

Complex Numbers Problems

211-220

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211. Solve the equation $z^2 + z|z| + |z|^2 = 0$

Solution: Clearly $z = 0$ is one of the solutions. For other solutions divide both sides by $|z|^2$ which gives us $t^2 + t + 1 = 0$ where $t = \frac{z}{|z|}$.

The equation $t^2 + t + 1 = 0$ has two roots i.e. $t = \omega, \omega^2 \Rightarrow \frac{z}{|z|} = \omega, \omega^2$

$\Rightarrow z = k\omega, k\omega^2$ where $k = |z|$ is a non-negative real number.

212. Solve the equation $2z = |z| + 2i$ in complex numbers.

Solution: Let $z = x + iy$, then $2x + 2iy = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + 2i$. Comparing real and imaginary parts, we get

$$2y = 2 \Rightarrow y = 1 \text{ and } 2x = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \Rightarrow 4x^2 = x^2 + 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + i.$$

213. If $a > 0$ and $z|z| + az + 1 = 0$, show that z is a negative real number.

Solution: Let $z = x + iy$, then $(x + iy)\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + a(x + iy) + 1 = 0$.

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we get

$$y\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + ay = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0 \because \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + a \neq 0 \quad [\because a > 0] \text{ and}$$

$$\therefore x\sqrt{x^2 + 0} + ax + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + ax + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2}$$

Clearly, both the values of x are negative, so z is a negative real number.

214. For every real number $a > 0$, find all complex numbers z satisfying the equation $z|z| + az + i = 0$.

Solution: Let $z = x + iy$, then $(x + iy)\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + ax + aiy + i = 0$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we get

$$x\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + ax = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \quad \because \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + a \neq 0 \quad [\because a > 0] \text{ and}$$

$$y\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + ay + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 + ay + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow y = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4}}{2}$$

215. For every real number $a > 0$, determine the complex numbers z , which will satisfy the equation

$$|z|^2 - 2iz + 2a(1 + i) = 0$$

Solution: Let $z = x + iy$, then $x^2 + y^2 - 2i(x + iy) + 2a(1 + i) = 0$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we get

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2y + 2a = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 1 - 2a \text{ and } -2x + 2a = 0 \Rightarrow x = a$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 1)^2 = 1 - 2a - a^2 \Rightarrow y = 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 2a - a^2}$$

However $1 - 2a - a^2 > 0$. Roots of equivalent quadratic equation is $a = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{-2} \Rightarrow -1 \pm \sqrt{2}$ but $a > 0$ so the range for a is $0 < a < \sqrt{2} - 1$.

216. If α and β are two complex numbers, show that $|\alpha + \beta|^2 = |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 + \Re(\alpha\bar{\beta}) + \Re(\bar{\alpha}\beta)$.

Solution: Let $\alpha = a + ib$ and $\beta = c + id$ then $|\alpha + \beta|^2 = (a + c)^2 + (b + d)^2$

$$|\alpha|^2 = a^2 + b^2, |\beta|^2 = c^2 + d^2, \Re(\alpha\bar{\beta}) = \Re[(a + ib)(c - id)] = ac + bd, \Re(\bar{\alpha}\beta) = \Re[(a - ib)(c + id)] = ac + bd$$

Thus, $|\alpha + \beta|^2 = |\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 + \Re(\alpha\bar{\beta}) + \Re(\bar{\alpha}\beta)$.

217: Find the integral solution of the equation $(3 + 4i)^x = 5^{\frac{x}{2}}$.

Solution: Let $z = 3 + 4i$ then $|z| = 5$, so the given equation becomes $z^x = |z|^{\frac{x}{2}} \Rightarrow z^{2x} = |z|^x$

$\left(\frac{(3+4i)^2}{5}\right)^x = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{3-16+24i}{5}\right)^x = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{-7+24i}{5}\right)^x = 1$ which is possible only if $x = 0$.

218. Find the integral solution of the equation $(1 - i)^x = 2^x$

Solution: Given, $(1 - x)^x = 2^x \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1-x}{2}\right)^x = 1$ which is possible only if $x = 0$.

219. Find the integral solution of the equation $(1 - i)^x = (1 + i)^x$.

Solution: Given, $(1 - i)^x = (1 + i)^x \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1-i}{1+i}\right)^x = \left(\frac{(1-i)^2}{(1+i)(1-i)}\right)^x = \left(\frac{-2i}{2}\right)^x = (-i)^x = 1 \Rightarrow x = 4n \forall n \in I.$

220. Prove that $|1 - \overline{z_1}z_2|^2 - |z_1 - z_2|^2 = (1 - |z_1|^2)(1 - |z_2|^2)$.

Solution: L.H.S. = $|1 - \overline{z_1}z_2|^2 - |z_1 - z_2|^2 = (1 - \overline{z_1}z_2)(1 - z_1\overline{z_2}) - (z_1 - z_2)(\overline{z_1} - \overline{z_2}) [\because |z|^2 = z\overline{z}]$

$$= (1 - \overline{z_1}z_2 - z_1\overline{z_2} + |z_1|^2|z_2|^2) - (|z_1|^2 - \overline{z_1}z_2 - z_1\overline{z_2} + |z_2|^2)$$
$$= (1 - |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2 + |z_1|^2|z_2|^2) = (1 - |z_1|^2)(1 - |z_2|^2) = \text{R.H.S.}$$