



Tutorial 4A : Complex Numbers I

Section A (Basic Questions)

Do these questions without a GC first, then verify your answers using a GC wherever possible.

1 Express the following complex numbers in the form $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$:

(a) $(4 - i) - (3 + 3i)$

(b) $(2 + i)(3 - 4i)$

(c) $(1 + i)^3$

(d) $\frac{3 + i}{4 - 3i}$

(e) $\frac{-8 + 5i}{-2 - 4i} - \frac{3 + 8i}{1 + 2i}$

[a] $1 - 4i$ b] $10 - 5i$ c] $-2 + 2i$ d] $\frac{9}{25} + \frac{13}{25}i$ e] $-4 - \frac{5}{2}i$

2 Find $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

(a) $2x + 3iy = -x - 6i$

(b) $(x + iy)(2 - i) = 8 + i$

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

[a] $x = 0, y = -2$ b] $x = 3, y = 2$ c] $x = 3, y = 13$

3 Solve the equations

(a) $z^2 = 3 - 4i$,

(b) $z^2 + 2z + 10 = 0$,

(c) $z^3 - 2z - 4 = 0$.

[a] $\pm(2 - i)$ b] $-1 \pm 3i$ c] $2, -1 \pm i$

4 Find $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ if

(a) $3 + i$ is a root of the equation $z^2 + az + b = 0$,

(b) $a + ia$ is a root of the equation $z^2 + 4z + b = 0$.

[a] $a = -6, b = 10$ b] $a = -2, b = 8$ or $a = 0, b = 0$

5 For each of the following complex number, represent it on an Argand diagram. Find also its modulus and argument.

(a) $\sqrt{3} + i$

(b) $-1 + i\sqrt{3}$

(c) $i^2(1 + i)$

(d) $-i(1 + i)$

(e) $\sin \theta + i \cos \theta$, where $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

[a] $2, \frac{\pi}{6}$ b] $2, \frac{2\pi}{3}$ c] $\sqrt{2}, -\frac{3\pi}{4}$ d] $\sqrt{2}, -\frac{\pi}{4}$ e] $1, \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$

Section B (Standard Questions)

6 Given that $\arg(a + ib) = \theta$, where $a > 0, b > 0$, find, in terms of θ and π , the values of

(a) $\arg(-a + ib)$,

(b) $\arg(-a - ib)$,

(c) $\arg(b + ia)$.

[i] $\pi - \theta$ ii] $\theta - \pi$ iii] $\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$

7 It is given that $w = \frac{z-1}{z^*+1}$, where $z = a+ib$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

By expressing w in the form $u+iv$, $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$, find the conditions under which

- (a) w is real, (b) w is purely imaginary.

[a] $ab = 0$ [b] $a^2 - b^2 = 1$

8(a) ^{compare coefficients} Solve for $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ if $(4-i)^2 + (8\lambda+i)(3\mu-i) + 8i = 43$.

(b) Solve for $z = a+ib$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ if $(z+i)^* = 2iz + i$.

[a] $\lambda = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$, $\mu = \sqrt{3}$ or $\lambda = -\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$, $\mu = -\sqrt{3}$ [b] $-\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}i$

9 Solve the following simultaneous equations:

(a) $w+z = 6+2i$, $w-3z = \frac{20}{2-i}$; (b) $z = w+3i+2$, $z^2 - iw + 5 - 2i = 0$.

[a] $w = \frac{13}{2} + \frac{5}{2}i$, $z = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i$ [b] $w = -2-i$, $z = 2i$ or $w = -2-4i$, $z = -i$

10 [9740/2007/01/Q3]

The complex number w is such that $ww^*+2w = 3+4i$, where w^* is the complex conjugate of w . Find w in the form $a+ib$, where a and b are real.

[$w = -1+2i$]

11 It is given that $-1+2i$ satisfies the equation $2z^3 + 3z^2 + az + b = 0$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$.

Find a and show that $b = -5$. Hence obtain the exact values of all the roots of the equation.

[$a = 8$; $\frac{1}{2}$, $-1 \pm 2i$]

12 [9740/2010/02/Q1]

(i) Solve the equation $x^2 - 6x + 34 = 0$.

(ii) One root of the equation $x^4 + 4x^3 + x^2 + ax + b = 0$, where a and b are real, is $x = -2+i$. Find the values of a and b , and the other roots.

[(i) $3 \pm 5i$ (ii) $a = -16, b = -20$ roots are: $-2 \pm i, -2, 2$]

13 [9740/2013/01/Q4]

The complex number w is given by $1+2i$.

(i) Find w^3 in the form $x+iy$, showing your working.

(ii) Given that w is a root of the equation $az^3 + 5z^2 + 17z + b = 0$, find the values of the real numbers a and b .

(iii) Using these values of a and b , find all the roots of this equation in exact form.

[(i) $w^3 = -11-2i$ (ii) $a = 27, b = 295$ (iii) $z = -\frac{59}{27}, 1 \pm 2i$]