

SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Simplify

$$(i) \frac{(\cos 2\theta - i \sin 2\theta)^5 (\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)^6}{(\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta)^7 (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^8} \quad (ii) \frac{(\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta)^3 (\cos 3\theta - i \sin 3\theta)^2}{(\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta)^5 (\cos 5\theta - i \sin 5\theta)^4}$$

2. Prove that

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

3. Find the modulus and the principal value of the argument of $\frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})^{17}}{(\sqrt{3}-i)^{15}}$

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 $x_{n-1}y_n - x_n y_{n-1} = 4^{n-1}\sqrt{3}$.

6. Simplify $(1 + \cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n + (1 + \cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n$

7. Prove that $\frac{1+\sin \theta + i \cos \theta}{1+\sin \theta - i \cos \theta} = \sin \theta + i \cos \theta$ Hence deduce 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 \bar{z} is the conjugate of z find the value of $(z)^{15} + (\bar{z})^{15}$.

9. Prove that, if n is a positive integer, then

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

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

10. If n is a positive integer, prove that $(1+i)^n + (1-i)^n = 2^{n/2} \cos n\pi/4$

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 α, β 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 α, β are the roots of the equation $z^2 \sin^2 \theta - z \sin 2\theta + 1 = 0$, prove that

$$\alpha^n + \beta^n = 2 \cos n\theta \operatorname{cosec}^n \theta$$

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 $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta, y + \frac{1}{y} = 2 \cos \phi, z + \frac{1}{z} = 2 \cos \psi$, 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) $\frac{\sqrt[m]{x}}{\sqrt[n]{y}} + \frac{\sqrt[n]{y}}{\sqrt[m]{x}} = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{m} - \frac{\phi}{n}\right)$
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
 $a^3 \cos 3\alpha + b^3 \cos 3\beta + c^3 \cos 3\gamma = 3abc \cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$ and
 $a^3 \sin 3\alpha + b^3 \sin 3\beta + c^3 \sin 3\gamma = 3abc \sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$
20. If $x_r = \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^r \pi + i \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^r \pi$, prove that
 (i) $x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots \infty = 1$, (ii) $x_0 x_1 x_2 \dots \infty = -1$

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- Find the cube roots of unity. If ω is a complex cube root of unity prove that
 - $1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$
 - $\frac{1}{1+2\omega} + \frac{1}{2+\omega} - \frac{1}{1+\omega} = 0$
- Prove that the n th roots of unity are in geometric progression.
- Show that the sum of the n th roots of unity is zero.
- Prove that the product of n th roots of unity is $(-1)^{n-1}$
- Find all the values of the following :
 - $(-1)^{1/5}$
 - $(-i)^{1/3}$
 - $(1 - i\sqrt{3})^{1/4}$
- Find the continued product of all the values of $\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{3/4}$
- Find all the value of $(1 + i)^{2/3}$ and find the continued product of these values.
- Solve the equations
 - $x^9 + 8x^6 + x^3 + 8 = 0$
 - $x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1 = 0$
 - $(x + 1)^8 + x^8 = 0$
- If $(x + 1)^6 = x^6$, show that $x = -\frac{1}{2} - i \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$ where $\theta = \frac{2k\pi}{6}, k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$.
- Show that the roots of $(x + 1)^7 = (x - 1)^7$ are given by $\pm i \cot \frac{r\pi}{7}, r = 1, 2, 3$.
- If $\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \dots, \alpha^6$ are the roots of $x^7 - 1 = 0$, find them and prove that $(1 - \alpha)(1 - \alpha^2) \dots (1 - \alpha^6) = 7$.
- Prove that $x^5 - 1 = (x - 1) \left(x^2 + 2x \cos \frac{\pi}{5} + 1\right) \left(x^2 + 2x \cos \frac{3\pi}{5} + 1\right) = 0$.
- Solve the equation $z^n = (z + 1)^n$ and show that the real part of all the roots is $-1/2$.
- 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 $x^2 + x + 2 = 0$.
- Prove that
 - $\sqrt{1 - \cos \theta} = (1 - e^{i\theta})^{-1/2} - (1 - e^{-i\theta})^{-1/2}$
 - $\sqrt{1 - \sin \theta} = (1 + e^{i\theta})^{-1/2} - (1 + e^{-i\theta})^{-1/2}$
- If $1 + 2i$ is a root of the equation $x^4 - 3x^3 + 8x^2 - 7x + 5 = 0$, find all the other roots.