

### APPLICATIONS OF DE MOIVRE'S THEOREM:

#### 1) Expansion of $\sin n\theta, \cos n\theta$ in powers of $\sin \theta, \cos \theta$ :

By De Moivre's theorem  $\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \cos^n \theta + {}^nC_1 \cos^{n-1} \theta \cdot i \sin \theta + {}^nC_2 \cos^{n-2} \theta \cdot (i \sin \theta)^2 + {}^nC_3 \cos^{n-3} \theta (i \sin \theta)^3 + \dots \\ &= (\cos^n \theta - {}^nC_2 \cos^{n-2} \theta \sin^2 \theta + \dots) \\ &\quad + i({}^nC_1 \cos^{n-1} \theta \sin \theta - {}^nC_3 \cos^{n-3} \theta \sin^3 \theta + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Comparing real imaginary part on both sides

$$\cos n\theta = \cos^n \theta - {}^nC_2 \cos^{n-2} \theta \sin^2 \theta + \dots$$

$$\sin n\theta = {}^nC_1 \cos^{n-1} \theta \sin \theta - {}^nC_3 \cos^{n-3} \theta \sin^3 \theta + \dots$$

#### SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES:

1. Using De Moivre's Theorem, prove that,  $\cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$  and  $\sin 3\theta = 3 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta - \sin^3 \theta$

**Solution:** By De Moivre's theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta &= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 \\ &= (\cos \theta)^3 + 3(\cos \theta)^2(i \sin \theta) + 3 \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 + (i \sin \theta)^3 \\ &= \cos^3 \theta + i3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta - i \sin^3 \theta \\ &= (\cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta) + i(3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts

$$\cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \sin 3\theta = 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta$$

2. Using De Moivre's Theorem express  $\sin 3\theta, \cos 3\theta, \tan 3\theta$  in terms of powers of  $\sin \theta, \cos \theta, \tan \theta$  respty.

**Solution:** continue as example (1) and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 3\theta &= 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta \\ &= 3(1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta \\ &= 3 \sin \theta - 3 \sin^2 \theta - \sin^3 \theta \\ &= 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos 3\theta &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \\
 &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \\
 &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta + 3 \cos^3 \theta \\
 &= 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\tan 3\theta = \frac{\sin 3\theta}{\cos 3\theta} = \frac{3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta}{\cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta}$$

Dividing the numerator and denominator by  $\cos^3 \theta$

$$\tan 3\theta = \frac{(3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta)}{(1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta)}$$

3. Show that, (i)  $\sin 5\theta = 5 \sin \theta - 20 \sin^3 \theta + 16 \sin^5 \theta$   
 (ii)  $\cos 5\theta = 5 \cos \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 16 \cos^5 \theta$

**Solution:** By De Moivre's Theorem,  $(\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta) = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^5$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \cos^5 \theta + 5 \cos^4 \theta (i \sin \theta) + 10 \cos^3 \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 + 10 \cos^2 \theta (i \sin \theta)^3 \\
 &\quad + 5 \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^4 + (i \sin \theta)^5 \quad \dots \text{Using Binomial Theorem} \\
 &= \cos^5 \theta + i 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + i 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \\
 &\quad 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta + i \sin^5 \theta \\
 &= (\cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta) \\
 &\quad + i(5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts

$$\cos 5\theta = \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta$$

$$\sin 5\theta = 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta$$

We have  $\sin 5\theta = 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 5(1 - \sin^2 \theta)^2 \sin \theta - 10(1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta \\
 &= 5(1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta) \sin \theta - 10(1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta \\
 &= 5 \sin \theta - 20 \sin^3 \theta + 16 \sin^5 \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

And  $\cos 5\theta = \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 5 \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 \\
 &= \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 5 \cos \theta (1 - 2 \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta) \\
 &= 5 \cos \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 16 \cos^5 \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Show that,  $\frac{\sin 5\theta}{\sin \theta} = 16 \cos^4 \theta - 12 \cos^2 \theta + 1$

**Solution:** From above example (3)

$$\sin 5\theta = 5\cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10\cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \frac{\sin 5\theta}{\sin \theta} &= 5\cos^4 \theta - 10\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta \\ &= 5\cos^4 \theta - 10\cos^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 \\ &= 5\cos^4 \theta - 10\cos^2 \theta + 10\cos^4 \theta + 1 - 2\cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta \\ &= 16 \cos^4 \theta - 12 \cos^2 \theta + 1\end{aligned}$$

5. Use De Moivre's Theorem to show that  $\tan 5\theta = \frac{5 \tan \theta - 10 \tan^3 \theta + \tan^5 \theta}{1 - 10 \tan^2 \theta + 5 \tan^4 \theta}$  and hence deduce that  $5 \tan^4 \frac{\pi}{10} - 10 \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + 1 = 0$

**Solution:** From above example (3)

$$\cos 5\theta = \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta$$

$$\sin 5\theta = 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta$$

$$\therefore \tan 5\theta = \frac{\sin 5\theta}{\cos 5\theta} = \frac{5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta}{\cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta}$$

Dividing the numerator and denominator by  $\cos^5 \theta$

$$\tan 5\theta = \frac{\tan \theta - 10 \tan^3 \theta + \tan^5 \theta}{1 - 10 \tan^2 \theta + 5 \tan^4 \theta} \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{Now, Put } \theta = \frac{\pi}{10}.$$

Then  $\tan 5\theta = \tan \frac{\pi}{2} = \infty$  and hence the denominator in (1) must be zero.

$$\therefore 5 \tan^4 \frac{\pi}{10} - 10 \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + 1 = 0.$$

6. If  $\sin 6\theta = a \cos^5 \theta \sin \theta + b \cos^3 \theta \sin^3 \theta + c \cos \theta \sin^5 \theta$ ,  
find the values of a, b, c.

**Solution:** By De Moivre's Theorem  $\cos 6\theta + i \sin 6\theta = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^6$

$$= (\cos \theta)^6 + 6(\cos \theta)^5(i \sin \theta) + 15(\cos \theta)^4(i \sin \theta)^2 + 20(\cos \theta)^3(i \sin \theta)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +15(\cos \theta)^2(i \sin \theta)^4 + 6(\cos \theta)^1(i \sin \theta)^5 + (i \sin \theta)^6 \\
& = \cos^6 \theta + i6 \cos^5 \theta \sin \theta - 15 \cos^4 \theta \sin^2 \theta - i20 \cos^3 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 15 \cos^2 \theta \sin^4 \theta \\
& \quad + i6 \cos \theta \sin^5 \theta - \sin^6 \theta \\
& = (\cos^6 \theta - 15 \cos^4 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 15 \cos^2 \theta \sin^4 \theta - \sin^6 \theta) \\
& \quad + i(6 \cos^5 \theta \sin \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 6 \cos \theta \sin^5 \theta)
\end{aligned}$$

Equating imaginary parts,  $\sin 6\theta = 6 \cos^5 \theta \sin \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 6 \cos \theta \sin^5 \theta$

Comparing with  $\sin 6\theta = a \cos^5 \theta \sin \theta + b \cos^3 \theta \sin^3 \theta + c \cos \theta \sin^5 \theta$

we get,  $a = 6, b = -20, c = 6$

7. Prove that,

$$\begin{aligned}
\cos 8\theta &= \cos^8 \theta - 28 \cos^6 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 70 \cos^4 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 28 \cos^2 \theta \sin^6 \theta + \sin^8 \theta \\
\sin 8\theta &= 8 \cos^7 \theta \sin \theta - 56 \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 56 \cos^3 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 8 \cos \theta \sin^7 \theta.
\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:** By De Moivre's Theorem  $\cos 8\theta + i \sin 8\theta = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^8$

$$\begin{aligned}
& = (\cos \theta)^8 + 8(\cos \theta)^7(i \sin \theta) + 28(\cos \theta)^6(i \sin \theta)^2 + 56(\cos \theta)^5(i \sin \theta)^3 \\
& \quad + 70(\cos \theta)^4(i \sin \theta)^4 + 56(\cos \theta)^3(i \sin \theta)^5 + 28(\cos \theta)^2(i \sin \theta)^6 \\
& \quad + 8(\cos \theta)(i \sin \theta)^7 + (i \sin \theta)^8 \\
& = \cos^8 \theta + i \cos^7 \theta \sin \theta - 28 \cos^6 \theta \sin^2 \theta - i56 \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 28 \cos^4 \theta \sin^4 \theta \\
& \quad + i56 \cos^3 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 28 \cos^2 \theta \sin^6 \theta - i8 \cos \theta \sin^7 \theta + \sin^8 \theta \\
& = (\cos^8 \theta - 28 \cos^6 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 70 \cos^4 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 28 \cos^2 \theta \sin^6 \theta + \sin^8 \theta) \\
& \quad + i(8 \cos^7 \theta \sin \theta - 56 \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 56 \cos^3 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 8 \cos \theta \sin^7 \theta)
\end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts

$$\begin{aligned}
\cos 8\theta &= \cos^8 \theta - 28 \cos^6 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 70 \cos^4 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 28 \cos^2 \theta \sin^6 \theta + \sin^8 \theta \\
\sin 8\theta &= 8 \cos^7 \theta \sin \theta - 56 \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 56 \cos^3 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 8 \cos \theta \sin^7 \theta.
\end{aligned}$$

8. Using De Moivre's theorem prove that,

$$2(1 + \cos 8\theta) = (x^4 - 4x^2 + 2)^2 \text{ where } x = 2 \cos \theta.$$

**Solution:**  $2(1 + \cos 8\theta) = 2(2\cos^2 4\theta) = (2\cos 4\theta)^2 \dots\dots\dots(1)$

To find  $\cos 4\theta$  in powers of  $\cos \theta$ ,

$$\text{Consider } (\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta) = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4$$

$$= \cos^4 \theta + 4 \cos^3 \theta i \sin \theta + 6 \cos^2 \theta i^2 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos \theta i^3 \sin^3 \theta + i^4 \sin^4 \theta$$

$$= (\cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta) + i(4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta)$$

Equating real Parts,  $\cos 4\theta = \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta$

$$= \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2$$

$$= \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta + 6 \cos^4 \theta + 1 - 2 \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta$$

$$= 8 \cos^4 \theta - 8 \cos^2 \theta + 1$$

$\therefore 2 \cos 4\theta = 16 \cos^4 \theta - 16 \cos^2 \theta + 2$  Putting this value in (1)

$$2(1 + \cos 8\theta) = (16 \cos^4 \theta - 16 \cos^2 \theta + 2)^2$$

$$= [(2 \cos \theta)^4 - 4(2 \cos \theta)^2 + 2]^2$$

$$= (x^4 - 4x^2 + 2)^2 \quad \text{where } x = 2 \cos \theta$$

9. Prove that  $\frac{1+\cos 9A}{1+\cos A} = [16 \cos^4 A - 8 \cos^3 A - 12 \cos^2 A + 4 \cos A + 1]^2$

**Solution:**  $\frac{1+\cos 9A}{1+\cos A} = \frac{2 \cos^2(\frac{9A}{2})}{2 \cos^2(\frac{A}{2})} = \left[ \frac{\cos(\frac{9A}{2})}{\cos(\frac{A}{2})} \right]^2$

$$= \left( \frac{2 \cos(\frac{9A}{2}) \sin(\frac{A}{2})}{2 \cos(\frac{A}{2}) \sin(\frac{A}{2})} \right)^2 = \left[ \frac{\sin(\frac{9A}{2} + \frac{A}{2}) - \sin(\frac{9A}{2} - \frac{A}{2})}{\sin A} \right]^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{\sin(5A) - \sin(4A)}{\sin A} \right)^2 \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

By De Moivre's Theorem,  $(\cos 5\theta + i \sin 5\theta) = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^5$

$$= \cos^5 \theta + 5 \cos^4 \theta (i \sin \theta) + 10 \cos^3 \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 + 10 \cos^2 \theta (i \sin \theta)^3$$

$$+ 5 \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^4 + (i \sin \theta)^5 \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{Using Binomial Theorem}$$

$$\cos^5 \theta + i 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta - i 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta + i \sin^5 \theta$$

$$= (\cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta) + i(5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta)$$

Equating imaginary parts

$$\sin 5\theta = 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Consider  $(\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta) = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4$

$$= \cos^4 \theta + 4 \cos^3 \theta i \sin \theta + 6 \cos^2 \theta i^2 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos \theta i^3 \sin^3 \theta + i^4 \sin^4 \theta$$

$$= (\cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta) + i(4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta)$$

Equating imaginary parts

$$\sin 4\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

Put (2) & (3) in (1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1+\cos 9A}{1+\cos A} &= \left[ \frac{(5 \cos^4 A \sin A - 10 \cos^2 A \sin^3 A + \sin^5 A) - (4 \cos^3 A \sin A - 4 \cos A \sin^3 A)}{\sin A} \right]^2 \\ &= (5 \cos^2 A - 10 \cos^2 A \sin^2 A + \sin^4 A - 4 \cos^2 A + 4 \cos A \sin^2 A)^2 \\ &= [5 \cos^2 A - 10 \cos^2 A (1 - \cos^2 A) + (1 - \cos^2 A)^2 - 4 \cos^3 A + 4 \cos A (1 - \cos^2 A)]^2 \\ &= [5 \cos^2 A - 10 \cos^2 A + 10 \cos^4 A + 1 - 2 \cos^2 A + \cos^4 A - 4 \cos^3 A + 4 \cos A - 4 \cos^3 A]^2 \\ &= (16 \cos^4 A - 8 \cos^3 A - 12 \cos^2 A + 4 \cos A + 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

10. Prove that  $\frac{1-\cos 9A}{1-\cos A} = [16 \cos^4 A + 8 \cos^3 A - 12 \cos^2 A - 4 \cos A + 1]^2$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1-\cos 9A}{1-\cos A} &= \frac{2 \sin^2\left(\frac{9A}{2}\right)}{2 \sin^2\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)} = \left( \frac{\sin\left(\frac{9A}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{9A}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{A}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{A}{2}\right)} \right)^2 = \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{9A}{2} + \frac{A}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{9A}{2} - \frac{A}{2}\right)}{\sin A} \right]^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{\sin(5A) + \sin(4A)}{\sin A} \right)^2 \quad \text{Continue as above example} \end{aligned}$$

### SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS

- Using De Moivre's Theorem prove that,  
 $\cos 4\theta = \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta$  and  
 $\sin 4\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta$
- Prove that,  $\frac{\sin 6\theta}{\sin 2\theta} = 16 \cos^4 \theta - 16 \cos^2 \theta + 3$
- If  $\cos 6\theta = a \cos^6 \theta + b \cos^4 \theta \sin^2 \theta + c \cos^2 \theta \sin^4 \theta + d \sin^6 \theta$ , find a, b, c, d.
- Express  $\sin 7\theta$  and  $\cos 7\theta$  in terms of powers of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$ .
- Prove that,  $\frac{\sin 7\theta}{\sin \theta} = 7 - 56 \sin^2 \theta + 112 \sin^4 \theta - 64 \sin^6 \theta$
- Show that  $\tan 7\theta = \frac{7 \tan \theta - 35 \tan^3 \theta + 21 \tan^5 \theta - \tan^7 \theta}{1 - 21 \tan^2 \theta + 35 \tan^4 \theta - 7 \tan^6 \theta}$ .
- Express  $\tan 7\theta$  in terms of powers of  $\tan \theta$

Hence deduce  $7 \tan^6 \frac{\pi}{14} - 35 \tan^4 \frac{\pi}{14} + 21 \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{14} - 1 = 0$

8. Prove that  $\frac{1+\cos 7\theta}{1+\cos \theta} = (x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 1)^2$  where  $x = 2 \cos \theta$

9. Prove that  $\frac{1-\cos 7\theta}{1-\cos \theta} = (x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1)^2$  where  $x = 2 \cos \theta$

**Expansion of  $\sin^n \theta, \cos^n \theta$  in term of  $\sin n\theta, \cos n\theta$  (n is a + ve integer):**

$$\text{Let } x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta = e^{i\theta} \quad \therefore \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta = e^{-i\theta}$$

$$\text{Hence } x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \text{ and } x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta$$

$$\text{Again, } x^n = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta = e^{in\theta}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^n} = (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta = e^{-in\theta}$$

$$x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad x^n - \frac{1}{x^n} = 2i \sin n\theta$$

$$\text{To expand } \cos^n \theta, \text{ write } \cos^n \theta = \frac{1}{2^n} \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^n$$

$$\text{To expand } \sin^n \theta, \text{ write } \sin^n \theta = \frac{1}{(2i)^n} \left( x - \frac{1}{x} \right)^n \text{ and expand R.H.S. using binomial expansion}$$

$$(x + a)^n = x^n + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2 + \dots + a^n$$

### SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES:

1. Show that  $\sin^5 \theta = \frac{1}{16} (\sin 5\theta - 5 \sin 3\theta + 10 \sin \theta)$

**Solution:** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ , then  $\frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$$

$$\therefore x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad x^n - \frac{1}{x^n} = 2i \sin n\theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\therefore (2i \sin \theta)^5 = \left( x - \frac{1}{x} \right)^5 \quad \text{from (1)}$$

$$= x^5 - 5x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 10x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} - 10x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} + 5x \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} - \frac{1}{x^5}$$

$$= x^5 - 5x^3 + 10x - 10\frac{1}{x} + 5\frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x^5}$$

$$32 i^5 \sin^5 \theta = \left(x^5 - \frac{1}{x^5}\right) - 5 \left(x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right) + 10 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\therefore 32 i \sin^5 \theta = 2 i \sin 5 \theta - 5(2i \sin 3\theta) + 10 (2i \sin \theta) \quad \text{from (2)}$$

$$\therefore \sin^5 \theta = \frac{1}{16} (\sin 5\theta - 5 \sin 3\theta + 10 \sin \theta)$$

2. Using De Moivre's Theorem prove that,  $\cos^6 \theta + \sin^6 \theta = \frac{1}{8} (3 \cos 4\theta + 5)$

**Solution:** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ , then  $\frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad x - \frac{1}{x} = 2 i \sin \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$$

$$\therefore x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad x^n - \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 i \sin n\theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$(2 \cos \theta)^6 = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 \quad \text{from (1)}$$

$$= x^6 + 6x^5 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 15x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + 20x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} + 15x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} + 6x \cdot \frac{1}{x^5} + \frac{1}{x^6}$$

$$2^6 \cos^6 \theta = x^6 + 6x^4 + 15x^2 + 20 + 15 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^6} \quad \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$(2 i \sin \theta)^6 = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 \quad \text{from (1)}$$

$$= x^6 - 6x^5 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 15x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} - 20x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} + 15x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} - 6x \cdot \frac{1}{x^5} + \frac{1}{x^6}$$

$$-2^6 \sin^6 \theta = x^6 - 6x^4 + 15x^2 - 20 + 15 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} - 6 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^6}$$

$$\therefore 2^6 \sin^6 \theta = -x^6 + 6x^4 - 15x^2 + 20 - 15 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} - \frac{1}{x^6} \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

$$\text{Adding (3) and (4)} \quad 2^6 (\cos^6 \theta + \sin^6 \theta) = 12x^4 + 40 + 12 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$2^6 (\cos^6 \theta + \sin^6 \theta) = 4 \left[ 3 \left( x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} \right) + 10 \right]$$

$$\therefore \cos^6 \theta + \sin^6 \theta = \frac{1}{16} \left[ 3 \left( x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} \right) + 10 \right]$$

$$\therefore \cos^6 \theta + \sin^6 \theta = \frac{1}{16} [6 \cos 4\theta + 10] \quad \text{from (2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} [3 \cos 4\theta + 5]$$



3. Expand  $\sin^7 \theta$  in a series of sines of multiples of  $\theta$

**Solution:** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \therefore \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$$

$$\therefore x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad x^n - \frac{1}{x^n} = 2i \sin n\theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$(2i \sin \theta)^7 = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^7 \quad \text{from (1)}$$

$$= x^7 - 7x^6 \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 21x^5 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} - 35x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} + 35x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^4} - 21x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^5} + 7x \cdot \frac{1}{x^6} - \frac{1}{x^7}$$

$$= x^7 - 7x^5 + 21x^3 - 35x + \frac{35}{x} - \frac{21}{x^3} + \frac{7}{x^5} - \frac{1}{x^7}$$

$$= \left(x^7 - \frac{1}{x^7}\right) - 7\left(x^5 - \frac{1}{x^5}\right) + 21\left(x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right) - 35\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$-2^7 i \sin^7 \theta = 2i \sin 7\theta - 7 \cdot (2i \sin 5\theta) + 21 \cdot (2i \sin 3\theta) - 35 \cdot (2i \sin \theta) \quad \text{from (2)}$$

$$\therefore -2^6 \sin^7 \theta = \sin 7\theta - 7 \sin 5\theta + 21 \sin 3\theta - 35 \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \sin^7 \theta = -\frac{1}{2^6} (\sin 7\theta - 7 \sin 5\theta + 21 \sin 3\theta - 35 \sin \theta)$$

4. Expand  $\cos^7 \theta$  in a series of cosines of multiples of  $\theta$

**Solution:** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \therefore \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$$

$$\therefore x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad x^n - \frac{1}{x^n} = 2i \sin n\theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$(2 \cos \theta)^7 = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^7 \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{from (1)}$$

$$= x^7 + 7x^6 \frac{1}{x} + 21x^5 \frac{1}{x^2} + 35x^4 \frac{1}{x^3} + 35x^3 \frac{1}{x^4} + 21x^2 \frac{1}{x^5} + 7x \frac{1}{x^6} + \frac{1}{x^7}$$

$$= x^7 + 7x^5 + 21x^3 + 35x + \frac{35}{x} + \frac{21}{x^3} + \frac{7}{x^5} + \frac{1}{x^7}$$

$$= \left(x^7 + \frac{1}{x^7}\right) + 7\left(x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5}\right) + 21\left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) + 35\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\therefore 2^7 \cos^7 \theta = 2 \cos 7\theta + 7(2 \cos 5\theta) + 21(2 \cos 3\theta) + 35(\cos \theta) \quad \text{From (2)}$$

$$\cos^7 \theta = \frac{1}{2^6} [\cos 7\theta + 7 \cos 5\theta + 21 \cos 3\theta + 35 \cos \theta]$$

5. Show that  $2^5 \sin^4 \theta \cos^2 \theta = \cos 6\theta - 2 \cos 4\theta - \cos 2\theta + 2$ .

**Solution:** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \therefore \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$$

$$\therefore x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad x^n - \frac{1}{x^n} = 2i \sin n\theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$(2i \sin \theta)^4 (2 \cos \theta)^4 = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^4 \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \quad \text{From (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2^6 \sin^4 \theta \cos^2 \theta &= \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 \\ &= \left(x^2 - 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \left(x^4 - 2 + \frac{1}{x^4}\right) \\ &= x^6 - 2x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} - 2x^4 + 4 - \frac{2}{x^4} + x^2 - \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^6} \\ &= \left(x^6 + \frac{1}{x^6}\right) - 2\left(x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}\right) - \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 4 \\ &= 2 \cos 6\theta - 2(2 \cos 4\theta) - (2 \cos 2\theta) + 4 \quad \text{From (2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2^5 \sin^4 \theta \cos^2 \theta = \cos 6\theta - 2 \cos 4\theta - \cos 2\theta + 2$$

6. Prove that  $\cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta = -\frac{1}{2^7} [\sin 8\theta + 2 \sin 6\theta - 2 \sin 4\theta - 6 \sin 2\theta]$

**Solution:** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \therefore \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$$

$$\therefore x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad x^n - \frac{1}{x^n} = 2i \sin n\theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$(2 \cos \theta)^5 (2i \sin \theta)^3 = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^5 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3$$

$$2^8 i^3 \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3$$

$$-2^8 i \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(x^2 - 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \left(x^6 - 3x^2 + \frac{3}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^6}\right) \\
&= x^8 - 3x^4 + 3 - \frac{1}{x^4} + 2x^6 - 6x^2 + \frac{6}{x^2} - \frac{2}{x^6} + x^4 - 3 + \frac{3}{x^4} - \frac{1}{x^8} \\
&= \left(x^8 - \frac{1}{x^8}\right) + 2\left(x^6 - \frac{1}{x^6}\right) - 2\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^4}\right) - 6\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \\
&= (2i \sin 8\theta) + 2(2i \sin 6\theta) - 2(2i \sin 4\theta) - 6(2i \sin 2\theta) \quad \text{From (2)} \\
\therefore -2^7 \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta &= \sin 8\theta + 2 \sin 6\theta - 2 \sin 4\theta - 6 \sin 2\theta \\
\therefore \cos^5 \theta \sin^3 \theta &= -\frac{1}{2^7} [\sin 8\theta + 2 \sin 6\theta - 2 \sin 4\theta - 6 \sin 2\theta]
\end{aligned}$$

7. If  $\sin^4 \theta \cos^3 \theta = a_1 \cos \theta + a_3 \cos 3\theta + a_5 \cos 5\theta + a_7 \cos 7\theta$ ,

Prove that  $a_1 + 9a_3 + 25a_5 + 49a_7 = 0$ .

**Solution:** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \therefore \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad x - \frac{1}{x} = 2i \sin \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$$

$$\therefore x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta \quad \text{and} \quad x^n - \frac{1}{x^n} = 2i \sin n\theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Consider } (2i \sin \theta)^4 (2 \cos \theta)^3 &= \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^4 \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 \\
&= \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right) \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 \\
&= \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^3 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right) \\
&= \left(x^6 - 3x^2 + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^6}\right) \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right) \\
&= x^7 - 3x^3 + \frac{3}{x} - \frac{1}{x^5} - x^5 + 3x - \frac{3}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^7} \\
&= \left(x^7 + \frac{1}{x^7}\right) - \left(x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5}\right) - 3\left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) + 3\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (2i \sin \theta)^4 (2 \cos \theta)^3 = 2 \cos 7\theta - 2 \cos 5\theta - 6 \cos 3\theta + 6 \cos \theta \quad \text{from (2)}$$

$$\therefore \sin^4 \theta \cos^3 \theta = \frac{\cos 7\theta}{2^6} - \frac{\cos 5\theta}{2^6} - \frac{3 \cos 3\theta}{2^6} + \frac{3 \cos \theta}{2^6}$$

Comparing this with the given equality,  $a_1 = \frac{3}{2^6}, a_3 = -\frac{3}{2^6}, a_5 = -\frac{1}{2^6}, a_7 = \frac{1}{2^6}$

$$\therefore a_1 + 9a_3 + 25a_5 + 49a_7 = \frac{3}{2^6} - \frac{27}{2^6} - \frac{25}{2^6} + \frac{49}{2^6} = \frac{52-52}{2^6} = 0$$

SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS:

1. Show that  $\cos^6 \theta = \frac{1}{32} [\cos 6\theta + 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta + 10]$
2. Prove that  $\cos^6 \theta - \sin^6 \theta = \frac{1}{16} [\cos 6\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta]$
3. Express  $\sin^8 \theta$  in a series of cosines of multiples of  $\theta$ .
4. Prove that,  $\cos^8 \theta = \frac{1}{2^7} [\cos 8\theta + 8 \cos 6\theta + 28 \cos 4\theta + 56 \cos 2\theta + 35]$
5. Prove that  $\cos^8 \theta + \sin^8 \theta = \frac{1}{64} [\cos 8\theta + 28 \cos 4\theta + 35]$ .
6. Show that  $2^6 \sin^4 \theta \cos^3 \theta = \cos 7\theta - \cos 5\theta - 3 \cos 3\theta + 3 \cos \theta$ .
7. Prove that  $\sin^7 \theta \cos^3 \theta = -\frac{1}{512} [\sin 10\theta - 4 \sin 8\theta + 3 \sin 6\theta + 8 \sin 4\theta - 14 \sin 2\theta]$

### ROOTS OF ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS:

De Moivre's theorem can be used to find the roots of an algebraic equation.

General values of  $\cos \theta = \cos(2k\pi + \theta)$  and  $\sin \theta = \sin(2k\pi + \theta)$  where k is an integer.

To solve the equation of the type  $z^n = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ , we apply De Moivre's theorem

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

This shows that  $\left(\cos \frac{\theta}{n} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{n}\right)$  is one of the n roots of  $z^n = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ .

The other roots are obtain by expressing the number in the general form

$$z = \{\cos(2k\pi + \theta) + i \sin(2k\pi + \theta)\}^{\frac{1}{n}} = \cos\left(\frac{2k\pi + \theta}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2k\pi + \theta}{n}\right)$$

Taking  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$ . We get n roots of the equation.

**Note: (i)** Complex roots always occur in conjugate pair if coefficients of different powers of x including constant terms in the equation are real.

**(ii)** Continued products mean products of all the roots of the equation.

**SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES:**

1. If  $\omega$  is a cube root of unity, prove that  $(1 - \omega)^6 = -27$

**Solution:** Consider  $x^3 = 1 \quad \therefore x = 1^{1/3}$

$$\therefore x = (\cos 0 + i \sin 0)^{1/3} = (\cos 2k\pi + i \sin 2k\pi)^{1/3} = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{3}$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2$ , the cube roots of unity are

$$x_0 = 1, x_1 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \omega \quad (\text{say})$$

$$\text{And } x_2 = \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} = \left[ \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right]^2 = \omega^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 1 + \omega + \omega^2 &= 1 + \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) + \left( \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} \right) \\ &= 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + \left( -\frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = 1 - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 1 + \omega^2 = -\omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (1 - \omega)^6 &= [(1 - \omega)^2]^3 = (1 - 2\omega + \omega^2)^3 \\ &= (-\omega - 2\omega)^3 = (-3\omega)^3 = -27\omega^3 = -27 \end{aligned}$$

2. Find all the values of  $\sqrt[3]{(1+i)/\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt[3]{(1-i)/\sqrt{2}}$

**Solution:**  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{(1+i)}{\sqrt{2}}} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^{1/3}$

$$= \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$= \left[ \cos \left( 2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( 2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]^{1/3}$$

$$= \left[ \cos \left( (8k+1) \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( (8k+1) \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]^{1/3}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{(1+i)}{\sqrt{2}}} = \cos \left( (8k+1) \frac{\pi}{12} \right) + i \sin \left( (8k+1) \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \sqrt[3]{\frac{(1-i)}{\sqrt{2}}} = \cos \left( (8k+1) \frac{\pi}{12} \right) - i \sin \left( (8k+1) \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$$

$$\therefore \sqrt[3]{\frac{(1+i)}{\sqrt{2}}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{(1-i)}{\sqrt{2}}} = 2 \cos \left( (8k+1) \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2$  we get the three roots as  $2 \cos \frac{\pi}{12}, 2 \cos \frac{9\pi}{12}, 2 \cos \frac{17\pi}{12}$

i.e.,  $2 \cos \frac{r\pi}{12}$  where  $r = 1, 9, 17$

**3.** Find the cube roots of  $(1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^{1/3} &= \left[ 2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) - i \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \cos \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]^{1/3} \\ &= \left[ 2 \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \left( 2 \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) - i \cos \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right) \right]^{1/3} \\ &= \left( 2 \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right)^{1/3} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2} \right) - i \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]^{1/3} \\ &= \left( 2 \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right)^{1/3} \left[ \cos \left( 2k\pi - \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right) + i \sin \left( 2k\pi - \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right) \right]^{1/3} \\ &= \left( 2 \sin \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right)^{1/3} \left[ \cos \left( \frac{(4k-1)+\theta}{6} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{(4k-1)+\theta}{6} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2$  we get the three roots

**4.** Find the continued product of all the value of  $(-i)^{2/3}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (-i)^{2/3} &= (0 + i(-1))^{2/3} = \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{2} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{2/3} \\ &= \left[ \cos \left( 2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - i \sin \left( 2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]^{2/3} \\ &= \cos \left( (4k+1) \frac{\pi}{3} \right) - i \sin \left( (4k+1) \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2$  we get the three roots as

$$\left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right), \left( \cos \frac{8\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{8\pi}{3} \right), \left( \cos \frac{9\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{9\pi}{3} \right)$$

$\therefore$  Continued product

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \left( \cos \frac{8\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{8\pi}{3} \right) \left( \cos \frac{9\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{9\pi}{3} \right) \\ &= \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{8\pi}{3} + \frac{9\pi}{3} \right) - i \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{8\pi}{3} + \frac{9\pi}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \cos 6\pi + i \sin 6\pi \\
 &= 1 - i(0) \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Find all the values of  $\left(\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{3/4}$  and show that their continued product is 1.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{3/4} &= \left\{\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3\right\}^{1/4} \\
 &= (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^{1/4} \\
 &= [\cos(2k+1)\pi + i \sin(2k+1)\pi]^{1/4} \\
 &= \cos(2k+1)\frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin(2k+1)\frac{\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$  we get the four roots as,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4}\right), \left(\cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4}\right), \left(\cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \\
 &\therefore \left(\cos \frac{r\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{r\pi}{4}\right) \text{ where } r = 1, 3, 5, 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{The required product} &= \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{5\pi}{4} + \frac{7\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{5\pi}{4} + \frac{7\pi}{4}\right) \\
 &= \cos 4\pi + i \sin 4\pi = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

**6. SOLVE:**  $x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + 1 = 0$

**Solution:**  $x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore x^4(x^3 + 1) + (x^3 + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore (x^3 + 1)(x^4 + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x^3 = -1, x^4 = -1$$

$$\text{Consider } x^3 = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore x &= (-1 + i0)^{1/3} = (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^{1/3} = [\cos(2k+1)\pi - i \sin(2k+1)\pi]^{1/3} \\
 &= \cos(2k+1)\frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin(2k+1)\frac{\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2$  we get the three roots

Similarly from  $x^4 = -1$  we get the remaining four roots as

$$x = \cos(2k + 1)\frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin(2k + 1)\frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3$$

7. SOLVE:  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

**Solution:**  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

Multiplying the given equation by  $x - 1$ , we get  $(x - 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) = 0$

$$\therefore \text{We have } x^5 - 1 = 0 \quad \therefore x^5 = 1 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0$$

$$\therefore x^5 = \cos(2k\pi) + i \sin(2k\pi)$$

$$\therefore x = (\cos 2k\pi + i \sin 2k\pi)^{1/5} = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{5}$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ , we get the roots of the equation.

$$x_0 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0 = 1,$$

$$x_1 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{5}, \quad x_2 = \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{5},$$

$$x_3 = \cos \frac{6\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{6\pi}{5}, \quad x_4 = \cos \frac{8\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{8\pi}{5}$$

It is clear that 1 is the roots of  $x - 1 = 0$

and the remaining roots are the roots of  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

$$\text{i.e., } \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} \pm i \sin \frac{2\pi}{5}, \quad \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} \pm i \sin \frac{4\pi}{5}$$

8. SOLVE:  $x^4 - x^2 + 1 = 0$

**Solution:**  $x^4 - x^2 + 1 = 0$

Multiplying the given equation by  $(x^2 + 1)$ , we get,  $(x^2 + 1)(x^4 - x^2 + 1) = 0$

$$\therefore (x^2)^3 + (1)^3 = 0 \quad \therefore x^6 + 1 = 0 \quad \therefore x^6 = -1$$

$$\therefore x = (-1 + 0i)^{1/6} = (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^{1/6}$$

$$= [\cos(2k\pi + \pi) + i \sin(2k\pi + \pi)]^{1/6}$$

$$= \cos(2k + 1)\frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin(2k + 1)\frac{\pi}{6}$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  we get the six roots of equation

$$x_0 = \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$x_1 = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 + i(1) = i$$



$$x_2 = \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$x_3 = \cos \frac{7\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{6}$$

$$x_4 = \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} = 0 + i(-1) = -i \quad x_5 = \cos \frac{11\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

It is clear that  $i$  and  $-i$  are the roots of  $x^2 + 1 = 0$  and the remaining roots

$x_0, x_2, x_3, x_5$  are roots of  $x^4 - x^2 + 1 = 0$

9. Find the roots common to  $x^4 + 1 = 0$  and  $x^6 - i = 0$ .

**Solution:** Consider  $x^4 + 1 = 0 \quad \therefore x^4 = -1$

$$x = (-1 + i0)^{1/4} = (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^{1/4} = [\cos(2k\pi + \pi) + i \sin(2k\pi + \pi)]^{1/4}$$

$$x = \cos \left( (2k + 1) \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + i \sin \left( (2k + 1) \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$  we get the three roots as

$$x_0 = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

$$x_1 = \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$x_2 = \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \quad x_3 = \cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{4} = -\left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right)$$

Now consider,  $x^6 - i = 0 \quad \therefore x^6 = i$

$$x = (0 + 1i)^{1/6} = \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{1/6} = \left[ \cos \left( 2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) + i \sin \left( 2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \right]^{1/6}$$

$$= \cos \left( (4k + 1) \frac{\pi}{12} \right) + i \sin \left( (4k + 1) \frac{\pi}{12} \right)$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  we get the six roots as

$$x_0 = \cos \frac{\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{12}$$

$$x_1 = \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$x_2 = \cos \frac{9\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{9\pi}{12} = \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$x_3 = \cos \frac{13\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{13\pi}{12}$$

$$x_4 = \cos \frac{17\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{17\pi}{12}$$

$$x_5 = \cos \frac{21\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{21\pi}{12} = -\left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right)$$

$\therefore$  common roots are  $\pm \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right)$

**10.** If  $(1+x)^6 + x^6 = 0$

show that  $x = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$  where  $\theta = (2n+1)\pi/6, n = 0,1,2,3,4,5$ .

**Solution:**  $(1+x)^6 + x^6 = 0 \quad \therefore \frac{(1+x)^6}{x^6} = -1$

$$\frac{1+x}{x} = (-1)^{1/6} = (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^{1/6} = [\cos(2k+1)\pi + i \sin(2k+1)\pi]^{1/6}$$

$$= \cos\left((2k+1)\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + i \sin\left((2k+1)\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

$$\frac{x+1-x}{x} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta - 1$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = (\cos \theta - 1) + i \sin \theta$$

$$x = \frac{1}{(\cos \theta - 1) + i \sin \theta} \times \frac{(\cos \theta - 1) - i \sin \theta}{(\cos \theta - 1) - i \sin \theta} = \frac{(\cos \theta - 1) - i \sin \theta}{(\cos \theta - 1)^2 + \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{(\cos \theta - 1) - i \sin \theta}{2(1 - \cos \theta)}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \sin^2(\theta/2) - i 2 \sin(\theta/2) \cos(\theta/2)}{2(2 \sin^2(\theta/2))}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2} \cot\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \quad \text{where } \theta = (2k+1)\frac{\pi}{6}$$

**11.** If one root of  $x^4 - 6x^3 + 15x^2 - 18x + 10 = 0$  is  $1+i$ , find all other roots.

**Solution:** The given equation is  $x^4 - 6x^3 + 15x^2 - 18x + 10 = 0$

Since one of the root is  $1+i$

$\therefore$  other root must be  $1-i$  (since roots always occurs as complex conjugate pairs)

$\therefore x = 1 \pm i$  are the two roots

$$\therefore x - 1 = \pm i$$

$$\therefore (x - 1)^2 = (\pm i)^2$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 2x + 1 = -1$$

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

Now we want to find other two remaining roots for that we divide

$x^4 - 6x^3 + 15x^2 - 18x + 10$  by  $x^2 - 4x + 2$  and we obtain

$$\therefore x^4 - 6x^3 + 15x^2 - 18x + 10 = (x^2 - 4x + 2)(x^2 - 4x + 5)$$

$\therefore$  the remaining two roots are the roots of equation  $x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$

$$\therefore x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(1)(5)}}{2(1)} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-20}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 2i}{2} = 2 \pm i$$

$\therefore$  The required remaining roots of given equation are  $1 - i$ ,  $2 \pm i$

**12.** If  $\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4$ , are the roots of  $x^5 - 1 = 0$ , find them & show that

$$(1 - \alpha)(1 - \alpha^2)(1 - \alpha^3)(1 - \alpha^4) = 5.$$

**Solution:** We have  $x^5 = 1 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0 \quad \therefore x^5 = \cos(2k\pi) + i \sin(2k\pi)$

$$\therefore x = (\cos 2k\pi + i \sin 2k\pi)^{1/5} = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{5}$$

Putting  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ , we get the five roots as

$$x_0 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0 = 1, \quad x_1 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{5},$$

$$x_2 = \cos \frac{4\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{5}, \quad x_3 = \cos \frac{6\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{6\pi}{5}, \quad x_4 = \cos \frac{8\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{8\pi}{5},$$

Putting  $x_1 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{5} = \alpha$ , we see that  $x_2 = \alpha^2, x_3 = \alpha^3, x_4 = \alpha^4$

$\therefore$  the roots are  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4$ , and hence

$$x^5 - 1 = (x - 1)(x - \alpha)(x - \alpha^2)(x - \alpha^3)(x - \alpha^4)$$

$$\therefore (x - \alpha)(x - \alpha^2)(x - \alpha^3)(x - \alpha^4) = \frac{x^5 - 1}{x - 1}$$

$$\therefore (x - \alpha)(x - \alpha^2)(x - \alpha^3)(x - \alpha^4) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$\text{Putting } x = 1, \text{ we get } (1 - \alpha)(1 - \alpha^2)(1 - \alpha^3)(1 - \alpha^4) = 5$$

**13.** Solve the equation  $z^4 = i(z - 1)^4$  and show that

the real part of all the roots is  $1/2$ .

**Solution:** We have  $z^4 = i(z - 1)^4$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{z}{z-1}\right)^4 = i = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = \cos \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{z}{z-1} = \left[ \cos \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right]^{1/4}$$

$$= \cos(4n + 1)\frac{\pi}{8} + i \sin(4n + 1)\frac{\pi}{8}$$

$$\therefore \frac{z}{z-1} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \text{where } \theta = (4n + 1)\frac{\pi}{8}$$

$$\therefore \frac{z}{z-1-z} = \frac{z}{-1} = \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta} \quad \text{Simplifying as in the above example, we get}$$

$$\therefore \frac{z}{-1} = \frac{-\sin(\theta/2) + i \cos(\theta/2)}{2 \sin(\theta/2)}$$

$$\therefore -z = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}, \quad \text{where } \theta = (4n + 1) \frac{\pi}{8}$$

For,  $n = 0, 1, 2$ , we get three roots, All these roots have the real part  $1/2$

**14.** If  $\omega$  is a 7<sup>th</sup> root of unity, prove that

$$S = 1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} + \omega^{3n} + \omega^{4n} + \omega^{5n} + \omega^{6n} = 7$$

if  $n$  is a multiple of 7 and is equal to zero otherwise.

**Solution:** We have  $x = 1^{\frac{1}{7}} = (\cos 2n\pi + i \sin 2n\pi)^{\frac{1}{7}}$

$$= \cos \frac{2n\pi}{7} + i \sin \frac{2n\pi}{7}, \quad \text{where } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

$$\text{Let } \omega = \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{7}$$

$$\therefore \omega^7 = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{7} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{7} \right)^7 = \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi = 1 \therefore \omega^{7n} = 1^n = 1$$

If  $n$  is not a multiple of 7,  $\therefore \omega^n \neq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } S = 1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} + \omega^{3n} + \dots + \omega^{6n} &= \frac{1 - \omega^{7n}}{1 - \omega^n} \quad \text{sum of 7 terms of G.P} \\ &= \frac{1 - 1}{1 - \omega^n} = \frac{0}{1 - \omega^n} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

If  $n$  is a multiple of 7, say  $n = 7k$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } S &= 1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} + \omega^{3n} + \omega^{4n} + \omega^{5n} + \omega^{6n} \\ &= 1 + (\omega^7)^k + (\omega^7)^{2k} + (\omega^7)^{3k} + (\omega^7)^{4k} + (\omega^7)^{5k} + (\omega^7)^{6k} \\ &= 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 7 \end{aligned}$$

**15.** Prove that  $\sqrt{1 + \sec(\theta/2)} = (1 + e^{i\theta})^{-1/2} + (1 + e^{-i\theta})^{-1/2}$

**Solution:** We have to show that  $\sqrt{1 + \sec(\theta/2)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+e^{i\theta}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+e^{-i\theta}}}$

Squaring both sides, we get,  $1 + \sec \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{1+e^{i\theta}} + \frac{1}{1+e^{-i\theta}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{(1+e^{i\theta})(1+e^{-i\theta})}}$

We shall prove this result

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } r.h.s &= \frac{1}{1+e^{i\theta}} + \frac{1}{1+e^{-i\theta}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{(1+e^{i\theta})(1+e^{-i\theta})}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1+e^{i\theta}} + \frac{e^{i\theta}}{1+e^{i\theta}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+e^{-i\theta}+e^{i\theta}+1}} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2+(e^{i\theta}+e^{-i\theta})}} = 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2+2\cos\theta}} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2(1+\cos\theta)}} = 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4\cos^2(\theta/2)}} \\
 &= 1 + \frac{2}{2\cos(\theta/2)} = 1 + \sec \frac{\theta}{2} = l.h.s
 \end{aligned}$$

### SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Find the cube roots of unity. If  $\omega$  is a complex cube root of unity prove that

(i)  $1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$

(ii)  $\frac{1}{1+2\omega} + \frac{1}{2+\omega} - \frac{1}{1+\omega} = 0$

2. Prove that the  $n$   $n$ th roots of unity are in geometric progression.

3. Show that the sum of the  $n$   $n$ th roots of unity is zero.

4. Prove that the product of  $n$   $n$ th roots of unity is  $(-1)^{n-1}$

5. Find all the values of the following :

(i)  $(-1)^{1/5}$

(ii)  $(-i)^{1/3}$

(ix)  $(1 - i\sqrt{3})^{1/4}$

6. Find the continued product of all the values of  $\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{3/4}$

7. Find all the value of  $(1 + i)^{2/3}$  and find the continued product of these values.

8. Solve the equations

(i)  $x^9 + 8x^6 + x^3 + 8 = 0$

(ii)  $x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1 = 0$

(iii)  $(x + 1)^8 + x^8 = 0$

9. If  $(x + 1)^6 = x^6$ , show that  $x = -\frac{1}{2} - i \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$  where  $\theta = \frac{2k\pi}{6}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

10. Show that the roots of  $(x + 1)^7 = (x - 1)^7$  are given by  $\pm i \cot \frac{r\pi}{7}, r = 1, 2, 3$ .
11. If  $\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \dots, \alpha^6$  are the roots of  $x^7 - 1 = 0$ , find them and prove that  $(1 - \alpha)(1 - \alpha^2) \dots (1 - \alpha^6) = 7$ .
12. Prove that  $x^5 - 1 = (x - 1) \left( x^2 + 2x \cos \frac{\pi}{5} + 1 \right) \left( x^2 + 2x \cos \frac{3\pi}{5} + 1 \right) = 0$ .
13. Solve the equation  $z^n = (z + 1)^n$  and show that the real part of all the roots is  $-1/2$ .
14. If  $a = e^{i 2\pi/7}$  and  $b = a + a^2 + a^4, c = a^3 + a^5 + a^6$ . then prove that b & c are roots of quadratic equation  $x^2 + x + 2 = 0$ .
15. Prove that (i)  $\sqrt{1 - \cos \theta} = (1 - e^{i\theta})^{-1/2} - (1 - e^{-i\theta})^{-1/2}$   
(iv)  $\sqrt{1 + \cos \theta} = (1 + e^{i\theta})^{-1/2} - (1 + e^{-i\theta})^{-1/2}$
16. If  $1 + 2i$  is a root of the equation  $x^4 - 3x^3 + 8x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0$ , find all the other roots.