)}{(1 - i)(1 + i)} \\ &= \frac{-3 - 3i + 4i + 4i^2}{1 - i^2} \\ &= \frac{-3 + i + 4(-1)}{1 - (-1)} \dots [\because i^2 = -1] \\ &= \frac{-7 + i}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{i(4 + 3i)}{1 - i} = \frac{-7}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{-7}{2} \text{ and } b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iii. } \frac{2 + i}{(3 - i)(1 + 2i)} &= \frac{2 + i}{3 + 6i - i - 2i^2} \\ &= \frac{2 + i}{3 + 5i - 2(-1)} \dots [\because i^2 = -1] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2+i}{5+5i}$$

$$= \frac{2+i}{5(1+i)} = \frac{(2+i)(1-i)}{5(1+i)(1-i)}$$

$$= \frac{2-2i+i-i^2}{5(1-i^2)}$$

$$= \frac{2-i-(-1)}{5[1-(-1)]} \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$= \frac{3-i}{10}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2+i}{(3-i)(1+2i)} = \frac{3}{10} - \frac{1}{10}i$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{3}{10} \text{ and } b = \frac{-1}{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iv. } & \frac{3+2i}{2-5i} + \frac{3-2i}{2+5i} \\ &= \frac{(3+2i)(2+5i) + (2-5i)(3-2i)}{(2-5i)(2+5i)} \\ &= \frac{6+15i+4i+10i^2 + 6-4i-15i+10i^2}{4-25i^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{12+20i^2}{4-25i^2}$$

$$= \frac{12+20(-1)}{4-25(-1)} \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$= \frac{-8}{29}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3+2i}{2-5i} + \frac{3-2i}{2+5i} = \frac{-8}{29} + 0i$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{-8}{29} \text{ and } b = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{v.} \quad \frac{2+\sqrt{-3}}{4+\sqrt{-3}} &= \frac{2+\sqrt{3}i}{4+\sqrt{3}i} \\ &= \frac{(2+\sqrt{3}i)(4-\sqrt{3}i)}{(4+\sqrt{3}i)(4-\sqrt{3}i)} \\ &= \frac{8-2\sqrt{3}i+4\sqrt{3}i-3i^2}{16-3i^2} \\ &= \frac{8+2\sqrt{3}i-3(-1)}{16-3(-1)} \quad \dots[\because i^2 = -1] \\ &= \frac{11+2\sqrt{3}i}{19} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2+\sqrt{-3}}{4+\sqrt{-3}} = \frac{11}{19} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{19}i$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{11}{19} \text{ and } b = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{19}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vi.} \quad (2+3i)(2-3i) &= 4-9i^2 \\ &= 4-9(-1) \quad \dots[\because i^2 = -1] \\ &= 4+9 = 13 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (2+3i)(2-3i) &= 13+0i \\ \therefore a &= 13 \text{ and } b = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{vii.} \quad \frac{4i^8-3i^9+3}{3i^{11}-4i^{10}-2} = \frac{4(i^4)^2-3(i^4)^2.i+3}{3(i^4)^2.i^3-4(i^4)^2.i^2-2}$$

Since, $i^2 = -1$, $i^3 = -i$ and $i^4 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{4i^8-3i^9+3}{3i^{11}-4i^{10}-2} &= \frac{4(1)^2-3(1)^2.i+3}{3(1)^2(-i)-4(1)^2(-1)-2} \\ &= \frac{4-3i+3}{-3i+4-2} \\ &= \frac{7-3i}{2-3i} \\ &= \frac{(7-3i)(2+3i)}{(2-3i)(2+3i)} \\ &= \frac{14+21i-6i-9i^2}{4-9i^2} \\ &= \frac{14+15i-9(-1)}{4-9(-1)} \\ &= \frac{23+15i}{13} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{4i^8-3i^9+3}{3i^{11}-4i^{10}-2} = \frac{23}{13} + \frac{15}{13}i$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{23}{13} \text{ and } b = \frac{15}{13}$$

Question 3.

Show that $(-1 + \sqrt{3}i)^3$ is a real number.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &(-1 + \sqrt{3}i)^3 \\ &= (-1)^3 + 3(-1)^2(\sqrt{3}i) + 3(-1)(\sqrt{3}i)^2 + (\sqrt{3}i)^3 \quad [\because (a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3] \\ &= -1 + 3\sqrt{3}i - 3(3i^2) + 3\sqrt{3}i^3 \\ &= -1 + 3\sqrt{3}i - 3(-3) - 3\sqrt{3}i \quad [\because i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i] \\ &= -1 + 9 \\ &= 8, \text{ which is a real number.} \end{aligned}$$

Question 4.

Evaluate the following:

- (i) i^{35}
- (ii) i^{888}
- (iii) i^9
- (iv) i^{116}
- (v) i^{403}
- (vi) i^{58}

$$(vii) i_{30} + i_{40} + i_{50} + i_{60}$$

Solution:

We know that, $i^2 = -1$, $i^3 = -i$, $i^4 = 1$

$$(i) i_{35} = (i^4)^8 (i^2) i = (1)^8 (-1) i = -i$$

$$(ii) i_{88} = (i^4)^{22} = (1)^{22} = 1$$

$$(iii) i_{93} = (i^4)^{23} \cdot i = (1)^{23} \cdot i = i$$

$$(iv) i_{116} = (i^4)^{29} = (1)^{29} = 1$$

$$(v) i_{403} = (i^4)^{100} (i^2) i = (1)^{100} (-1) i = -i$$

$$(vi) i_{88} = 1, i_{14} = -1, i_{2} = 1, i_{14}(-1) = -1$$

$$(vii) i_{30} + i_{40} + i_{50} + i_{60}$$

$$= (i^4)^7 i^2 + (i^4)^{10} + (i^4)^{12} i^2 + (i^4)^{15}$$

$$= (1)^7 (-1) + (1)^{10} + (1)^{12} (-1) + (1)^{15}$$

$$= -1 + 1 - 1 + 1$$

$$= 0$$

Question 5.

Show that $1 + i_{10} + i_{20} + i_{30}$ is a real number.

Solution:

$$1 + i_{10} + i_{20} + i_{30}$$

$$= 1 + (i^4)^2 \cdot i^2 + (i^4)^5 + (i^4)^7 \cdot i^2$$

$$= 1 + (1)^2 (-1) + (1)^5 + (1)^7 (-1) \quad [i^4 = 1, i^2 = -1]$$

$$= 1 - 1 + 1 - 1$$

$$= 0, \text{ which is a real number.}$$

Question 6.

Find the value of

$$(i) i_{49} + i_{68} + i_{89} + i_{110}$$

$$(ii) i + i^2 + i^3 + i^4$$

Solution:

$$(i) i_{49} + i_{68} + i_{89} + i_{110}$$

$$= (i^4)^{12} \cdot i + (i^4)^{17} + (i^4)^{22} \cdot i + (i^4)^{27} \cdot i^2$$

$$= (1)^{12} \cdot i + (1)^{17} + (1)^{22} \cdot i + (1)^{27} (-1) \quad [i^4 = 1, i^2 = -1]$$

$$= i + 1 + i - 1$$

$$= 2i$$

$$(ii) i + i^2 + i^3 + i^4$$

$$= i + i^2 + i^2 \cdot i + i^4$$

$$= i - 1 - i + 1 \quad [i^2 = -1, i^4 = 1]$$

$$= 0$$

Question 7.

Find the value of $1 + i^2 + i^4 + i^6 + i^8 + \dots + i_{20}$.

Solution:

$$1 + i^2 + i^4 + i^6 + i^8 + \dots + i_{20}$$

$$= 1 + (i^2 + i^4) + (i^6 + i^8) + (i_{10} + i_{12}) + (i_{14} + i_{16}) + (i_{18} + i_{20})$$

$$= 1 + [(i^2 + (i^2)^2) + [(i^2)^3 + (i^2)^4] + [(i^2)^5 + (i^2)^6] + [(i^2)^7 + (i^2)^8] + [(i^2)^9 + (i^2)^{10}]$$

$$= 1 + [-1 + (-1)^2] + [(-1)^3 + (-1)^4] + [(-1)^5 + (-1)^6] + [(-1)^7 + (-1)^8] + [(-1)^9 + (-1)^{10}] \quad [i^2 = -1]$$

$$= 1 + (-1 + 1) + (-1 + 1) + (-1 + 1) + (-1 + 1) + (-1 + 1)$$

$$= 1 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0$$

$$= 1$$

Question 8.

Find the values of x and y which satisfy the following equations ($x, y \in \mathbb{R}$):

$$(i) (x + 2y) + (2x - 3y)i + 4i = 5$$

$$(ii) x + 11 + i + y - 11 - i = i$$

Solution:

$$(i) (x + 2y) + (2x - 3y)i + 4i = 5$$

$$\therefore (x + 2y) + (2x - 3y)i = 5 - 4i$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$x + 2y = 5 \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } 2x - 3y = -4 \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

Equation (i) \times 2 – equation (ii) gives

$$7y = 14$$

$$\therefore y = 2$$

Putting $y = 2$ in (i), we get

$$x + 2(2) = 5$$

$$\therefore x + 4 = 5$$

$$\therefore x = 1$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \text{ and } y = 2$$

Check:

If $x = 1$ and $y = 2$ satisfy the given condition, then our answer is correct.

$$\text{L.H.S.} = (x + 2y) + (2x - 3y)i + 4i$$

$$= (1 + 4) + (2 - 6)i + 4i$$

$$= 5 - 4i + 4i$$

$$= 5$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

Thus, our answer is correct.

$$(ii) \frac{x+1+i+y-1-i}{(1+i)(1-i)} = i$$

$$\frac{(x+1)(1-i) + (y-1)(1+i)}{(1+i)(1-i)} = i$$

$$\frac{x - xi + 1 - i + y + yi - 1 - i}{1 - i^2} = i$$

$$\frac{(x+y) + (y-x-2)i}{1 - (-1)} = i \quad \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$(x+y) + (y-x-2)i = 2i$$

$$(x+y) + (y-x-2)i = 0 + 2i$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$x + y = 0 \text{ and } y - x - 2 = 2$$

$$\therefore x + y = 0 \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } -x + y = 4 \dots\dots(ii)$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$2y = 4$$

$$\therefore y = 2$$

Putting $y = 2$ in (i), we get

$$x + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -2$$

$$\therefore x = -2 \text{ and } y = 2$$

Question 9.

Find the value of:

$$(i) x^3 - x^2 + x + 46, \text{ if } x = 2 + 3i$$

$$(ii) 2x^3 - 11x^2 + 44x + 27, \text{ if } x = 253 - 4i$$

Solution:

$$(i) x = 2 + 3i$$

$$\therefore x - 2 = 3i$$

$$\therefore (x - 2)^2 = 9i^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 4x + 4 = 9(-1) \dots\dots[\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0 \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 4x + 13 \overline{) x^3 - x^2 + x + 46} \\ \underline{x^3 - 4x^2 + 13x} \\ 3x^2 - 12x + 46 \\ \underline{3x^2 - 12x + 39} \\ 7 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x^3 - x^2 + x + 46 = (x^2 - 4x + 13)(x + 3) + 7$$

$$= 0(x + 3) + 7 \dots\dots[\text{From (i)}]$$

$$= 7$$

(ii) $x = \frac{25}{3-4i}$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{25(3+4i)}{(3-4i)(3+4i)} \\ &= \frac{25(3+4i)}{9-16i^2} \\ &= \frac{25(3+4i)}{9-16(-1)} \quad \dots[\because i^2 = -1] \\ &= \frac{25(3+4i)}{25} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x = 3 + 4i$

$\therefore x - 3 = 4i$

$\therefore (x - 3)^2 = 16i^2$

$\therefore x^2 - 6x + 9 = 16(-1) \dots\dots[\because i^2 = -1]$

$\therefore x^2 - 6x + 25 = 0 \dots\dots(i)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x+1 \\ x^2-6x+25 \overline{) 2x^3-11x^2+44x+27} \\ \underline{2x^3-12x^2+50x} \\ - + - \\ \hline x^2 - 6x + 27 \\ x^2 - 6x + 25 \\ \hline - + - \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

$\therefore 2x^3 - 11x^2 + 44x + 27$

$= (x^2 - 6x + 25)(2x + 1) + 2$

$= 0 \cdot (2x + 1) + 2 \dots\dots[\text{From (i)}]$

$= 0 + 2$

$= 2$

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Question 1.

Find the square root of the following complex numbers:

(i) $-8 - 6i$

Solution:

Let $\sqrt{-8 - 6i} = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$-8 - 6i = (a + bi)^2$

$-8 - 6i = a^2 + b^2i^2 + 2abi$

$-8 - 6i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \dots\dots[\because i^2 = -1]$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = -8 \text{ and } 2ab = -6$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = -8 \text{ and } b = \frac{-3}{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \left(\frac{-3}{a}\right)^2 = -8$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{9}{a^2} = -8$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 9 = -8a^2$$

$$\therefore a^4 + 8a^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 + 9)(a^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = -9 \text{ or } a^2 = 1$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -9$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore a = \pm 1$$

$$\text{When } a = 1, b = \frac{-3}{1} = -3$$

$$\text{When } a = -1, b = \frac{-3}{-1} = 3$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{-8-6i} = \pm (1-3i)$$

(ii) $7 + 24i$

Solution:

Let $\sqrt{7+24i} = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$$7 + 24i = (a + bi)^2$$

$$7 + 24i = a^2 + b^2i^2 + 2abi$$

$$7 + 24i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \quad [\because i^2 = -1]$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = 7 \text{ and } 2ab = 24$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = 7 \text{ and } b = \frac{12}{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \left(\frac{12}{a}\right)^2 = 7$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{144}{a^2} = 7$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 144 = 7a^2$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 7a^2 - 144 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 - 16)(a^2 + 9) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 16 \text{ or } a^2 = -9$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -9$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore a = \pm 4$$

$$\text{When } a = 4, b = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

$$\text{When } a = -4, b = \frac{12}{-4} = -3$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{7+24i} = \pm (4+3i)$$

(iii) $1 + 4\sqrt{3}i$

Solution:

Let $\sqrt{1+4\sqrt{3}i} = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$$1 + 4\sqrt{3}i = (a + bi)^2$$

$$1 + 4\sqrt{3}i = a^2 + b^2i^2 + 2abi$$

$$1 + 4\sqrt{3}i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \quad [\because i^2 = -1]$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = 1 \text{ and } 2ab = 4\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = 1 \text{ and } b = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{a}$$

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

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{12}{a^2} = 1$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 12 = a^2$$

$$\therefore a^4 - a^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 - 4)(a^2 + 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 4 \text{ or } a^2 = -3$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -3$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 4$$

$$\therefore a = \pm 2$$

$$\text{When } a = 2, b = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{When } a = -2, b = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{-2} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{1+4\sqrt{3}i} = \pm (2 + \sqrt{3}i)$$

(iv) $3 + 2\sqrt{10}i$

Solution:

Let $3 + 2\sqrt{10}i = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$$3 + 2\sqrt{10}i = (a + bi)^2$$

$$3 + 2\sqrt{10}i = a^2 + b^2i^2 + 2abi$$

$$3 + 2\sqrt{10}i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \text{ [} i^2 = -1 \text{]}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = 3 \text{ and } 2ab = 2\sqrt{10}$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = 3 \text{ and } b = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{10}}{a}\right)^2 = 3$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{10}{a^2} = 3$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 10 = 3a^2$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 3a^2 - 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 - 5)(a^2 + 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 5 \text{ or } a^2 = -2$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -2$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 5$$

$$\therefore a = \pm \sqrt{5}$$

$$\text{When } a = \sqrt{5}, b = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{5}} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{When } a = -\sqrt{5}, b = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{-\sqrt{5}} = -\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3+2\sqrt{10}i} = \pm (\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}i)$$

(v) $2(1 - \sqrt{3}i)$

Solution:

Let $2(1 - \sqrt{3}i) = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$$2(1 - \sqrt{3}i) = (a + bi)^2$$

$$2(1 - \sqrt{3}i) = a^2 + b^2i^2 + 2abi$$

$$2 - 2\sqrt{3}i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \text{ [} i^2 = -1 \text{]}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = 2 \text{ and } 2ab = -2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = 2 \text{ and } b = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{a}\right)^2 = 2$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{3}{a^2} = 2$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 3 = 2a^2$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 2a^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 - 3)(a^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 3 \text{ or } a^2 = -1$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -1$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 3$$

$$\therefore a = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{When } a = \sqrt{3}, b = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = -1$$

$$\text{When } a = -\sqrt{3}, b = \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{-\sqrt{3}} = 1$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{2(1-\sqrt{3}i)} = \pm(\sqrt{3}-i)$$

Question 2.

Solve the following quadratic equations.

(i) $8x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$

Solution:

Given equation is $8x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 8, b = 2, c = 1$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (2)^2 - 4 \times 8 \times 1$$

$$= 4 - 32$$

$$= -28 < 0$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-28}}{2(8)}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{7}i}{16}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{7}i}{8}$$

\therefore the roots of the given equation are $-1+7\sqrt{7}i/8$ and $-1-7\sqrt{7}i/8$

(ii) $2x^2 - \sqrt{3}x + 1 = 0$

Solution:

Given equation is $2x^2 - \sqrt{3}x + 1 = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 2, b = -\sqrt{3}, c = 1$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (-\sqrt{3})^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 1$$

$$= 3 - 8$$

$$= -5 < 0$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\
 &= \frac{-(-\sqrt{3}) \pm \sqrt{-5}}{2(2)} \\
 x &= \frac{\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{5}i}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the roots of the given equation are $\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}i}{4}$ and $\frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5}i}{4}$

(iii) $3x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0$

Solution:

Given equation is $3x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$a = 3$, $b = -7$, $c = 5$

Discriminant = $b^2 - 4ac$

$$= (-7)^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$= 49 - 60$$

$$= -11 < 0$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\
 &= \frac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{-11}}{2(3)} \\
 x &= \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{11}i}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the roots of the given equation are $\frac{7 + \sqrt{11}i}{6}$ and $\frac{7 - \sqrt{11}i}{6}$

(iv) $x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$

Solution:

Given equation is $x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$a = 1$, $b = -4$, $c = 13$

Discriminant = $b^2 - 4ac$

$$= (-4)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 13$$

$$= 16 - 52$$

$$= -36 < 0$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\
 &= \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{-36}}{2(1)} \\
 &= \frac{4 \pm 6i}{2} = 2 \pm 3i
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the roots of the given equation are $2 + 3i$ and $2 - 3i$.

Question 3.

Solve the following quadratic equations.

(i) $x^2 + 3ix + 10 = 0$

Solution:

Given equation is $x^2 + 3ix + 10 = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$a = 1$, $b = 3i$, $c = 10$

Discriminant = $b^2 - 4ac$

$$= (3i)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 10$$

$$= 9i^2 - 40$$

$$= -9 - 40 \dots\dots [i^2 = -1]$$

$$= -49$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-3i \pm \sqrt{-49}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-3i \pm 7i}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-3i + 7i}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{-3i - 7i}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 2i \text{ or } x = -5i$$

\therefore the roots of the given equation are $2i$ and $-5i$.

Check:

If $x = 2i$ and $x = -5i$ satisfy the given equation, then our answer is correct.

$$\text{L.H.S.} = x^2 + 3ix + 10$$

$$= (2i)^2 + 3i(2i) + 10i$$

$$= 4i^2 + 6i^2 + 10$$

$$= 10i^2 + 10$$

$$= -10 + 10 \dots\dots[\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$= 0$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = x^2 + 3ix + 10$$

$$= (-5i)^2 + 3i(-5i) + 10$$

$$= 25i^2 - 15i^2 + 10$$

$$= 10i^2 + 10$$

$$= -10 + 10 \dots\dots[\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$= 0$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

Thus, our answer is correct.

$$(ii) 2x^2 + 3ix + 2 = 0$$

Solution:

Given equation is $2x^2 + 3ix + 2 = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 2, b = 3i, c = 2$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (3i)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 2$$

$$= 9i^2 - 16$$

$$= -9 - 16$$

$$= -25 < 0$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-3i \pm \sqrt{-25}}{2(2)}$$

$$x = \frac{-3i \pm 5i}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-3i + 5i}{4} \text{ or } x = \frac{-3i - 5i}{4}$$

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

\therefore the roots of the given equation are $\frac{1}{2}i$ and $-2i$.

$$(iii) x^2 + 4ix - 4 = 0$$

Solution:

Given equation is $x^2 + 4ix - 4 = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 1, b = 4i, c = -4$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (4i)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times -4$$

$$= 16i^2 + 16$$

$$= -16 + 16 \dots\dots[\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$= 0$$

So, the given equation has equal roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-4i \pm \sqrt{0}}{2(1)} = \frac{-4i}{2}$$

$$x = -2i$$

∴ the roots of the given equation are -2i and -2i.

(iv) $ix^2 - 4x - 4i = 0$

Solution:

$$ix^2 - 4x - 4i = 0$$

Multiplying throughout by i, we get

$$i^2x^2 - 4ix - 4i^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore -x^2 - 4ix + 4 = 0 \text{['. i}^2 = -1]$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 4ix - 4 = 0$$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 1, b = 4i, c = -4$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= (4i)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times -4$$

$$= 16i^2 + 16$$

$$= -16 + 16 \text{['. i}^2 = -1]$$

$$= 0$$

So, the given equation has equal roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-4i \pm \sqrt{0}}{2(1)} = \frac{-4i}{2}$$

$$x = -2i$$

∴ the roots of the given equation are -2i and -2i.

Question 4.

Solve the following quadratic equations.

(i) $x^2 - (2 + i)x - (1 - 7i) = 0$

Solution:

Given equation is $x^2 - (2 + i)x - (1 - 7i) = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 1, b = -(2 + i), c = -(1 - 7i)$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [-(2 + i)]^2 - 4 \times 1 \times -(1 - 7i)$$

$$= 4 + 4i + i^2 + 4 - 28i$$

$$= 4 + 4i - 1 + 4 - 28i \text{['. i}^2 = -1]$$

$$= 7 - 24i$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-[-(2 + i)] \pm \sqrt{7 - 24i}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{(2 + i) \pm \sqrt{7 - 24i}}{2}$$

Let $\sqrt{7-24i} = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$$7 - 24i = a^2 + i^2b^2 + 2abi$$

$$\therefore 7 - 24i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \quad \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = 7 \text{ and } 2ab = -24$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = 7 \text{ and } b = \frac{-12}{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \left(\frac{-12}{a}\right)^2 = 7$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{144}{a^2} = 7$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 144 = 7a^2$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 7a^2 - 144 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 - 16)(a^2 + 9) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 16 \text{ or } a^2 = -9$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -9$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore a = \pm 4$$

$$\text{When } a = 4, b = \frac{-12}{4} = -3$$

$$\text{When } a = -4, b = \frac{-12}{-4} = 3$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{7-24i} = \pm(4-3i)$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{(2+i) \pm (4-3i)}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{(2+i) + (4-3i)}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{(2+i) - (4-3i)}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 3 - i \text{ or } x = -1 + 2i$$

$$(ii) x^2 - (3\sqrt{2} + 2i)x + 6\sqrt{2}i = 0$$

Solution:

$$\text{Given equation is } x^2 - (3\sqrt{2} + 2i)x + 6\sqrt{2}i = 0$$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 1, b = -(3\sqrt{2} + 2i), c = 6\sqrt{2}i$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [-(3\sqrt{2} + 2i)]^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 6\sqrt{2}i$$

$$= 18 + 12\sqrt{2}i + 4i^2 - 24\sqrt{2}i$$

$$= 18 - 12\sqrt{2}i - 4 \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$= 14 - 12\sqrt{2}i$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-[-(3\sqrt{2} + 2i)] \pm \sqrt{14 - 12\sqrt{2}i}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{(3\sqrt{2} + 2i) \pm \sqrt{14 - 12\sqrt{2}i}}{2}$$

Let $\sqrt{14 - 12\sqrt{2}i} = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$$14 - 12\sqrt{2}i = a^2 + i^2b^2 + 2abi$$

$$14 - 12\sqrt{2}i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \quad \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = 14 \text{ and } 2ab = -12\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = 14 \text{ and } b = \frac{-6\sqrt{2}}{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \left(\frac{-6\sqrt{2}}{a}\right)^2 = 14$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{72}{a^2} = 14$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 72 = 14a^2$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 14a^2 - 72 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 - 18)(a^2 + 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 18 \text{ or } a^2 = -4$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -4$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 18$$

$$\therefore a = \pm 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{When } a = 3\sqrt{2}, b = \frac{-6\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{2}} = -2$$

$$\text{When } a = -3\sqrt{2}, b = \frac{-6\sqrt{2}}{-3\sqrt{2}} = 2$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{14-12\sqrt{2}i} = \pm (3\sqrt{2}-2i)$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{(3\sqrt{2}+2i) \pm (3\sqrt{2}-2i)}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{(3\sqrt{2}+2i) + (3\sqrt{2}-2i)}{2}$$

$$\text{or } x = \frac{(3\sqrt{2}+2i) - (3\sqrt{2}-2i)}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 3\sqrt{2} \text{ or } x = 2i$$

$$(iii) x^2 - (5-i)x + (18+i) = 0$$

Solution:

Given equation is $x^2 - (5-i)x + (18+i) = 0$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 1, b = -(5-i), c = 18+i$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [-(5-i)]^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (18+i)$$

$$= 25 - 10i + i^2 - 72 - 4i$$

$$= 25 - 10i - 1 - 72 - 4i \dots [i^2 = -1]$$

$$= -48 - 14i$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-[-(5-i)] \pm \sqrt{-48-14i}}{2(1)} = \frac{(5-i) \pm \sqrt{-48-14i}}{2}$$

Let $\sqrt{-48-14i} = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$$-48 - 14i = a^2 + b^2i^2 + 2abi$$

$$-48 - 14i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \quad \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = -48 \text{ and } 2ab = -14$$

$$\therefore a^2 - b^2 = -48 \text{ and } b = \frac{-7}{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \left(\frac{-7}{a}\right)^2 = -48$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{49}{a^2} = -48$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 49 = -48a^2$$

$$\therefore a^4 + 48a^2 - 49 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 + 49)(a^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = -49 \text{ or } a^2 = 1$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -49$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore a = \pm 1$$

$$\text{When } a = 1, b = \frac{-7}{1} = -7$$

$$\text{When } a = -1, b = \frac{-7}{-1} = 7$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{-48-14i} = \pm (1 - 7i)$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{(5-i) \pm (1-7i)}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{5-i+1-7i}{2} \text{ or } x = \frac{5-i-1+7i}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = 3 - 4i \text{ or } x = 2 + 3i$$

$$(iv) (2 + i)x^2 - (5 - i)x + 2(1 - i) = 0$$

Solution:

Given equation is

$$(2 + i)x^2 - (5 - i)x + 2(1 - i) = 0$$

Comparing with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, we get

$$a = 2 + i, b = -(5 - i), c = 2(1 - i)$$

$$\text{Discriminant} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= [-(5 - i)]^2 - 4 \times (2 + i) \times 2(1 - i)$$

$$= 25 - 10i + i^2 - 8(2 + i)(1 - i)$$

$$= 25 - 10i + i^2 - 8(2 - 2i + i - i^2)$$

$$= 25 - 10i - 1 - 8(2 - i + 1) \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

$$= 25 - 10i - 1 - 16 + 8i - 8$$

$$= -2i$$

So, the given equation has complex roots.

These roots are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-[-(5-i)] \pm \sqrt{-2i}}{2(2+i)} = \frac{(5-i) \pm \sqrt{-2i}}{2(2+i)}$$

Let $\sqrt{-2i} = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

Squaring on both sides, we get

$$-2i = a^2 + b^2i^2 + 2abi$$

$$0 - 2i = (a^2 - b^2) + 2abi \quad \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$a^2 - b^2 = 0 \text{ and } 2ab = -2$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = 0 \text{ and } b = -\frac{1}{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \left(\frac{-1}{a}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 - \frac{1}{a^2} = 0$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore (a^2 - 1)(a^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 1 \text{ or } a^2 = -1$$

But $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore a^2 \neq -1$$

$$\therefore a^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore a = \pm 1$$

When $a = 1$, $b = -1$

When $a = -1$, $b = 1$

$$\therefore \sqrt{-2i} = \pm(1 - i)$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{(5-i) \pm (1-i)}{2(2+i)}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{5-i+1-i}{2(2+i)} \text{ or } x = \frac{5-i-1+i}{2(2+i)}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{6-2i}{2(2+i)} \text{ or } x = \frac{4}{2(2+i)}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{2(3-i)}{2(2+i)} \text{ or } x = \frac{2}{2+i}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3-i}{2+i} \text{ or } x = \frac{2(2-i)}{(2+i)(2-i)}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{(3-i)(2-i)}{(2+i)(2-i)} \text{ or } x = \frac{2(2-i)}{4-i^2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{6-5i+i^2}{4-i^2} \text{ or } x = \frac{4-2i}{4-i^2}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{5-5i}{5} \text{ or } x = \frac{4-2i}{5} \quad \dots [\because i^2 = -1]$$

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

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Question 1.

If ω is a complex cube root of unity, show that

(i) $(2 - \omega)(2 - \omega^2) = 7$

(ii) $(2 + \omega + \omega^2)^3 - (1 - 3\omega + \omega^2)^3 = 65$

(iii) $(a+b\omega+c\omega^2)^{c+a\omega+b\omega^2} = \omega^2$

Solution:

ω is the complex cube root of unity.

$\therefore \omega^3 = 1$ and $1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$

Also, $1 + \omega^2 = -\omega$, $1 + \omega = -\omega^2$ and $\omega + \omega^2 = -1$

(i) L.H.S. = $(2 - \omega)(2 - \omega^2)$

= $4 - 2\omega^2 - 2\omega + \omega^3$

= $4 - 2(\omega^2 + \omega) + 1$

= $4 - 2(-1) + 1$

= $4 + 2 + 1$

= 7

= R.H.S.

(ii) L.H.S. = $(2 + \omega + \omega^2)^3 - (1 - 3\omega + \omega^2)^3$

= $[2 + (\omega + \omega^2)]^3 - [-3\omega + (1 + \omega^2)]^3$

= $(2 - 1)^3 - (-3\omega - \omega)^3$

= $13 - (-4\omega)^3$

= $1 + 64\omega^3$

= $1 + 64(1)$

= 65

= R.H.S.

(iii) L.H.S. = $(a+b\omega+c\omega^2)^{c+a\omega+b\omega^2}$

= $a\omega^3+b\omega^4+c\omega^2c+a\omega+b\omega^2$ [$\because \omega^3 = 1, \omega^4 = \omega$]

= $\omega^2(c+a\omega+b\omega^2)^{c+a\omega+b\omega^2}$

= ω^2

= R.H.S.

Question 2.

If ω is a complex cube root of unity, find the value of

(i) $\omega + 1\omega$

(ii) $\omega^2 + \omega^3 + \omega^4$

(iii) $(1 + \omega^2)^3$

(iv) $(1 - \omega - \omega^2)^3 + (1 - \omega + \omega^2)^3$

(v) $(1 + \omega)(1 + \omega^2)(1 + \omega^4)(1 + \omega^8)$

Solution:

ω is the complex cube root of unity.

$\therefore \omega^3 = 1$ and $1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$

Also, $1 + \omega^2 = -\omega$, $1 + \omega = -\omega^2$ and $\omega + \omega^2 = -1$

(i) $\omega + 1\omega$

= $\omega^2+1\omega$

= $-\omega\omega$

= -1

(ii) $\omega^2 + \omega^3 + \omega^4$

= $\omega^2 (1 + \omega + \omega^2)$

= $\omega^2 (0)$

= 0

(iii) $(1 + \omega^2)^3$

= $(-\omega)^3$

= $-\omega^3$

= -1

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{(iv) } (1 - \omega - \omega^2)^3 + (1 - \omega + \omega^2)^3 \\
 &= [1 - (\omega + \omega^2)]^3 + [(1 + \omega^2) - \omega]^3 \\
 &= [1 - (-1)]^3 + (-\omega - \omega)^3 \\
 &= 2^3 + (-2\omega)^3 \\
 &= 8 - 8\omega^3 \\
 &= 8 - 8(1) \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{(v) } (1 + \omega)(1 + \omega^2)(1 + \omega^4)(1 + \omega^8) \\
 &= (1 + \omega)(1 + \omega^2)(1 + \omega)(1 + \omega^2) \dots [\because \omega^3 = 1, \omega^4 = \omega] \\
 &= (-\omega^2)(-\omega)(-\omega^2)(-\omega) \\
 &= \omega^6 \\
 &= (\omega^3)^2 \\
 &= (1)^2 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 3.

If α and β are the complex cube roots of unity, show that $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \alpha\beta = 0$.

Solution:

α and β are the complex cube roots of unity.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \alpha &= \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ and } \beta = \frac{-1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 \therefore \alpha\beta &= \left(\frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{-1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{(-1)^2 - (i\sqrt{3})^2}{4} = \frac{1 - (-1)(3)}{4} \dots [\because i^2 = -1] \\
 &= \frac{1 + 3}{4} \\
 \therefore \alpha\beta &= 1 \\
 \text{Also, } \alpha + \beta &= \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{-1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3} - 1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{-2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \alpha - \beta = -1$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \alpha\beta$$

$$= \alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2 + \alpha\beta - 2\alpha\beta \dots [\text{Adding and subtracting } 2\alpha\beta]$$

$$= (\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2) - \alpha\beta$$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - \alpha\beta$$

$$= (-1)^2 - 1$$

$$= 1 - 1$$

$$= 0$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

Question 4.

If $x = a + b$, $y = \alpha a + \beta b$ and $z = a\beta + b\alpha$, where α and β are the complex cube roots of unity, show that $xyz = a^3 + b^3$.

Solution:

$$x = a + b, y = \alpha a + \beta b, z = a\beta + b\alpha$$

α and β are the complex cube roots of unity.

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ and } \beta = \frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \alpha\beta &= \left(\frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^2 - (i\sqrt{3})^2}{4} \\ &= \frac{1 - (-1)(3)}{4} \quad \dots[\because i^2 = -1] \\ &= \frac{1+3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \alpha\beta = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \alpha + \beta &= \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= xyz = (a+b)(\alpha a + \beta b)(a\beta + b\alpha) \\ &= (a+b)(\alpha\beta a^2 + \alpha^2 ab + \beta^2 ab + \alpha\beta b^2) \\ &= (a+b)[1.(a^2) + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)ab + 1.(b^2)] \\ &= (a+b)\{a^2 + [(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta]ab + b^2\} \\ &= (a+b)\{a^2 + [(-1)^2 - 2(1)]ab + b^2\} \\ &= (a+b)[a^2 + (1-2)ab + b^2] \\ &= (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) \\ &= a^3 + b^3 \\ &= \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

Question 5.

If ω is a complex cube root of unity, then prove the following:

(i) $(\omega^2 + \omega - 1)^3 = -8$

(ii) $(a + b) + (a\omega + b\omega^2) + (a\omega^2 + b\omega) = 0$

Solution:

ω is the complex cube root of unity.

$$\therefore \omega^3 = 1 \text{ and } 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Also, } 1 + \omega^2 = -\omega, 1 + \omega = -\omega^2 \text{ and } \omega + \omega^2 = -1$$

(i) L.H.S. = $(\omega^2 + \omega - 1)^3$

$$= (-1 - 1)^3$$

$$= (-2)^3$$

$$= -8$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

(ii) L.H.S. = $(a + b) + (a\omega + b\omega^2) + (a\omega^2 + b\omega)$

$$= (a + a\omega + a\omega^2) + (b + b\omega + b\omega^2)$$

$$= a(1 + \omega + \omega^2) + b(1 + \omega + \omega^2)$$

$$= a(0) + b(0)$$

$$= 0$$

$$= \text{R.H.S.}$$

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