

# Test III [44 marks]

1. Solve the simultaneous equations

[7 marks]

$$\log_2 6x = 1 + 2 \log_2 y$$

$$1 + \log_6 x = \log_6 (15y - 25).$$

## Markscheme

use of at least one “log rule” applied correctly for the first equation **M1**

$$\log_2 6x = \log_2 2 + 2 \log_2 y$$

$$= \log_2 2 + \log_2 y^2$$

$$= \log_2 (2y^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x = 2y^2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

use of at least one “log rule” applied correctly for the second equation **M1**

$$\log_6 (15y - 25) = 1 + \log_6 x$$

$$= \log_6 6 + \log_6 x$$

$$= \log_6 6x$$

$$\Rightarrow 15y - 25 = 6x \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

attempt to eliminate  $x$  (or  $y$ ) from their two equations **M1**

$$2y^2 = 15y - 25$$

$$2y^2 - 15y + 25 = 0$$

$$(2y - 5)(y - 5) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{25}{12}, y = \frac{5}{2}, \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

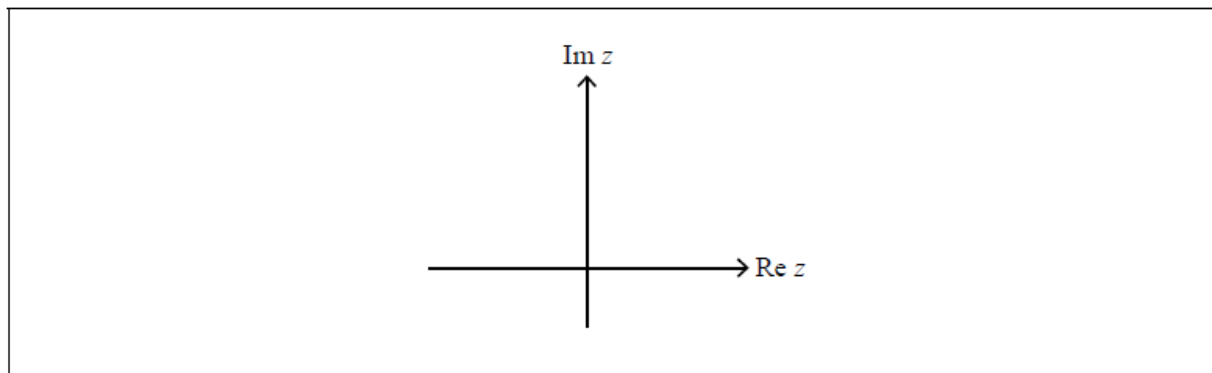
$$\text{or } x = \frac{25}{3}, y = 5 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

**Note:**  $x, y$  values do not have to be “paired” to gain either of the final two **A** marks.

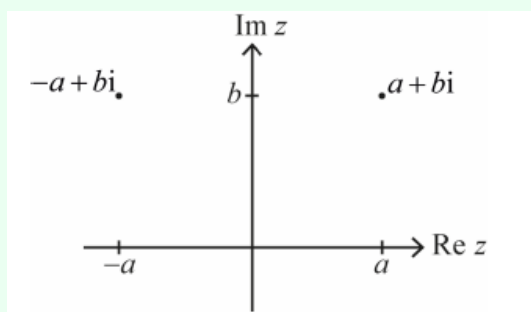
[7 marks]

Let  $z = a + bi$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and let  $\arg z = \theta$ .

- 2a. Show the points represented by  $z$  and  $z - 2a$  on the following Argand diagram. [1 mark]



## Markscheme



A1

**Note:** Award **A1** for  $z$  in first quadrant and  $z - 2a$  its reflection in the  $y$ -axis.  
[1 mark]

- 2b. Find an expression in terms of  $\theta$  for  $\arg(z - 2a)$ . [1 mark]

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$\pi - \theta$  (or any equivalent) **A1**  
[1 mark]

- 2c. Find an expression in terms of  $\theta$  for  $\arg\left(\frac{z}{z-2a}\right)$ . [2 marks]

## Markscheme

$$\arg\left(\frac{z}{z-2a}\right) = \arg(z) - \arg(z-2a) \quad (M1)$$

$$= 2\theta - \pi \text{ (or any equivalent)} \quad A1$$

**[2 marks]**

- 2d. Hence or otherwise find the value of  $\theta$  for which  $\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z}{z-2a}\right) = 0$ . **[3 marks]**

## Markscheme

### METHOD 1

$$\text{if } \operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z}{z-2a}\right) = 0 \text{ then } 2\theta - \pi = \frac{n\pi}{2}, (n \text{ odd}) \quad (M1)$$

$$-\pi < 2\theta - \pi < 0 \Rightarrow n = -1$$

$$2\theta - \pi = -\frac{\pi}{2} \quad (A1)$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad A1$$

### METHOD 2

$$\frac{a+bi}{-a+bi} = \frac{b^2-a^2-2abi}{a^2+b^2} \quad M1$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{z}{z-2a}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow b^2 - a^2 = 0$$

$$b = a \quad A1$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad A1$$

**Note:** Accept any equivalent, eg  $\theta = -\frac{7\pi}{4}$ .

**[3 marks]**

3. Use the principle of mathematical induction to prove that **[7 marks]**

$$1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots + n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1} = 4 - \frac{n+2}{2^{n-1}}, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

# Markscheme

if  $n = 1$

$$\text{LHS} = 1; \text{RHS} = 4 - \frac{3}{2^0} = 4 - 3 = 1 \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

hence true for  $n = 1$

assume true for  $n = k$  **M1**

**Note:** Assumption of truth must be present. Following marks are not dependent on the first two **M1** marks.

$$\text{so } 1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots + k\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} = 4 - \frac{k+2}{2^{k-1}}$$

if  $n = k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &1 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots + k\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k-1} + (k+1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \\ &= 4 - \frac{k+2}{2^{k-1}} + (k+1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k \quad \mathbf{M1A1} \end{aligned}$$

finding a common denominator for the two fractions **M1**

$$\begin{aligned} &= 4 - \frac{2(k+2)}{2^k} + \frac{k+1}{2^k} \\ &= 4 - \frac{2(k+2)-(k+1)}{2^k} = 4 - \frac{k+3}{2^k} \left( = 4 - \frac{(k+1)+2}{2^{(k+1)-1}} \right) \quad \mathbf{A1} \end{aligned}$$

hence if true for  $n = k$  then also true for  $n = k + 1$ , as true for  $n = 1$ , so true (for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ) **R1**

**Note:** Award the final **R1** only if the first four marks have been awarded.

**[7 marks]**

The cubic equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + c = 0$ , has roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . By expanding  $(x - \alpha)(x - \beta)(x - \gamma)$  show that

- 4a. (i)  $p = -(\alpha + \beta + \gamma);$  **[3 marks]**  
(ii)  $q = \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha;$   
(iii)  $c = -\alpha\beta\gamma.$

# Markscheme

(i)-(iii) given the three roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , we have

$$x^3 + px^2 + qx + c = (x - \alpha)(x - \beta)(x - \gamma) \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$= (x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta)(x - \gamma) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$= x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)x - \alpha\beta\gamma \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

comparing coefficients:

$$p = -(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

$$q = (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha) \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

$$c = -\alpha\beta\gamma \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

**[3 marks]**

4b. It is now given that  $p = -6$  and  $q = 18$  for parts (b) and (c) below. **[5 marks]**

(i) In the case that the three roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  form an arithmetic sequence, show that one of the roots is 2.

(ii) Hence determine the value of  $c$ .

# Markscheme

## METHOD 1

(i) Given  $-\alpha - \beta - \gamma = -6$

$$\text{And } \alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 18$$

Let the three roots be  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

$$\text{So } \beta - \alpha = \gamma - \beta \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$\text{or } 2\beta = \alpha + \gamma$$

Attempt to solve simultaneous equations: **M1**

$$\beta + 2\beta = 6 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\beta = 2 \quad \mathbf{AG}$$

(ii)  $\alpha + \gamma = 4$

$$2\alpha + 2\gamma + \alpha\gamma = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^2 - 4\gamma + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{4 \pm i\sqrt{24}}{2} \quad \mathbf{(A1)}$$

Therefore  $c = -\alpha\beta\gamma = -\left(\frac{4+i\sqrt{24}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{4-i\sqrt{24}}{2}\right)2 = -20$  **A1**

**METHOD 2**

(i) let the three roots be  $\alpha, \alpha - d, \alpha + d$  **M1**

adding roots **M1**

to give  $3\alpha = 6$  **A1**

$\alpha = 2$  **AG**

(ii)  $\alpha$  is a root, so  $2^3 - 6 \times 2^2 + 18 \times 2 + c = 0$  **M1**

$$8 - 24 + 36 + c = 0$$

$$c = -20$$
 **A1**

**METHOD 3**

(i) let the three roots be  $\alpha, \alpha - d, \alpha + d$  **M1**

adding roots **M1**

to give  $3\alpha = 6$  **A1**

$\alpha = 2$  **AG**

(ii)  $q = 18 = 2(2 - d) + (2 - d)(2 + d) + 2(2 + d)$  **M1**

$$d^2 = -6 \Rightarrow d = \sqrt{6}i$$

$$\Rightarrow c = -20$$
 **A1**

**[5 marks]**

4c. In another case the three roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  form a geometric sequence. **[6 marks]**  
Determine the value of  $c$ .

# Markscheme

## METHOD 1

Given  $-\alpha - \beta - \gamma = -6$

And  $\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 18$

Let the three roots be  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .

$$\text{So } \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} \quad \mathbf{M1}$$

$$\text{or } \beta^2 = \alpha\gamma$$

Attempt to solve simultaneous equations:  $\mathbf{M1}$

$$\alpha\beta + \gamma\beta + \beta^2 = 18$$

$$\beta(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 18$$

$$6\beta = 18$$

$$\beta = 3 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = 3, \alpha = \frac{9}{\gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^2 - 3\gamma + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{3 \pm i\sqrt{27}}{2} \quad \mathbf{(A1)(A1)}$$

$$\text{Therefore } c = -\alpha\beta\gamma = -\left(\frac{3+i\sqrt{27}}{2}\right)\left(\frac{3-i\sqrt{27}}{2}\right)3 = -27 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

## METHOD 2

let the three roots be  $a, ar, ar^2$   $\mathbf{M1}$

attempt at substitution of  $a, ar, ar^2$  and  $p$  and  $q$  into equations from (a)  $\mathbf{M1}$

$$6 = a + ar + ar^2 (= a(1 + r + r^2)) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$18 = a^2r + a^2r^3 + a^2r^2 (= a^2r(1 + r + r^2)) \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\text{therefore } 3 = ar \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$\text{therefore } c = -a^3r^3 = -3^3 = -27 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

**[6 marks]**

**Total [14 marks]**

Consider the following system of equations

$$2x + y + 6z = 0$$

$$4x + 3y + 14z = 4$$

$$2x - 2y + (\alpha - 2)z = \beta - 12.$$

5a. Find conditions on  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for which

[6 marks]

- (i) the system has no solutions;
- (ii) the system has only one solution;
- (iii) the system has an infinite number of solutions.

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$$2x + y + 6z = 0$$

$$4x + 3y + 14z = 4$$

$$2x - 2y + (\alpha - 2)z = \beta - 12$$

attempt at row reduction **M1**

eg  $R_2 - 2R_1$  and  $R_3 - R_1$

$$2x + y + 6z = 0$$

$$y + 2z = 4$$

$$-3y + (\alpha - 8)z = \beta - 12 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

eg  $R_3 + 3R_2$

$$2x + y + 6z = 0$$

$$y + 2z = 4 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

$$(\alpha - 2)z = \beta$$

(i) no solutions if  $\alpha = 2, \beta \neq 0 \quad \mathbf{A1}$

(ii) one solution if  $\alpha \neq 2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$

(iii) infinite solutions if  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 0 \quad \mathbf{A1}$

**Note:** Accept alternative methods e.g. determinant of a matrix

**Note:** Award **A1A1A1A0** if all three consistent with their reduced form, **A1A0A0A0** if two or one answer consistent with their reduced form.

[6 marks]



- 5b. In the case where the number of solutions is infinite, find the general solution of the system of equations in Cartesian form. [3 marks]

## Markscheme

$$y + 2z = 4 \Rightarrow y = 4 - 2z$$

$$2x = -y - 6z = 2z - 4 - 6z = -4z - 4 \Rightarrow x = -2z - 2 \quad \mathbf{A1}$$

therefore Cartesian equation is  $\frac{x+2}{-2} = \frac{y-4}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$  or equivalent  $\mathbf{A1}$

**[3 marks]**

**Total [9 marks]**