

Complex Numbers Problems

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Problem 71

71. For any two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 , prove that

$$|z_1 + z_2|^2 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(z_1 \overline{z_2}) = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(\overline{z_1} z_2)$$

Solution of Problem 71

Solution: $|z_1 + z_2|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + y_1^2 + y_2^2 + 2x_1x_2 + 2y_1y_2$

$$= |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + 2(x_1x_2 + y_1y_2)$$

Now, $2\operatorname{Re}(z_1\overline{z_2}) = 2\operatorname{Re}[(x_1 + iy_1)(x_2 - iy_2)] = 2\operatorname{Re}[x_1x_2 + y_1y_2 - i(x_1y_2 + x_2y_1)] = 2(x_1x_2 + y_1y_2)$

Similalry, $2\operatorname{Re}(\overline{z_1}z_2) = 2(x_1x_2 + y_1y_2)$

Thus, we have desired result.

Problem 72

72. If $|z_1| = |z_2| = 1$, then prove that $|z_1 + z_2| = \left| \frac{1}{z_1} + \frac{1}{z_2} \right|$.

Solution of Problem 72

Solution: R.H.S. = $\left| \frac{1}{z_1} + \frac{1}{z_2} \right| = \left| \frac{z_2 + z_1}{z_1 z_2} \right|$

Since $|z_1| = |z_2| = 1 \therefore |z_1 z_2| = 1$ and thus $|z_1 + z_2| = \left| \frac{1}{z_1} + \frac{1}{z_2} \right|$.

Problem 73

73. If $|z - 2| = 2|z - 1|$, then show that $|z|^2 = \frac{4}{3} \operatorname{Re}(z)$

Solution of Problem 73

Solution: Let $z = x + iy$, then $x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 = 4x^2 - 8x + 4 + 4y^2 \Rightarrow 3x^2 + 3y^2 = 4x$
 $\Rightarrow 3|z|^2 = 4\operatorname{Re}(z) \Rightarrow |z|^2 = \frac{4}{3}\operatorname{Re}(z)$

Problem 74

74. If $\sqrt[3]{a+ib} = x+iy$, then prove that $\frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y} = 4(x^2 - y^2)$

Solution of Problem 74

Solution: Given $\sqrt[3]{a+ib} = x+iy \Rightarrow a+ib = (x+iy)^3 = x^3 - 3xy^2 + i(3x^2y - y^3)$

Comparing real and imaginary parts, we have $a = x^3 - 3xy^2, b = 3x^2y - y^3 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{x} = x^2 - 3y^2, \frac{b}{y} = 3x^2 - y^2$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y} = 4(x^2 - y^2)$$

Problem 75

75. If $x + iy = \sqrt{\frac{a+ib}{c+id}}$, then prove that $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2 + d^2}$

Solution of Problem 75

Solution: $x + iy = \sqrt{\frac{a+ib}{c+id}} \Rightarrow (x + iy)^2 = \frac{a+ib}{c+id}$

$$\Rightarrow |(x + iy)^2| = \left| \frac{a+ib}{c+id} \right| = \frac{|a+ib|}{|c+id|}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2)^2 = \frac{a^2+b^2}{c^2+d^2}$$

Problem 76

76. If z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n are cube roots of unity, then prove that $|z_k| = |z_{k+1}| \forall k \in [1, n-1]$

Solution of Problem 76

Solution: Let $z = 1 = \cos 0^\circ + i \sin 0^\circ = e^{i2r\pi} \forall i \in N \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{z} = e^{\frac{i \cdot 2r\pi}{n}}$

Clearly, $|z_k| = |z_{k+1}| = 1$

77. If n is a positive integer greater than unity and z is a complex number satisfying the equation $z^n = (z + 1)^n$, then prove that $\operatorname{Re}(z) < 0$.

Solution of Problem 77

Solution: $z^n = (z + 1)^n \Rightarrow \frac{z}{z+1} = 1^{1/n}$

This means $\frac{z}{z+1}$ is n th root of unity. $\Rightarrow \left| \frac{z}{z+1} \right| = 1$

$$\Rightarrow |z| = |z + 1| \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1 + y^2 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Re}(z) < 0$$

Problem 78

78. Prove that $x^{3m} + x^{3n-1} + x^{3r-2} \forall m, n, r \in N$, is divisible by $1 + x + x^2$.

Solution of Problem 78

Solution: Roots of $1 + x + x^2 = 0$ are ω and ω^2 . Let $f(x) = x^{3m} + x^{3n-1} + x^{3r-2}$

$$f(x) = x^{3m} + \frac{x^{3n}}{x} + \frac{x^{3r}}{x^2} \Rightarrow f(\omega) = 1 + \frac{1}{\omega} + \frac{1}{\omega^2} = \frac{1+\omega+\omega^2}{\omega^2} = 0$$

Similarly $f(\omega^2) = 0$

Thus, we see that $f(x)$ has same roots as $1 + x + x^2 = 0$. Hence, $f(x)$ will be divisible by $1 + x + x^2$.

Problem 79

79. If $(\sqrt{3} + i)^n = (\sqrt{3} - i)^n \forall n \in N$, then prove that minimum value of n is 6.

Solution of Problem 79

Solution: $\sqrt{3} + i = 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{1}{2} \right) = 2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 2e^{i \frac{\pi}{6}}$

Similarly, $\sqrt{3} - i = 2e^{-i \frac{\pi}{6}}$

Since imaginary part is what prevents equality we need to get rid of it and the least value for which it will happen is when argument is π . Thus, we need to raise to the power by 6 making $n = 6$.

Problem 80

80. If $(\sqrt{3} - i)^n = 2^n, n \in I$, the set of integers, then prove that n is multiple of 12.

Solution of Problem 80

Solution: $\sqrt{3} - i = 2 \cdot \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$

Thus, $(\sqrt{3} - i)^n = 2^n \Rightarrow 2^n \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{6} \right) = 2^n$

$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{n\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{n\pi}{6} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{n\pi}{6} = 2k\pi \forall k \in I \Rightarrow n = 12k$

Thus, n is a multiple of 12.