# **DE MOIVRE'S THEOREM**

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Statement: For any rational number n the value or one of the values of

$$(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n = \cos n\,\theta + i\,\sin n\,\theta$$

**1.** If  $z = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$  then

$$\frac{1}{z} = z^{-1} = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-1} = \cos(-\theta) + i \sin(-\theta) = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$
  
i.e. 
$$\frac{1}{z} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$

**2.**  $(\cos\theta - i\sin\theta)^n = \cos n\theta - i\sin n\theta$ 

For, 
$$(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n = {\cos (-\theta) + i \sin (-\theta)}^n$$
  
=  $\cos(-n\theta) + i \sin(-n\theta)$ .

$$=\cos n\theta - i\sin n\theta$$

**Note:** Note carefully that,

(1)  $(\sin \theta + i \cos \theta)^n \neq \sin n \theta + i \cos n \theta$ 

But 
$$(\sin \theta + i \cos \theta)^n = [\cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)]^n$$
  
=  $\cos n(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) + i \sin n(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta)$ 

(2)  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \Phi)^n \neq \cos n \theta + i \sin n \Phi$ .

## **SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES:**

1. Simplify  $\frac{(\cos 2\theta - i \sin 2\theta)^7 (\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)^5}{(\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)^{12} (\cos 5\theta - i \sin 5\theta)^7}$ 

**Solution:** 
$$cos2\theta - i sin 2\theta = (cos\theta + i sin \theta)^{-2}$$

$$cos3\theta + i \sin 3\theta = (cos\theta + i \sin \theta)^{3}$$
$$cos5\theta - i \sin 5\theta = (cos\theta + i \sin \theta)^{-5}$$

$$\therefore \text{Expression} = \frac{(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^{-14}(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^{15}}{(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^{36}(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^{-35}} = \frac{(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^{1}}{(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^{1}} = 1$$

**2.** Prove that 
$$\frac{(1+i)^8 (\sqrt{3}-i)^4}{(1-i)^4 (\sqrt{3}+i)^8} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

**Solution:**  $\frac{(1+i)^8 (\sqrt{3}-i)^4}{(1-i)^4 (\sqrt{3}+i)^8}$ 

$$(1+i)^8 = \left[\sqrt{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right]^8 = \left[\sqrt{2}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right]^8 = \left\{\sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4}\right\}^8 = 2^4 \cdot e^{i\,2\pi}$$

$$(1-i)^4 = \left[\sqrt{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right]^4 = \left[\sqrt{2}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} - i\sin\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right]^4 = \left\{\sqrt{2}e^{-i\pi/4}\right\}^4 = 2^2 \cdot e^{-i\,\pi}$$

$$\left(\sqrt{3} - i\right)^4 = \left[2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{i}{2}\right)\right]^4 = \left[2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} - i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right]^4 = \left\{2e^{-i\pi/6}\right\}^4 = 2^4 \cdot e^{-i\,2\pi/3}$$

$$\left(\sqrt{3} + i\right)^8 = \left[2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right)\right]^8 = \left[2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right]^8 = \left\{2e^{i\pi/6}\right\}^8 = 2^8 \cdot e^{i\,4\pi/3}$$

$$\text{Expression} = \frac{(2^4 \cdot e^{i\,2\pi}) \cdot (2^4 \cdot e^{-i\,2\pi/3})}{(2^2 \cdot e^{-i\,\pi}) \cdot (2^8 \cdot e^{i\,4\pi/3})} = \frac{1}{2^2} \cdot \frac{e^{i\,3\pi}}{e^{i\,2\pi}} = \frac{1}{4}e^{i\,\pi} = \frac{1}{4}(\cos\pi + i\sin\pi) = \frac{-1}{4}$$

**3.** Find the modulus and the principal value of the argument of  $\frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})^{16}}{(\sqrt{3}-i)^{17}}$ 

Solution: We have  $1 + i\sqrt{3} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$   $\sqrt{3} - i = 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - i\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} - i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$   $\therefore \frac{\left(1 + i\sqrt{3}\right)^{16}}{\left(\sqrt{3} - i\right)^{17}} = \frac{2^{16}[\cos(\pi/3) + i\sin(\pi/3)]^{16}}{2^{17}[\cos(\pi/6) - i\sin(\pi/6)]^{17}}$   $= \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{16}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} - i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right)^{-17}$   $\therefore \frac{\left(1 + i\sqrt{3}\right)^{16}}{\left(\sqrt{3} - i\right)^{17}} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^{16}\left[\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right]^{-17}$   $= \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos\frac{16\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{16\pi}{3}\right)\left[\cos\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{17\pi}{6}\right)\right]$   $= \frac{1}{2}\left[\cos\left(\frac{16}{3} + \frac{17}{6}\right)\pi + i\sin\left(\frac{16}{3} + \frac{17}{6}\right)\pi\right]$   $= \frac{1}{2}\left[\cos\left(\frac{49}{6}\right)\pi + i\sin\left(\frac{49}{6}\right)\pi\right]$   $= \frac{1}{2}\left[\cos\left(8\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i\sin\left(8\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right]$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right]$$

Hence, the modulus is  $\frac{1}{2}$  and principal value of the argument is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ 

**4.** Simplify  $\left(\frac{1+\sin\alpha+i\cos\alpha}{1+\sin\alpha-i\cos\alpha}\right)^n$ 

**Solution:** We have 
$$1 = \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = \sin^2 \alpha - i^2 \cos^2 \alpha$$
  
 $= (\sin \alpha + i \cos \alpha)(\sin \alpha - i \cos \alpha)$   
 $\therefore 1 + \sin \alpha + i \cos \alpha = (\sin \alpha + i \cos \alpha)(\sin \alpha - i \cos \alpha) + (\sin \alpha + i \cos \alpha)$   
 $= (\sin \alpha + i \cos \alpha)(\sin \alpha - i \cos \alpha + 1)$   
 $\therefore \frac{1 + \sin \alpha + i \cos \alpha}{1 + \sin \alpha - i \cos \alpha} = \sin \alpha + i \cos \alpha = \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right) + i \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha\right)$ 

$$\frac{1+\sin\alpha-i\cos\alpha}{1+\sin\alpha-i\cos\alpha}^{n} = \left\{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\alpha\right)+i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\alpha\right)\right\}^{n} \\
= \cos n\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\alpha\right)+i\sin n\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-\alpha\right)$$

**5.** If  $z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\overline{z}$  is the conjugate of z prove that  $(z)^{10} + (\overline{z})^{10} = 0$ .

Solution: 
$$z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4}$$
  $\therefore \bar{z} = \cos\frac{\pi}{4} - i\sin\frac{\pi}{4}$   
 $\therefore (z)^{10} + (\bar{z})^{10} = \left(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{10} + \left(\cos\frac{\pi}{4} - i\sin\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{10}$   
 $= \left(\cos\frac{10\pi}{4} + i\sin\frac{10\pi}{4}\right) + \left(\cos\frac{10\pi}{4} - i\sin\frac{10\pi}{4}\right)$   
 $= 2\cos\frac{10\pi}{4} = 2\cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ 

(ii) 
$$(1+i\sqrt{3})^n + (1-i\sqrt{3})^n = 2^{n+1}cos(n\pi/3).$$
  
Solution:  $1+i\sqrt{3} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}+i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3}+i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$   
 $1-i\sqrt{3} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}-i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3}-i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$   
 $\therefore (1+i\sqrt{3})^n + (1-i\sqrt{3})^n$   
 $= 2^n\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3}+i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^n + 2^n\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3}-i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right)^n$ 

$$= 2^{n} \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} \right) + 2^{n} \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= 2^{n} \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} + \cos \frac{n\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= 2^{n} \left( 2 \cos \frac{n\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= 2^{n+1} \cos \left( \frac{n\pi}{3} \right)$$

**6.** If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$ , prove that  $\alpha^n + \beta^n = 2 \cdot 2^{n/2} \cos n \pi / 4$ , Hence, deduce that  $\alpha^8 + \beta^8 = 32$ 

**Solution:** The given equation is  $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$ 

$$\begin{split} & \therefore x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = 1 \pm i \\ & \therefore \alpha = 1 + i = \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \\ & \beta = 1 - i = \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \\ & \therefore \alpha^n + \beta^n \qquad = \left[ \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]^n + \left[ \sqrt{2} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]^n \\ & = 2^{n/2} \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) + 2^{n/2} \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) \\ & = 2^{n/2} \left( \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} + \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) \\ & = \left( \sqrt{2} \right)^n \left( 2 \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} \right) \\ & = 2 \cdot 2^{n/2} \cos \frac{n\pi}{4} \end{split}$$

$$\text{Putting } n = 8 \qquad \alpha^8 + \beta^8 = 2 \cdot 2^4 \cos 2\pi = 2^5 = 32 \end{split}$$

7. If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2-2\sqrt{3}x+4=0$ , Prove that  $\alpha^3+\beta^3=0$  and  $\alpha^3-\beta^3=16$  i

**Solution:**The given equation is  $x^2 - 2\sqrt{3}x + 4 = 0$ 

$$\therefore x = \frac{2\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{12 - 16}}{2} = \sqrt{3} \pm i = 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \pm i.\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} \pm i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \text{ are the roots}$$
Let  $\alpha = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ ,  $\beta = 2\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} - i\sin\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ 

$$\begin{split} & \therefore \alpha^3 + \beta^3 = 2^3 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^3 + 2^3 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^3 \\ & = 2^3 \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right] = 2^3.2 \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 \\ & \text{Similarly, } \alpha^3 - \beta^3 = 2^3 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^3 + 2^3 \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^3 \\ & = 2^3 \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right] = 2^3.2 \ i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 16 \ i \end{split}$$

**8.** If 
$$a=\cos 2\alpha+i\sin 2\alpha$$
,  $b=\cos 2\beta+i\sin 2\beta$ ,  $c=\cos 2\gamma+i\sin 2\gamma$ , prove that  $\sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}}+\sqrt{\frac{c}{ab}}=2\cos(\alpha+\beta-\gamma)$ 

Solution: 
$$\frac{ab}{c} = \frac{(\cos 2\alpha + i \sin 2\alpha)(\cos 2\beta + \sin 2\beta)}{(\cos 2\gamma + i \sin 2\gamma)}$$

$$= \cos (2\alpha + 2\beta - 2\gamma) + i \sin(2\alpha + 2\beta - 2\gamma)$$

$$= \cos 2(\alpha + \beta - \gamma) + i \sin 2(\alpha + \beta - \gamma)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} = [\cos 2(\alpha + \beta - \gamma) + i \sin 2(\alpha + \beta - \gamma)]^{1/2}$$

$$= \cos(\alpha + \beta - \gamma) + i \sin(\alpha + \beta - \gamma)$$
Similarly, 
$$\sqrt{\frac{c}{ab}} = \cos(\alpha + \beta - \gamma) - i \sin(\alpha + \beta - \gamma)$$
By addition we get 
$$\sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{ab}} = 2\cos(\alpha + \beta - \gamma)$$

**9.** If 
$$x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta$$
,  $y - \frac{1}{y} = 2i \sin \Phi$ ,  $z - \frac{1}{z} = 2i \sin \psi$ , prove that

(i) 
$$xyz + \frac{1}{xyz} = 2\cos(\theta + \Phi + \psi)$$

(ii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt[m]{x}}{\sqrt[n]{y}} + \frac{\sqrt[n]{y}}{\sqrt[m]{x}} = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{m} - \frac{\phi}{n}\right)$$

**Solution:** Since 
$$x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta$$
  $\therefore x^2 - 2ix \sin \theta - 1 = 0$ 

Solving the quadratic for x, we get,

$$x = \frac{2i\sin\theta \pm \sqrt{4i^2\sin^2\theta - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)} = i\sin\theta \pm \sqrt{1 - \sin^2\theta} = i\sin\theta \pm \cos\theta$$

consider  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ 

Similarly, 
$$=\cos \Phi + i\sin \Phi$$
 ,  $z = \cos \psi + i\sin \psi$ 

(i) 
$$xyz = (\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)(\cos\Phi + i\sin\Phi)(\cos\psi + i\sin\psi)$$
  
=  $\cos(\theta + \Phi + \psi) + i\sin(\theta + \Phi + \psi)$ 

$$\therefore \frac{1}{xyz} = \cos(\theta + \Phi + \psi) - i\sin(\theta + \Phi + \psi)$$

Adding we get  $xyz + \frac{1}{xyz} = 2\cos(\theta + \Phi + \psi)$ 

(ii) 
$$\frac{\sqrt[m]{x}}{\sqrt[n]{y}} = \frac{(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^{1/m}}{(\cos\Phi + i\sin\Phi)^{1/n}} = \frac{\left(\cos\frac{\theta}{m} + i\sin\frac{\theta}{m}\right)}{\left(\cos\frac{\Phi}{n} + i\sin\frac{\Phi}{n}\right)} = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{m} - \frac{\Phi}{n}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{m} - \frac{\Phi}{n}\right)$$
Similarly, 
$$\frac{\sqrt[n]{y}}{\sqrt[m]{x}} = \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{m} - \frac{\Phi}{n}\right) - i\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{m} - \frac{\Phi}{n}\right)$$
Adding we get 
$$\frac{\sqrt[m]{x}}{\sqrt[n]{y}} + \frac{\sqrt[n]{y}}{\sqrt[m]{x}} = 2\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{m} - \frac{\Phi}{n}\right)$$

**10.** If  $\cos \alpha + 2\cos \beta + 3\cos \gamma = \sin \alpha + 2\sin \beta + 3\sin \gamma = 0$ , Prove that  $\sin 3\alpha + 8\sin 3\beta + 27\sin 3\gamma = 18\sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$ .

**Solution:** We have  $\cos \alpha + 2 \cos \beta + 3 \cos \gamma = \sin \alpha + 2 \sin \beta + 3 \sin \gamma = 0$ 

$$\therefore (\cos\alpha + 2\cos\beta + 3\cos\gamma) + i(\sin\alpha + 2\sin\beta + 3\sin\gamma) = 0$$

$$\therefore (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) + 2(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) + 3(\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma) = 0$$

Let  $x = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$ ,  $y = 2(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta)$ ,  $z = 3(\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma)$ 

$$\therefore x + y + z = 0$$

$$\therefore (x+y+z)^3 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 3(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx) - 3xyz = 0$$

$$\therefore x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 3 xyz$$

$$\therefore (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)^3 + 2^3 (\cos \beta + i \sin \beta)^3 + 3^3 (\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma)^3$$
$$= 3(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) \cdot 2 \cdot (\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) \cdot 3 \cdot (\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma)$$

∴ By De Moivre's Theorem,

$$(\cos 3\alpha + i\sin 3\alpha) + 8 \cdot (\cos 3\beta + i\sin 3\beta) + 27(\cos 3\gamma + i\sin 3\gamma)$$
$$= 18[\cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) + i\sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)]$$

$$(\cos 3\alpha + 8\cos 3\beta + 27\cos 3\gamma) + i(\sin 3\alpha + 8\sin 3\beta + 27\sin 3\gamma)$$
$$= 18[\cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) + i\sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)]$$

Equating imaginary parts, we get the required result.

**11.** If 
$$x_r = cos \frac{\pi}{3^r} + isin \frac{\pi}{3^r}$$
, prove that (i)  $x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots ad. inf. = i$ 

(ii) 
$$x_0 x_1 x_2 \dots ad. inf. = -i$$

**Solution:** We have  $x_r = \cos \frac{\pi}{3^r} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3^r}$ 

Putting r=0,1,2,3 ... ... we get  $x_0=\cos\frac{\pi}{3^0}+i\sin\frac{\pi}{3^0}=\cos\pi+i\sin\pi=-1$   $x_1=\cos\frac{\pi}{3}+i\sin\frac{\pi}{3}$  ,  $x_2=\cos\frac{\pi}{3^2}+i\sin\frac{\pi}{3^2}$  ... ... ... ... and so on

$$x_{1} x_{2} x_{3} \dots \dots \dots$$

$$= \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3^{2}} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{2}}\right) \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3^{3}} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{3}}\right) \dots \dots \dots$$

$$= \cos \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^{2}} + \frac{1}{3^{3}} + \dots \right) \pi + i \sin \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^{2}} + \frac{1}{3^{3}} + \dots \right) \pi$$

$$\text{But } \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^{2}} + \frac{1}{3^{3}} + \dots \dots \infty = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x_{1} x_{2} x_{3} \dots \dots \dots = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 + i(1) = i$$

$$\text{Also } x_{0} x_{1} x_{2} x_{3} \dots \dots \dots = x_{0}(i) = (-1)(i) = -i$$

**12.** If  $(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)(\cos 3\theta + i\sin 3\theta)$  ... ...  $[\cos(2n-1)\theta + i\sin(2n-1)\theta] = 1$  then show that the general value of  $\theta$  is  $\frac{2r\pi}{n^2}$ 

## **Solution:**

L.H.S = 
$$(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)(\cos 3\theta + i\sin 3\theta) \dots \dots [\cos(2n-1)\theta + i\sin(2n-1)\theta]$$
  
=  $\cos[1+3+\dots+(2n-1)]\theta + i\sin[1+3+\dots+(2n-1)]\theta$ 

But  $1 + 3 + \cdots + (2n - 1)$  is an A.P. with first term 1, the number of terms n and common difference 2.

$$\therefore \text{ The Sum, } S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1).d] = \frac{n}{2}[2 + (n-1).2] = n^2$$
 
$$\therefore \text{ L.H.S} = cos(n^2\theta) + i sin(n^2\theta)$$
 
$$\text{R.H.S} = 1 = cos 2 r \pi + i sin 2 r \pi \qquad \text{where } r = 0,1,2 \dots \dots$$
 Equating the two sides, we get  $n^2\theta = 2 r \pi \qquad \therefore \theta = \frac{2 r \pi}{n^2}$ 

13. By using De Moivre's Theorem show that

$$\sin \alpha + \sin 2\alpha + \dots + \sin 5\alpha = \frac{\sin 3\alpha \sin(5\alpha/2)}{\sin \alpha/2}$$

**Solution:** 
$$\frac{1-z^6}{1-z} = 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + z^4 + z^5$$
 .....(i)

Let  $z=\cos\alpha+i\sin\alpha$ , then by De Moivre's theorem,  $z^n=\cos n\alpha+i\sin n$ 

$$1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + z^4 + z^5 = 1 + (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) + (\cos 2\alpha + i \sin 2\alpha)$$

$$+(\cos 3\alpha + i\sin 3\alpha) + (\cos 4\alpha + i\sin 4\alpha) + (\cos 5\alpha + i\sin 5\alpha)$$

$$= (1 + \cos\alpha + \cos 2\alpha + \cos 3\alpha + \cos 4\alpha + \cos 5\alpha)$$

$$+i \left(\sin \alpha + \sin 2\alpha + \sin 3\alpha + \sin \alpha + \sin 5\alpha\right)$$
....(ii)

Now, 
$$\frac{1-z^6}{1-z} = \frac{1-(\cos\alpha+i\sin\alpha)^6}{1-(\cos\alpha+i\sin\alpha)} = \frac{1-\cos6\alpha-i\sin6\alpha}{1-\cos\alpha-i\sin\alpha} = \frac{2\sin^23\alpha-2i\sin3\alpha\cos3\alpha}{2\sin^2(\alpha/2)-2i\sin(\alpha/2)\cos(\alpha/2)}$$
$$= \frac{\sin3\alpha(\sin3\alpha-i\cos3\alpha)\left[\sin(\alpha/2)+i\cos(\alpha/2)\right]}{\sin(\alpha/2)\left[\sin(\alpha/2)-i\cos(\alpha/2)\right]}$$
$$= \frac{\sin3\alpha(\sin3\alpha-i\cos3\alpha)\left[\sin(\alpha/2)-i\cos(\alpha/2)\right]}{\sin(\alpha/2)\left[\sin^2(\alpha/2)+\cos^2(\alpha/2)\right]}$$
$$= \frac{\sin3\alpha}{\sin(\alpha/2)}\left(\sin3\alpha-i\cos3\alpha\right)\left[\sin(\alpha/2)-i\cos(\alpha/2)\right]$$

$$= \frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\sin(\alpha/2)} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 3\alpha\right) - i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 3\alpha\right) \right] \times \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\sin(\alpha/2)} \left[ \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{2} + 3\alpha\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2} + 3\alpha\right) \right] \times \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{1 - z^{6}}{1 - z} = \frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\sin(\alpha/2)} \left[ \cos\left(3\alpha - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(3\alpha - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sin 3\alpha}{\sin(\alpha/2)} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{5\alpha}{2}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{5\alpha}{2}\right) \right] \dots (iii)$$

Using (i) equating real parts, from (ii) and (iii), we get

$$1 + \cos\alpha + \cos 2\alpha + \dots + \cos 5\alpha = \frac{\sin 3\alpha \cdot \cos(5\alpha/2)}{\sin(\alpha/2)}$$

And equating imaginary parts, we get

$$\sin \alpha + \sin 2\alpha + \dots + \sin 5\alpha = \frac{\sin 3\alpha \cdot \sin(5\alpha/2)}{\sin(\alpha/2)}$$

#### **PRACTICE PROBLEMS:**

- 1. Simplify
  - (i)  $\frac{(\cos 2\theta i\sin 2\theta)^5(\cos 3\theta + i\sin 3\theta)^6}{(\cos 4\theta + i\sin 4\theta)^7(\cos \theta i\sin \theta)^8}$  (ii)  $\frac{(\cos 2\theta + i\sin 2\theta)^3(\cos 3\theta i\sin 3\theta)^2}{(\cos 4\theta + i\sin 4\theta)^5(\cos 5\theta i\sin 5\theta)^4}$
- 2. Prove that

(i) 
$$\frac{(1+i)^8(1-i\sqrt{3})^3}{(1-i)^6(1+i\sqrt{3})^9} = \frac{i}{32}$$
 (ii) 
$$\frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})^9(1-i)^4}{(\sqrt{3}+i)^{12}(1+i)^4} = -\frac{1}{8}$$

- **3.** Find the modulus and the principal value of the argument of  $\frac{\left(1+i\sqrt{3}\right)^{17}}{\left(\sqrt{3}-i\right)^{15}}$
- **4.** Express  $(1+7i)(2-i)^{-2}$  in the form of  $r(\cos\theta+i\sin\theta)$  and prove that the second power is a negative imaginary number and the fourth power is a negative real number.
- **5.** If  $x_n + iy_n = (1 + i\sqrt{3})^n$ , prove that  $x_{n-1}y_n x_ny_{n-1} = 4^{n-1}\sqrt{3}$ .
- **6.** Simplify  $(1 + \cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n + (1 + \cos \theta i \sin \theta)^n$
- 7. Prove that  $\frac{1+\sin\theta+i\cos\theta}{1+\sin\theta-i\cos\theta} = \sin\theta+i\cos\theta \text{ Hence deduct that}$   $\left(1+\sin\frac{\pi}{5}+i\cos\frac{\pi}{5}\right)^5+i\left(1+\sin\frac{\pi}{5}-i\cos\frac{\pi}{5}\right)^5=0.$
- **8.** If  $z = \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $\overline{z}$  is the conjugate of z find the value of  $(z)^{15} + (\overline{z})^{15}$ .
- **9.** Prove that, if n is a positive integer, then

(i) 
$$(a+ib)^{m/n} + (a-ib)^{m/n} = 2(\sqrt{a^2+b^2})^{m/n} cos(\frac{m}{n}tan^{-1}\frac{b}{a})$$

(ii) 
$$\left(\sqrt{3}+i\right)^{120}+\left(\sqrt{3}-i\right)^{120}=2^{121}$$

- **10.** If n is a positive integer, prove that  $(1+i)^n + (1-i)^n = 2 \ 2^{n/2} \cos n \ \pi/4$  Hence, deduce that  $(1+i)^{10} + (1-i)^{10} = 0$
- **11.** Prove that  $\left(\frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^n$  is equal to -1 if  $n=3k\pm 1$  and 2 if n=3k where k is an integer.
- **12.** If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2-2x+4=0$  , prove that  $\alpha^n+\beta^n=2^{n+1}cos(n\pi/3)$ .

- (i) Deduce that  $\alpha^{15} + \beta^{15} = -2^{16}$  (ii) Deduce that  $\alpha^6 + \beta^6 = 128$
- **13.** If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $z^2 sin^2 \theta z . sin 2\theta + 1 = 0$ , prove that  $\alpha^n + \beta^n = 2 cos n \theta cosec^n \theta$
- **14.** If  $a = \cos 3\alpha + i \sin 3\alpha$ ,  $b = \cos 3\beta + i \sin 3\beta$ ,  $c = \cos 3\gamma + i \sin 3\gamma$ , prove that  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{ab}{c}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{ab}} = 2\cos(\alpha + \beta \gamma)$
- **15.** If  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2\cos\theta$ ,  $y + \frac{1}{y} = 2\cos\emptyset$ ,  $z + \frac{1}{z} = 2\cos\psi$ , prove that
  - (i)  $xyz + \frac{1}{xyz} = 2\cos(\theta + \Phi + \psi)$  (ii)  $\sqrt{xyz} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{xyz}} = 2\cos\left(\frac{\theta + \Phi + \psi}{2}\right)$
  - (iii)  $\frac{x^m}{y^n} + \frac{y^n}{x^m} = 2\cos(m\theta n\Phi)$  (iv)  $\frac{\sqrt[m]{x}}{\sqrt[n]{y}} + \frac{\sqrt[n]{y}}{\sqrt[m]{x}} = 2\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{m} \frac{\emptyset}{n}\right)$
- **16.** If  $a = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$ ,  $b = \cos \beta + i \sin \beta$ ,  $c = \cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma$ , prove that  $\frac{(b+c)(c+a)(a+b)}{abc} = 8 \cos \frac{(\alpha-\beta)}{2} \cos \frac{(\beta-\gamma)}{2} \cos \frac{(\gamma-\alpha)}{2}.$
- 17. If a, b, c are three complex numbers such that a+b+c=0, prove that
  - (i)  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$  and (ii)  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0$
- **18.** If  $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = 0$  and  $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma = 0$ , Prove that
  - (i)  $\cos 2\alpha + \cos 2\beta + \cos 2\gamma = 0$ ,  $\sin 2\alpha + \sin 2\beta + \sin 2\gamma = 0$ .
  - (ii)  $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = \frac{3}{2}$
  - (iii)  $cos(\alpha + \beta) + cos(\beta + \gamma) + cos(\gamma + \alpha) = 0.$
  - (iv)  $\sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\beta + \gamma) + \sin(\gamma + \alpha) = 0$ .
  - (v)  $\cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma = 3\cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$
  - (vi)  $\sin 3\alpha + \sin 3\beta + \sin 3\gamma = 3\sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$
- **19.** If  $a\cos\alpha + b\cos\beta + c\cos\gamma = a\sin\alpha + b\sin\beta + c\sin\gamma = 0$ , Prove that  $a^3\cos3\alpha + b^3\cos3\beta + c^3\cos3\gamma = 3abc\cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$  and  $a^3\sin3\alpha + b^3\sin3\beta + c^3\sin3\gamma = 3abc\sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$
- **20.** If  $x_r = cos\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^r \pi + i sin\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^r \pi$ , prove that
  - (i)  $x_1 x_2 x_3 ... \infty = 1$ ,

(ii)  $x_0 x_1 x_2 \dots \infty = -1$