

Complex Numbers Problems

141-150

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Problem 141

141. The complex numbers z_1 and z_2 such that $z_1 \neq z_2$ and $|z_1| = |z_2|$. If z_1 has positive real part and z_2 has negative imaginary part, prove that $\frac{z_1 + z_2}{z_1 - z_2}$ is purely imaginary.

Solution of Problem 141

Solution: Given, $|z_1| = |z_2|$, $Re(z_1) > 0$ and $Im(z_1) < 0$

$$Re\left(\frac{z_1+z_2}{z_1-z_2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{z_1+z_2}{z_1-z_2} + \frac{\overline{z_1+z_2}}{\overline{z_1-z_2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2(|z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2)}{|z_1-z_2|^2} \right) = 0$$

Thus, $\frac{z_1+z_2}{z_1-z_2}$ is purely imaginary.

Problem 142

142. If $A(z_1)$, $B(z_2)$ and $C(z_3)$ are the vertices of a $\triangle ABC$ in which $\angle ABC = \frac{\pi}{4}$ and $\frac{AB}{BC} = \sqrt{2}$, then prove that the value of $z_2 = z_3 + i(z_1 - z_3)$.

Solution of Problem 142

Solution: Given, $\frac{AB}{BC} = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_3 - z_2} = \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{|z_3 - z_2|} \cdot e^{i\pi/4}$

$$= \frac{AB}{BC} \cdot e^{i\pi/4} = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 1 + i$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 - z_2 = (1 + i)(z_3 - z_2) \Rightarrow z_2 = z_3 + i(z_1 - z_3)$$

Problem 143

143. If $z_1 z_2 \in C$, $z_1^2 + z_2^2 \in R$, $z_1(z_1^2 - 3z_2^2) = 2$ and $z_2(3z_1^2 - z_2^2) = 11$, then find the value of $z_1^2 + z_2^2$.

Solution of Problem 143

Solution: Given, $z_1(z_1^2 - 3z_2^2) = 2$ and $z_2(3z_1^2 - z_2^2) = 11$

$$\Rightarrow z_1^3 - 3z_1z_2^2 + iz_2(3z_1^2 - z_2^2) = 2 + 11i \Rightarrow (z_1 + iz_2)^3 = 2 + 11i \text{ and}$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1^3 - 3z_1z_2^2 - iz_2(3z_1^2 - z_2^2) = 2 - 11i \Rightarrow (z_1 - iz_2)^3 = 2 - 11i$$

Multiplying above equations, we get

$$(z_1^2 + z_2^2)^3 = 4 + 121 = 125 \Rightarrow z_1^2 + z_2^2 = 5$$

Problem 144

144. If $\sqrt{1 - c^2} = nc - 1$ and $z = e^{i\theta}$, then find the value of $\frac{c}{2n}(1 + nz)\left(1 + \frac{n}{z}\right)$.

Solution of Problem 144

Solution: Given $\sqrt{1-c^2} = nc - 1 \Rightarrow 1 - c^2 = n^2 c^2 - 2nc + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{c}{2n} = \frac{1}{1+n^2}$

$$\frac{c}{2n} \left(1 + nz\right) \left(1 + \frac{n}{z}\right) = \frac{1}{1+n^2} \left[1 + n^2 + n \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+n^2} \left[1 + n^2 + 2 \cos \theta + n\right] = 1 + \frac{2n}{1+n^2} \cos \theta = 1 + c \cos \theta$$

Problem 145

145. Consider an ellipse having its foci at $A(z_1)$ and $B(z_2)$ in the argand plane. If the eccentricity of the ellipse is e and it is known that origin is an interior point of the ellipse, then prove that $e \in \left(0, \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{|z_1| + |z_2|}\right)$

Solution of Problem 145

Solution: If $P(z)$ is any point of the ellipse, then equation of ellipse is given by

$$|z - z_1| + |z - z_2| = \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{e}$$

If we put z_1 or z_2 in the above equation then L.H.S. becomes $|z_1 - z_2|$.

Thus, for any interior point of the ellipse, we have $|z - z_1| + |z - z_2| < \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{e}$

If $P(z)$ lies on the ellipse, we have $|z - z_1| + |z - z_2| = \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{e}$

It is given that origin is an internal point, so $|0 - z_1| + |0 - z_2| < \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{e}$

$$e \in \left(0, \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{|z_1| + |z_2|}\right)$$

Problem 146

146. If $|z - 2 - i| = |z| \left| \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \arg(z) \right) \right|$, then find the locus of z .

Solution of Problem 146

Solution: Let $z = x + iy$, then we have

$$|(x - 2) + i(y - 1)| = |z| \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \theta - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta \right|$$

whwhere, $\theta = \arg(z)$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (y - 1)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |x - y|$$

which is equation of a parabola.

Problem 147

147. Find the maximum area of the triangle formed by the complex coordinates z, z_1 and z_2 , which satisfy the relation $|z - z_1| = |z - z_2|$ and $\left|z - \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2}\right| \leq r$, where $r > |z_1 - z_2|$.

Solution of Problem 147

Solution: Since $|z - z_1| = |z - z_2|$, therefore z will be one of the vertices of the isosceles triangle where base will be formed by z_1 and z_2 .

Also, since $|z - \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2}| \leq r$ so z will lie on the circle whose center is $\frac{z_1 + z_2}{2}$ and radius is r . Thus, the distance between segment $z_1 z_2$ will be r .

Thus, the maximum area of the triangle will be $\frac{1}{2}|z_1 - z_2|.r$

Problem 148

148. If $z_1 = a_1 + ib_1$ and $z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$ are complex numbers such that $|z_1| = 1$, $|z_2| = 2$ and $\operatorname{Re}(z_1 z_2) = 0$, and $\omega_1 = a_1 + \frac{ia_2}{2}$ and $\omega_2 = 2b_1 + ib_2$, then prove that $|\omega_1| = 1$, $|\omega_2| = 2$ and $\operatorname{Re}(\omega_1 \omega_2) = 0$.

Solution of Problem 148

Solution: Given $|z_1| = 1 \Rightarrow a_1^2 + b_1^2 = 1$, $|z_2| = 2 \Rightarrow a_2^2 + b_2^2 = 4$.

Also given $\operatorname{Re}(z_1 z_2) = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2 = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 a_2 = b_1 b_2$

$$\Rightarrow a_2^2 + b_2^2 = 4a_1^2 + 4b_1^2 \Rightarrow a_2^2 - 4a_1^2 = 4b_1^2 - b_2^2 \Rightarrow a_2^2 - 4a_1^2 + 4ia_1 a_2 = 4b_1^2 - b_2^2 + 4ib_1 b_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_2 + 2ia_1)^2 = (2b_1 + ib_2)^2 \Rightarrow a_2 = \pm 2b_1$$

$$\omega_1 = a_1 + \frac{ia_2}{2} = a_1 \pm b_1 \Rightarrow |\omega_1| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2} = 1$$

$$\omega_2 = 2b_1 + ib_2 = \pm a_2 + ib_2 \Rightarrow |\omega_2| = \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2} = 2$$

$$\operatorname{Re}(\omega_1 \omega_2) = 2a_1 b_1 - 2a_2 b_2 = 0$$

Problem 149

149. Let z be a complex number and a be a real number such that $z^2 + az + a^2 = 0$, then prove that i) locus of z is a pair of straight lines ii) $\arg(z) = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}$ iii) $|z| = |a|$

Solution of Problem 149

Solution: Given $z^2 + az + a^2 = 0 \Rightarrow z = a\omega, a\omega^2$ where ω is cube-root of unity.

Thus, it represents a pair of straight lines and $|z| = |a|$

$\arg(z) = \arg(a) + \arg(\omega)$ or $\arg(a) + \arg(\omega^2) = \pm \frac{2\pi}{3}$

Problem 150

150. If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 1$ and $p = x^{4000} + \frac{1}{x^{4000}}$ and q is the the digit at units place in $2^{2^n} + 1, n \in N$ and $n > 1$, then find $p + q$.

Solution of Problem 150

Solution: Given $x + \frac{1}{x} = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 - x + 1 = 0 \therefore x = -\omega, -\omega^2$

Now, for $x = -\omega, p = \omega^{4000} + \frac{1}{\omega^{4000}} = \omega + \frac{1}{\omega} = -1$

Similarly, for $x = -\omega^2, p = -1$

$2^{2^n} = 2^{4^k} = 16^k = \text{a number with last digit as } 6 \Rightarrow q = 6 + 1 = 7$

$\Rightarrow p + q = -1 + 7 = 6.$