



Exercise 1.4



1. Find the three cube roots of:

i) 8

Let Z be cube root of 8 then $z = (8)^{1/3}$

$$\Rightarrow z^3 = 8$$

$$z^3 - 8 = 0$$

$$z^3 - 2^3 = 0$$

$$(z-2)(z^2 + 2z + 4) = 0$$

$$z-2 = 0, z^2 + 2z + 4 = 0$$

$$z = 2, z^2 + 2z + 4 = 0$$

$$z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$z = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-16}}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4(-3)}}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{-3}}{2} = 2 \left(\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

Hence

$$z = 2, z = 2 \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right), z = 2 \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

$$z = 2, z = 2\omega, z = 2\omega^2$$

$$\text{S.S.} = \{2, 2\omega, 2\omega^2\}$$

ii) -8

Sol: Let Z be cube root of -8 then $z = (-8)^{1/3}$

$$\Rightarrow z^3 = -8$$

$$z^3 + 8 = 0$$

$$z^3 + 2^3 = 0$$

$$(z+2)(z^2 - 2z + 4) = 0$$

$$z+2 = 0, z^2 - 2z + 4 = 0$$

$$z = -2, z^2 - 2z + 4 = 0$$

$$z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$$

$$z = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{4-16}}{2} = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{4(-3)}}{2} = \frac{-(-2) \pm 2\sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

$$z = -2 \left(\frac{-1 \mp \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

Hence

$$z = -2, z = -2 \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right), z = -2 \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

$$z = -2, z = -2\omega, z = -2\omega^2$$

$$\text{S.S.} = \{-2, -2\omega, -2\omega^2\}$$

iii) -27

Sol: Let Z be cube root of -27 then $z = (-27)^{1/3}$

$$\Rightarrow z^3 = -27$$

$$z^3 + 27 = 0$$

$$z^3 + 3^3 = 0$$

$$(z+3)(z^2 - 3z + 9) = 0$$

$$z+3 = 0, z^2 - 3z + 9 = 0$$

$$z = -3, z^2 - 3z + 9 = 0$$

$$z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4(1)(9)}}{2(1)}$$

$$z = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{9-36}}{2} = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{-27}}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{-(-3) \pm \sqrt{9(-3)}}{2} = \frac{-(-3) \pm 3\sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

$$z = -3 \left(\frac{-1 \mp \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

Hence

$$z = -3, z = -3 \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right), z = -3 \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

$$z = -3, z = -3\omega, z = -3\omega^2$$

$$\text{S.S.} = \{-3, -3\omega, -3\omega^2\}$$

iv) 64

Sol: Let Z be cube root of 64 then $z = (64)^{1/3}$

$$\Rightarrow z^3 = 64$$

$$z^3 - 64 = 0$$

$$z^3 - 4^3 = 0$$

$$(z-4)(z^2+4z+16)=0$$

$$z-4=0, z^2+4z+16=0$$

$$z=4, z^2+4z+16=0$$

$$z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4(1)(16)}}{2(1)}$$

$$z = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 64}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{-48}}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16(-3)}}{2} = \frac{-4 \pm 4\sqrt{-3}}{2} = 4 \left(\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

Hence

$$z = 4, z = 4 \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right), z = 4 \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

$$z = 4, z = 4\omega, z = 4\omega^2$$

$$\text{S.S.} = \{4, 4\omega, 4\omega^2\}$$

v) -125

Sol: Let Z be cube root of -125 then $z = (-125)^{1/3}$

$$z^3 = -125$$

$$z^3 + 125 = 0$$

$$z^3 + 5^3 = 0$$

$$(z+5)(z^2-5z+25)=0$$

$$z+5=0, z^2-5z+25=0$$

$$z=-5, z^2-5z+25=0$$

$$z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(1)(25)}}{2(1)}$$

$$z = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{25 - 100}}{2} = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{-75}}{2}$$

$$z = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{25(-3)}}{2} = \frac{-(-5) \pm 5\sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

$$z = -5 \left(\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

Hence

$$z = -5, z = -5 \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right), z = -5 \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$$

$$z = -5, z = -5\omega, z = -5\omega^2$$

$$\text{S.S.} = \{-5, -5\omega, -5\omega^2\}$$

2. Find the four fourth roots of 16, 81, 625. Also show that their sum is zero in each case.

i) 16

Sol: Let Z be fourth root of 16 then $z = (16)^{1/4}$

$$\Rightarrow z^4 = 16$$

$$z^4 - 16 = 0$$

$$(z^2)^2 - (4)^2 = 0$$

$$(z^2 - 4)(z^2 + 4) = 0$$

$$z^2 - 4 = 0, z^2 + 4 = 0$$

$$z^2 = 4, z^2 = -4$$

$$z = \pm 2, z = \pm 2i$$

$$\text{S.S.} = \{2, -2, 2i, -2i\}$$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = 2 + (-2) + 2i + (-2i)$$

$$= \cancel{2} - \cancel{2} + \cancel{2i} - \cancel{2i} = 0$$

ii) 81

Sol: Let Z be fourth root of 81 then $z = (81)^{1/4}$

$$\Rightarrow z^4 = 81$$

$$z^4 - 81 = 0$$

$$(z^2)^2 - (9)^2 = 0$$

$$(z^2 - 9)(z^2 + 9) = 0$$

$$z^2 - 9 = 0, z^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$z^2 = 9, z^2 = -9$$

$$z = \pm 3, z = \pm 3i$$

$$\text{S.S.} = \{3, -3, 3i, -3i\}$$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = 3 + (-3) + 3i + (-3i)$$

$$= \cancel{3} - \cancel{3} + \cancel{3i} - \cancel{3i} = 0$$

iii) 625

Sol: Let Z be fourth root of 625 then $z = (625)^{1/4}$

$$z^4 = 625$$

$$z^4 - 625 = 0$$

$$(z^2)^2 - (25)^2 = 0$$

$$(z^2 - 25)(z^2 + 25) = 0$$

$$z^2 - 25 = 0, z^2 + 25 = 0$$

$$z^2 = 25, z^2 = -25$$

$$z = \pm 5, z = \pm 5i$$

$$\text{S.S.} = \{5, -5, 5i, -5i\}$$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = 5 + (-5) + 5i + (-5i)$$

$$= \cancel{5} - \cancel{5} + \cancel{5i} - \cancel{5i} = 0$$

3. If $1, \omega, \omega^2$ are cube roots of unity, show that $1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} = 3$; where n is multiple of 3 respectively.

Sol: Here n is multiple of 3. $\therefore n = 3k; k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= 1 + \omega^n + \omega^{2n} \\ &= 1 + \omega^{3k} + \omega^{2(3k)} \\ &= 1 + \omega^{3k} + \omega^{3(2k)} = 1 + (\omega^3)^k + (\omega^3)^{2k} \\ &= 1 + (1)^k + (1)^{2k} \quad (\omega^3 = 1) \\ &= 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 = \text{R.H.S.} \end{aligned}$$

4. Evaluate

i) $\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}\right)^7 + \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2}\right)^7$

Sol $\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}\right)^7 + \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2}\right)^7$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \omega^7 + (\omega^2)^7 = \omega^7 + \omega^{14} \\ &= \omega^6 \cdot \omega + \omega^{12} \cdot \omega^2 = (\omega^3)^2 \cdot \omega + (\omega^3)^4 \cdot \omega^2 = 1 \cdot \omega + 1 \cdot \omega^2 \\ &= \omega + \omega^2 = -1 \quad (1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \omega + \omega^2 = -1) \end{aligned}$$

ii) $(-1 + \sqrt{-3})^5 + (-1 - \sqrt{-3})^5$

Sol $(-1 + \sqrt{-3})^5 + (-1 - \sqrt{-3})^5$

if $\omega = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \Rightarrow 2\omega = -1 + \sqrt{-3}$ and $2\omega^2 = -1 - \sqrt{-3}$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} &= (2\omega)^5 + (2\omega^2)^5 = 32\omega^5 + 32\omega^{10} = 32(\omega^3 \cdot \omega^2 + \omega^9 \cdot \omega) \\ &= 32(1 \cdot \omega^2 + 1 \cdot \omega) = 32(\omega^2 + \omega) = 32(-1) = -32 \end{aligned}$$

5. Show that $(1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + \omega^4)(1 - \omega^4 + \omega^8)(1 - \omega^8 + \omega^{16}) \dots$ to $2n$ factors $= 2^{2n}$

Sol: L.H.S. $= (1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + \omega^4)(1 - \omega^4 + \omega^8)(1 - \omega^8 + \omega^{16}) \dots$ to $2n$ factors

$$= (1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + \omega^3 \cdot \omega)(1 - \omega^3 \cdot \omega + \omega^6 \cdot \omega^2)(1 - \omega^6 \cdot \omega^2 + \omega^{15} \cdot \omega) \dots$$
 to $2n$ factors

$$= (1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + 1 \cdot \omega)(1 - 1 \cdot \omega + 1 \cdot \omega^2)(1 - 1 \cdot \omega^2 + 1 \cdot \omega) \dots$$
 to $2n$ factors

$$= (1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + \omega)(1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + \omega) \dots$$
 to $2n$ factors

$$= [(1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + \omega)] [(1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + \omega)] \dots$$
 to n factors (Combining two like terms)

$$= [(1 - \omega + \omega^2)(1 - \omega^2 + \omega)]^n \quad (1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + \omega^2 = -\omega \Rightarrow 1 + \omega = -\omega^2)$$

$$= [(1 + \omega^2 - \omega)(1 + \omega - \omega^2)]^n = [(-\omega - \omega)(-\omega^2 - \omega^2)]^n$$

$$= [(-2\omega)(-2\omega^2)]^n = [4\omega^3]^n = [4(1)]^n = [4]^n = [2^2]^n = 2^{2n} = \text{R.H.S.}$$

6. Prove that $\left(\frac{i+\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^8 + \left(\frac{i-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^8 = -1$

Sol: L.H.S. = $\left(\frac{i+\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^8 + \left(\frac{i-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^8 = \left(\frac{i}{i} \cdot \left(\frac{i+\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)^8 + \left(\frac{i}{i} \cdot \left(\frac{i-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)^8 = \left(\frac{i^2+i\sqrt{3}}{2i}\right)^8 + \left(\frac{i^2-i\sqrt{3}}{2i}\right)^8$
 $= \left(\frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2i}\right)^8 + \left(\frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2i}\right)^8 = \left(\frac{2\omega}{2i}\right)^8 + \left(\frac{2\omega^2}{2i}\right)^8 = \left(\frac{\omega}{i}\right)^8 + \left(\frac{\omega^2}{i}\right)^8 = \frac{\omega^8}{i^8} + \frac{\omega^{16}}{i^8}$
 $= \frac{1}{i^8}(\omega^8 + \omega^{16}) = \frac{1}{(i^2)^4}(\omega^6 \cdot \omega^2 + \omega^{15} \cdot \omega) = \frac{1}{(-1)^4}(1 \cdot \omega^2 + 1 \cdot \omega) = \frac{1}{1}(\omega^2 + \omega) = (-1) = -1 = \text{R.H.S.}$

7. Evaluate $\sum_{k=0}^5 \omega^{2k}$, where ω is an imaginary cube root of unity.

Sol: $\sum_{k=0}^5 \omega^{2k}$
 $= \omega^{2(0)} + \omega^{2(1)} + \omega^{2(2)} + \omega^{2(3)} + \omega^{2(4)} + \omega^{2(5)}$
 $= \omega^0 + \omega^2 + \omega^4 + \omega^6 + \omega^8 + \omega^{10}$
 $= 1 + \omega^2 + \omega^3 \cdot \omega + 1 + \omega^6 \cdot \omega^2 + \omega^9 \cdot \omega$
 $= 1 + \omega^2 + 1 \cdot \omega + 1 + 1 \cdot \omega^2 + 1 \cdot \omega \quad (\omega^3 = \omega^6 = \omega^9 = 1)$
 $= 1 + \omega^2 + \omega + 1 + \omega^2 + \omega = (1 + \omega + \omega^2) + (1 + \omega + \omega^2)$
 $= 0 + 0 = 0 \quad (1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0)$

8. If ω is an imaginary cube root of unity, prove that $\frac{a + b\omega^2 + c\omega}{a\omega^2 + b\omega + c} = \omega$

Sol: If ω is an imaginary cube root of unity,

$$\omega^3 = 1$$

$$\omega^2 \cdot \omega = 1$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{\omega}$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{a + b\omega^2 + c\omega}{a\omega^2 + b\omega + c}$$

$$= \frac{a + b\omega^2 + c\omega}{a\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right) + b\omega + c} \quad (\text{In denominator replace } \omega^2 \text{ by } \frac{1}{\omega})$$

$$= \frac{a + b\omega^2 + c\omega}{\frac{a}{\omega} + b\omega + c} = \frac{\cancel{(a + b\omega^2 + c\omega)}}{\frac{\cancel{(a + b\omega^2 + c\omega)}}{\omega}} = \omega = \text{R.H.S.}$$

Alternate Method:

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{a + b\omega^2 + c\omega}{a\omega^2 + b\omega + c}$$

$$= \frac{(a+b\omega^2+c\omega)\omega}{(a\omega^2+b\omega+c)\omega} \quad (\text{Multiply and divide by } \omega)$$

$$= \frac{(a+b\omega^2+c\omega)\omega}{a\omega^3+b\omega^2+c\omega} = \frac{(a+b\omega^2+c\omega)\omega}{a(1)+b\omega^2+c\omega} = \frac{(a+b\omega^2+c\omega)\omega}{a+b\omega^2+c\omega} = \omega = R.H.S$$

9. If ω is a cube root of unity, prove that $\frac{a\omega^{12} + b\omega^{17} + c\omega^{19}}{a\omega^{14} + b\omega^{22} + c\omega^{30}} = \omega$

Sol: If ω is an imaginary cube root of unity,

$$\omega^3 = 1$$

$$\omega^2 \cdot \omega = 1$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1}{\omega}$$

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$$L.H.S. = \frac{a\omega^{12} + b\omega^{17} + c\omega^{19}}{a\omega^{14} + b\omega^{22} + c\omega^{30}} = \frac{a\omega^{12} + b\omega^{15} \cdot \omega^2 + c\omega^{18} \cdot \omega}{a\omega^{12} \cdot \omega^2 + b\omega^{21} \cdot \omega + c\omega^{30}} = \frac{a(1) + b(1) \cdot \omega^2 + c(1) \cdot \omega}{a(1) \cdot \omega^2 + b(1) \cdot \omega + c(1)}$$

$$= \frac{a+b\omega^2+c\omega}{a\left(\frac{1}{\omega}\right)+b\omega+c} \quad (\text{In denominator replace } \omega^2 \text{ by } \frac{1}{\omega})$$

$$= \frac{a+b\omega^2+c\omega}{\frac{a}{\omega}+b\omega+c} = \frac{\cancel{(a+b\omega^2+c\omega)}}{\frac{\cancel{(a+b\omega^2+c\omega)}}{\omega}} = \omega = R.H.S.$$