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Level 3 Calculus 2024

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Apply the algebra of complex numbers in solving problems.	Apply the algebra of complex numbers, using relational thinking, in solving problems.	Apply the algebra of complex numbers, using extended abstract thinking, in solving problems.

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QUESTION ONE

(a) Given that $x + 3$ is a factor of $x^3 + px^2 + 5x - 12$, find the value of the constant p.

$\cancel{x^2 + px}$

$\cancel{x+3 \,)\, x^3 + px^2 + 5x - 12}$ When $x = -3$

$\cancel{x^3 + 3x^2}$ $\quad x^3 + px^2 + 5x - 12 = 0$

$\cancel{px^2 - 3x^2 + 5x - 12}$

$\cancel{px^2 - 3px - 3x^2 + 5x - 12}$

$-3^3 + 9p + -15 - 12 = 0$

$9p = 54$

$p = 6$

(b) If $z = m\operatorname{cis}\left(\dfrac{n\pi}{5}\right)$, where m and n are positive real constants, then find z^{15}, giving your answer in polar form, in terms of m and n.

$z^{15} = m^{15}\operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{n\pi}{5}\right)^{15}$

(c) Solve the following equation for x, in terms of k, where k is a positive real constant.

$$4 - \sqrt{kx} = \sqrt{(kx + 4)}$$

Square both sides $= (4 - \sqrt{kx})(4 - \sqrt{kx}) = kx + 4$

$16 - 4\sqrt{kx} - 4\sqrt{kx} + kx$

$16 - 8\sqrt{kx} + kx = kx + 4$

$\cancel{k} - 8\sqrt{kx} = -12$

$8\sqrt{kx} = 12$

$\sqrt{kx} = \frac{12}{8}$

$\sqrt{x} = {}^{12}/_{8\sqrt{k}}$

$x = {}^{144}/_{64k}$

$x = \frac{144}{64k}$

(d) The locus described by $|z - \mathrm{i}| = |z + 1|$ is a straight line.

Find the gradient of that line.

Justify your answer.

let $z = x + yi$

$|x + yi - i| = |x + yi + 1|$

LHS $= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 1^2}$ RHS $= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 1^2}$

$\sqrt{y^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$

$y = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ $y = (x^2 + 1)^{1/2}$

or $y = \sqrt{(x^2 + 1)}$

(e) Consider the complex numbers $u = 2 + 3k\text{i}$ and $v = 4 + 5k\text{i}$, where k is a real constant.

Show that the complex number $w = \dfrac{u}{v}$ will **not** lie on the line $y = x$ in the Argand diagram, for any value of k.

$$w = \frac{2+3ki}{4+5ki} \times \frac{4-5ki}{4-5ki}$$

$$= \frac{(2+3ki)(4-5ki)}{(4+5ki)(4-5ki)}$$

$$16 - 25k^2i^2 = 25k^2 + 16$$

$$8 + 12ki - 10ki - 15k^2i^2$$

$$= \frac{15k^2 + 2ki + 8}{25k^2 + 16}$$

$$\frac{\cancel{k}(15k+2i) + 8}{\cancel{k}(25k) + 16}$$

$$= \frac{15k + 2i + 8}{25k + 16}$$

QUESTION TWO

(a) Write the complex number $\dfrac{\mathrm{i}}{2k+\mathrm{i}}$ in the form $a+b\mathrm{i}$, where a, b, and k are real numbers, giving your answer in terms of k.

$$\frac{i}{2k+i} \times \frac{2k-i}{2k-i} = \frac{i(2k-i)}{(2k+i)(2k-i)}$$

$$= 2ki - i^2 \quad = \frac{2ki+1}{4k^2-i^2} \quad = \frac{2ki+1}{4k^2+1}$$

$$= \frac{1+2ki}{4k+1} = 1+2ki$$

(b) Find the value(s) of r so that the quadratic equation $2x^2 + (3+2r)x + 3 - 2r = 0$ has equal roots.

$b^2 - 4ac > 0$

$$(3+2r)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times (3-2r)$$

$$9 + 4r^2 + 12r - 24 + 16r > 0$$

$$4r^2 + 28r > 15$$

$$4r^2 + 28r - 15 > 0$$

$$r = 0.5 \quad \text{or} \quad r = -7.5$$

(c) Given that $\dfrac{w}{w+\mathrm{i}} = 2 - \mathrm{i}$, find $|w|$.

(d) One solution of the equation $2z^3 + dz^2 + 140z - 200 = 0$ is $z = 6 - 2i$.

If d is real, find the value of d and the other two solutions of the equation.

$Z_1 = 6-2i \qquad Z_2 = 6+2i$

$\cancel{6}\ Z - 6 = -2i$

$(Z-6)^2 = (-2i)^2$

$Z^2 - 12z + 36 = -4$

$Z^2 - 2z + 40 = 0$

$(z^2 - 12z + 40)(pz + q)$

$p = 2$ as $z^2 \times pz = 2z^3$

$(z^2 - 12z + 40)(2z + q)$

$q = -5$ as $q \times 40 = 200$

$(z^2 - 12z + 40)(2z - 5)$

$d = -5 + \cancel{\quad} - 24 = -29$

$d = -29$

$2z - 5 = 0$

$2z = 5$

$Z_3 = \frac{5}{2}$

Therefore

$d = -29$

$Z_1 = 6-2i$

$Z_2 = 6+2i$

$Z_3 = 5/2$

(e) The locus of a complex number z is described by

$$|z - 1 - 7\mathrm{i}| = 2|z - 4 - 4\mathrm{i}|$$

The complex number $u = 3 + d\mathrm{i}$ lies on this locus.

Find the Cartesian equation of the locus of z, giving your answer in the form $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = k$ and **also find** the complex number(s) u.

QUESTION THREE

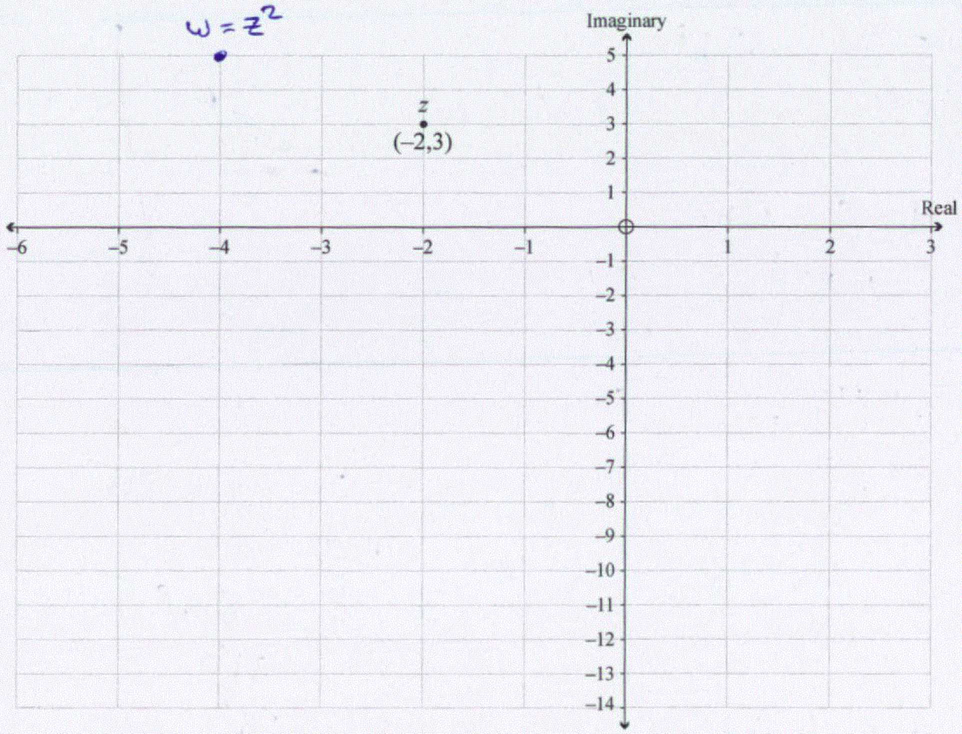
(a) Write $\dfrac{\sqrt{2p}}{\sqrt{2p}-\sqrt{p}}$ in the form $a+\sqrt{a}$, where p and a are real constants.

$$\frac{\sqrt{2p}}{\sqrt{2p}-\sqrt{p}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2p}+\sqrt{p}}{\sqrt{2p}+\sqrt{p}} = \frac{4p^2+\sqrt{2}p}{4p^2-p}$$

$$\frac{4p^2+p\sqrt{2}}{4p^2-p} = \frac{p(4p+\sqrt{2})}{p(4p-1)} = 4p+\sqrt{2}$$

(b) In the Argand diagram below, the point $(-2,3)$ represents the complex number z.

Show clearly, in the diagram below, the point representing $w = z^2$



$Z = 3-2i \qquad z^2 = (3-2i)^2 = 9-4i+4i^2$

$z^2 = (3-2i)(3-2i) \qquad = 5-4i$

Question Three continues on the next page.

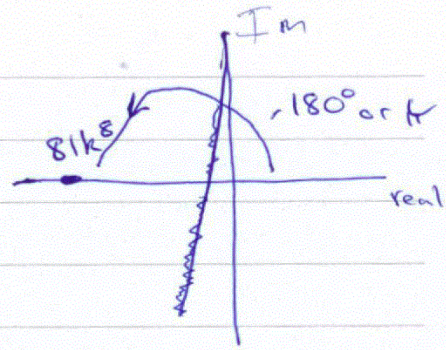
(c) Find the value(s) of the real constant d, given that $z = 3 + d\mathrm{i}$ and $\overline{z} = 10dz^{-1}$.

(d) Solve the equation $z^4 + 81k^8 = 0$, where k is a real constant.

Give your solution(s) in polar form in terms of k.

$z^4 = -81k^8$

$r\operatorname{cis}\theta = z^4 = 81k^8 \operatorname{cis}(\pi)$



$d = \dfrac{\theta + 2\pi p}{n}$

$z_1 \; p=0 = \dfrac{\pi + 2\pi \times 0}{4} = \pi/4$

$z_2 \; p=1 = \dfrac{\pi + 2\pi \times 1}{4} = 3\pi/4$

$z_3 \; p=2 = \dfrac{\pi + 4\pi}{4} = 5\pi/4$

$z_4 \; p=3 \; \dfrac{\pi + 6\pi}{4} = 7\pi/4$

old $r = 81k^8$

new $r =$

$z^4 = 81k^8$

$z^2 = 9k^4$

$z = 3k^2$

Therefore

$z_1 = 3k^2 \operatorname{cis}(\pi/4)$

$z_2 = 3k^2 \operatorname{cis}(3\pi/4)$

$z_3 = 3k^2 \operatorname{cis}(5\pi/4)$

$z_4 = 3k^2 \operatorname{cis}(7\pi/4)$

(e) Given that $x+\frac{1}{x}=p$, where p is a real constant, then find the value of $x^3+\frac{1}{x^3}$, giving your answers in terms of p.

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Q	Grade score	Marker commentary
One	M5	1c both sides of the equation correctly squared, and *x* given in terms of *k*. The final response is not fully simplified, but it is equivalent, r grade awarded.
Two	M5	2d quadratic factor found and algebraic working to find the 3rd solution. The coefficient *d* is calculated correctly, r grade awarded.
Three	M5	3d z^4 is correctly given in polar form, which allows the candidate to find all four solutions in terms of *k*, r grade awarded