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**Question 1:** If  $(1 + i)(1 + 2i)(1 + 3i) \dots (1 + ni) = a + ib$ , then what is  $2 * 5 * 10 \dots (1 + n^2)$  is equal to?

**Solution:**

We have  $(1 + i)(1 + 2i)(1 + 3i) \dots (1 + ni) = a + ib \dots (i)$

$(1 - i)(1 - 2i)(1 - 3i) \dots (1 - ni) = a - ib \dots (ii)$

Multiplying (i) and (ii),

we get  $2 * 5 * 10 \dots (1 + n^2) = a^2 + b^2$

**Question 2:** If  $z$  is a complex number, then the minimum value of  $|z| + |z - 1|$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

First, note that  $|-z| = |z|$  and  $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$

Now  $|z| + |z - 1| = |z| + |1 - z| \geq |z + (1 - z)|$

$= |1|$

$= 1$

Hence, minimum value of  $|z| + |z - 1|$  is 1.

**Question 3:** For any two complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  and any real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ;  $|(az_1 - bz_2)|^2 + |(bz_1 + az_2)|^2 =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

$$|(az_1 - bz_2)|^2 + |(bz_1 + az_2)|^2$$

$$= a_2 |z_1|^2 + b_2 |z_2|^2 - 2 \operatorname{Re}(ab) |z_1 \overline{z_2}| + b_2 |z_1|^2 + a_2 |z_2|^2 + 2 \operatorname{Re}(ab) |z_1 \overline{z_2}|$$

$$= (a_2 + b_2) (|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)$$

**Question 4:** Find the complex number  $z$  satisfying the equations

$$\left| \frac{z-12}{z-8i} \right| = \frac{5}{3}, \left| \frac{z-4}{z-8} \right| = 1$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{We have } \left| \frac{z-12}{z-8i} \right| = \frac{5}{3}, \left| \frac{z-4}{z-8} \right| = 1$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy, \text{ then } \left| \frac{z-12}{z-8i} \right| = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3|z - 12| = 5 |z - 8i|$$

$$3 |(x - 12) + iy| = 5 |x + (y - 8) i|$$

$$9 (x - 12)^2 + 9y^2 = 25x^2 + 25 (y - 8)^2 \dots(i) \text{ and}$$

$$\left| \frac{z-4}{z-8} \right| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |z - 4| = |z - 8|$$

$$|x - 4 + iy| = |x - 8 + iy|$$

$$(x - 4)^2 + y^2 = (x - 8)^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 6$$

$$\text{Putting } x = 6 \text{ in (i), we get } y^2 - 25y + 136 = 0$$

$$y = 17, 8$$

$$\text{Hence, } z = 6 + 17i \text{ or } z = 6 + 8i$$

$$\text{amp } \frac{z-z_1}{z-z_2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

**Question 5:** If  $z_1 = 10 + 6i$ ,  $z_2 = 4 + 6i$  and  $z$  is a complex number such that  $\text{amp } \frac{z-z_1}{z-z_2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , then the value of  $|z - 7 - 9i|$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

Given numbers are  $z_1 = 10 + 6i$ ,  $z_2 = 4 + 6i$  and  $z = x + iy$

$$\text{amp } \frac{z-z_1}{z-z_2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{amp } [(x - 10) + i (y - 6) (x - 4) + i (y - 6)] = \pi / 4$$

$$\frac{(x-4)(y-6)-(y-6)(x-10)}{(x-4)(x-10)+(y-6)^2} = 1$$

$$12y - y^2 - 72 + 6y = x^2 - 14x + 40 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Now } |z - 7 - 9i| = |(x - 7) + i(y - 9)|$$

$$\text{From (i), } (x^2 - 14x + 49) + (y^2 - 18y + 81) = 18$$

$$(x - 7)^2 + (y - 9)^2 = 18 \text{ or}$$

$$[(x - 7)^2 + (y - 9)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = [18]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$|(x - 7) + i(y - 9)| = 3\sqrt{2} \text{ or}$$

$$|z - 7 - 9i| = 3\sqrt{2}.$$

**Question 6:** Suppose  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  are the vertices of an equilateral triangle inscribed in the circle  $|z| = 2$ .

If  $z_1 = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$ , then find the values of  $z_3$  and  $z_2$ .

**Solution:**

One of the numbers must be a conjugate of  $z_1 = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$  i.e.  $z_2 = 1 - i\sqrt{3}$  or  $z_3 = z_1 e^{i2\pi/3}$  and

$$z_2 = z_1 e^{-i2\pi/3}, \quad z_3 = (1 + i\sqrt{3}) [\cos(2\pi/3) + i \sin(2\pi/3)] = -2$$

**Question 7:** If  $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = \sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma = 0$  then what is the value of  $\cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = 0 \text{ and } \sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma = 0$$

$$\text{Let } a = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha; \quad b = \cos \beta + i \sin \beta \text{ and } c = \cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } a + b + c = (\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma) + i(\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma) = 0 + i0 = 0$$

$$\text{If } a + b + c = 0, \text{ then } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc \text{ or}$$

$$(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)^3 + (\cos \beta + i \sin \beta)^3 + (\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma)^3$$

$$= 3(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta)(\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos 3\alpha + i \sin 3\alpha) + (\cos 3\beta + i \sin 3\beta) + (\cos 3\gamma + i \sin 3\gamma)$$

$$= 3[\cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) + i \sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)] \text{ or } \cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma$$

$$= 3 \cos(\alpha + \beta + \gamma).$$

**Question 8:** If the cube roots of unity are  $1, \omega, \omega^2$ , then find the roots of the equation  $(x - 1)^3 + 8 = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$(x - 1)^3 = -8 \Rightarrow x - 1 = (-8)^{1/3}$$

$$x - 1 = -2, -2\omega, -2\omega^2$$

$$x = -1, 1 - 2\omega, 1 - 2\omega^2$$

**Question 9:** If  $1, \omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$  are the  $n$ ,  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity, then  $(1 - \omega)(1 - \omega^2) \dots$

$$(1 - \omega^{n-1}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

**Solution:**

Since  $1, \omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$  are the  $n$ ,  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity, therefore, we have the identity

$$= (x - 1)(x - \omega)(x - \omega^2) \dots (x - \omega^{n-1}) = x^n - 1 \text{ or}$$

$$(x - \omega)(x - \omega^2) \dots (x - \omega^{n-1}) = \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}$$

$$= x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + x + 1$$

Putting  $x = 1$  on both sides, we get

$$(1 - \omega)(1 - \omega^2) \dots (1 - \omega^{n-1}) = n$$

**Question 10:** If  $a = \cos(2\pi/7) + i \sin(2\pi/7)$ , then the quadratic equation whose roots are  $\alpha = a + a^2 + a^4$  and  $\beta = a^3 + a^5 + a^6$  is  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

**Solution:**

$$a = \cos(2\pi/7) + i \sin(2\pi/7)$$

$$a^7 = [\cos(2\pi/7) + i \sin(2\pi/7)]^7$$

$$= \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi = 1 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$S = \alpha + \beta = (a + a^2 + a^4) + (a^3 + a^5 + a^6)$$

$$S = a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4 + a^5 + a^6$$

$$= \frac{a(1 - a^6)}{1 - a}$$

$$\text{or } S = \frac{a - 1}{1 - a}$$

$$= -1 \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \alpha * \beta = (a + a^2 + a^4) (a^3 + a^5 + a^6) \\
 &= a^4 + a^6 + a^7 + a^5 + a^7 + a^8 + a^7 + a^9 + a^{10} \\
 &= a^4 + a^6 + 1 + a^5 + 1 + a + 1 + a^2 + a^3 \text{ (From eqn (i))} \\
 &= 3 + (a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4 + a^5 + a^6) \\
 &= 3 + S = 3 - 1 = 2 \text{ [From (ii)]} \\
 \text{Required equation is, } x^2 - Sx + P &= 0 \\
 x^2 + x + 2 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 11:** Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be  $n$ th roots of unity, which are ends of a line segment that subtend a right angle at the origin. Then  $n$  must be of the form \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

$$1^{1/n} = \cos [2r\pi / n] + i \sin [2r\pi / n]$$

$$\text{Let } z_1 = [\cos 2r_1\pi / n] + i \sin [2r_1\pi / n] \text{ and } z_2 = [\cos 2r_2\pi / n] + i \sin [2r_2\pi / n].$$

$$\text{Then } \angle Z_1 O Z_2 = \text{amp} (z_1 / z_2) = \text{amp} (z_1) - \text{amp} (z_2)$$

$$= [2 (r_1 - r_2)\pi] / [n]$$

$$= \pi / 2$$

$$\text{(Given) } n = 4 (r_1 - r_2)$$

$$= 4 \times \text{integer, so } n \text{ is of the form } 4k.$$

**Question 12:**  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 / (\sin \theta + i \cos \theta)^5$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 / (\sin \theta + i \cos \theta)^5$$

$$= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 / i^5 ([1 / i] \sin \theta + \cos \theta)^5$$

$$= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 / i (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^5$$

$$= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 / i (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-5} \text{ (By property)} = 1 / i (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^9$$

$$= \sin(9\theta) - i \cos(9\theta).$$

**Question 13:** Given  $z = (1 + i\sqrt{3})^{100}$ , then find the value of  $\text{Re}(z) / \text{Im}(z)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } z = (1 + i\sqrt{3})$$

$$r = \sqrt{3 + 1} = 2 \text{ and } r \cos\theta = 1, r \sin\theta = \sqrt{3} \tan\theta = \sqrt{3} = \tan \pi / 3 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi / 3.$$

$$z = 2 (\cos \pi / 3 + i \sin \pi / 3)$$

$$z^{100} = [2 (\cos \pi / 3 + i \sin \pi / 3)]^{100}$$

$$= 2^{100} (\cos 100\pi / 3 + i \sin 100\pi / 3)$$

$$= 2^{100} (-\cos \pi / 3 - i \sin \pi / 3)$$

$$= 2^{100} (-1 / 2 - i \sqrt{3} / 2)$$

$$\text{Re}(z) / \text{Im}(z) = [-1/2] / [-\sqrt{3} / 2] = 1 / \sqrt{3}.$$

**Question 14:** If  $x = a + b$ ,  $y = a\alpha + b\beta$  and  $z = a\beta + b\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are complex cube roots of unity, then what is the value of  $xyz$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\text{If } x = a + b, y = a\alpha + b\beta \text{ and } z = a\beta + b\alpha, \text{ then } xyz = (a + b) (a\omega + b\omega^2) (a\omega^2 + b\omega), \text{ where } \alpha = \omega \text{ and } \beta = \omega^2$$

$$= (a + b) (a^2 + ab\omega^2 + ab\omega + b^2)$$

$$= (a + b) (a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$= a^3 + b^3$$

**Question 15:** If  $\omega$  is an imaginary cube root of unity,  $(1 + \omega - \omega^2)^7$  equals to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

$$(1 + \omega - \omega^2)^7 = (1 + \omega + \omega^2 - 2\omega^2)^7$$

$$= (-2\omega^2)^7$$

$$= -128\omega^{14}$$

$$= -128\omega^{12}\omega^2$$

$$= -128\omega^2$$

**Question 16:** If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the cube roots of  $p$  ( $p < 0$ ), then for any  $x, y$  and  $z$ , find the value of  $[\alpha x + y\beta + z\gamma] / [x\beta + y\gamma + z\alpha]$ .

**Solution:**

Since  $p < 0$ .

Let  $p = -q$ , where  $q$  is positive.

Therefore,  $p^{1/3} = -q^{1/3}(1)^{1/3}$ .

Hence  $\alpha = -q^{1/3}$ ,  $\beta = -q^{1/3}\omega$  and  $\gamma = -q^{1/3}\omega^2$

The given expression  $[x + y\omega + z\omega^2] / [x\omega + y\omega^2 + z] = (1 / \omega) * [z\omega + y\omega^2 + z] / [x\omega + y\omega^2 + z]$   
 $= \omega^2$ .

**Question 17:** The common roots of the equations  $x^{12} - 1 = 0$ ,  $x^4 + x^2 + 1 = 0$  are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

$$x^{12} - 1 = (x^6 + 1)(x^6 - 1)$$

$$= (x^6 + 1)(x^2 - 1)(x^4 + x^2 + 1)$$

Common roots are given by  $x^4 + x^2 + 1 = 0$

$$x^2 = [-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}] / [2] = \omega, \omega^2 \text{ or } \omega^4, \omega^2 \quad (\text{Because } \omega^3 = 1) \text{ or}$$

$$x = \pm \omega^2, \pm \omega$$

**Question 18:** Given that the equation  $z^2 + (p + iq)z + r + is = 0$ , where  $p, q, r, s$  are real and non-zero has a real root, then how are  $p, q, r$  and  $s$  related?

**Solution:**

Given that  $z^2 + (p + iq)z + r + is = 0$  .....(i)

Let  $z = \alpha$  (where  $\alpha$  is real) be a root of (i), then

$$\alpha^2 + (p + iq)\alpha + r + is = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$\alpha^2 + p\alpha + r + i(q\alpha + s) = 0$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we have  $\alpha^2 + p\alpha + r = 0$  and  $q\alpha + s = 0$

Eliminating  $\alpha$ , we get

$$(-s / q)^2 + p(-s / q) + r = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$s^2 - pqs + q^2r = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$pqs = s^2 + q^2r$$

**Question 19:** The difference between the corresponding roots of  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  and  $x^2 + bx + a = 0$  is same and  $a \neq b$ , then what is the relation between  $a$  and  $b$ ?

**Solution:**

Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma, \delta$  be the roots of the equations  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  and  $x^2 + bx + a = 0$ , respectively therefore,  $\alpha + \beta = -a$ ,  $\alpha\beta = b$  and  $\delta + \gamma = -b$ ,  $\gamma\delta = a$ .

$$\text{Given } |\alpha - \beta| = |\gamma - \delta| \Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$$

$$= (\gamma + \delta)^2 - 4\gamma\delta$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 4b = b^2 - 4a$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 - b^2) + 4(a - b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + 4 = 0 \quad (\text{Because } a \neq b)$$

**Question 20:** If  $b_1 b_2 = 2(c_1 + c_2)$ , then at least one of the equations  $x^2 + b_1x + c_1 = 0$  and  $x^2 + b_2x + c_2 = 0$  has \_\_\_\_\_ roots.

**Solution:**

Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be discriminants of  $x^2 + b_1x + c_1 = 0$  and  $x^2 + b_2x + c_2 = 0$ , respectively.

Then,

$$D_1 + D_2 = b_1^2 - 4c_1 + b_2^2 - 4c_2$$

$$= (b_1^2 + b_2^2) - 4(c_1 + c_2)$$

$$= b_1^2 + b_2^2 - 2b_1b_2 \quad [\text{Because } b_1b_2 = 2(c_1 + c_2)] = (b_1 - b_2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow D_1 \geq 0 \text{ or } D_2 \geq 0 \text{ or } D_1 \text{ and } D_2 \text{ both are positive.}$$

Hence, at least one of the equations has real roots.

**Question 21:** If the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 2ax + b = 0$  are real and distinct and they differ by at most  $2m$  then  $b$  lies in what interval?

**Solution:**



Let the roots be  $\alpha, \beta$

$$\alpha + \beta = -2a \text{ and } \alpha\beta = b$$

Given,  $|\alpha - \beta| \leq 2m$

or  $|\alpha - \beta|^2 \leq (2m)^2$  or

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4ab \leq 4m^2 \text{ or}$$

$$4a^2 - 4b \leq 4m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - m^2 \leq b \text{ and discriminant } D > 0 \text{ or}$$

$$4a^2 - 4b > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - m^2 \leq b \text{ and } b < a^2.$$

Hence,  $b \in [a^2 - m^2, a^2)$ .

**Question 22:** If  $(\frac{1+i}{1-i})^m = 1$ , then what is the least integral value of  $m$ ?

**Solution:**

$$\frac{1+i}{1-i} = \left(\frac{1+i}{1-i}\right) \times \frac{1+i}{1+i}$$

$$= \frac{(1+i)^2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2i}{2}$$

$$= i$$

$$\left(\frac{1+i}{1-i}\right)^m = 1 \text{ (as given)}$$

So, the least value of  $m = 4$  {Because  $i^4 = 1$ }

**Question 23:** If  $(1-i)x + (1+i)y = 1 - 3i$ , then  $(x, y) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

**Solution:**

$$(1-i)x + (1+i)y = 1 - 3i$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y) + i(-x+y) = 1 - 3i$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get  $x + y = 1$  and  $-x + y = -3$ ;

So,  $x = 2, y = -1$ .

Thus, the point is  $(2, -1)$ .

**Question 24:**  $[3 + 2i \sin\theta] / [1 - 2i \sin\theta]$  will be purely imaginary if  $\theta =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

$[3 + 2i \sin\theta] / [1 - 2i \sin\theta]$  will be purely imaginary, if the real part vanishes, i.e.,

$$[3 - 4 \sin^2 \theta] / [1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta] = 0$$

$$3 - 4 \sin^2 \theta \text{ (only if } \theta \text{ be real)}$$

$$\sin\theta = \pm\sqrt{3} / 2$$

$$= \sin(\pm \pi / 3)$$

$$\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n (\pm \pi / 3)$$

$$= n\pi \pm \pi / 3$$

**Question 25:** The real values of  $x$  and  $y$  for which the equation is  $(x + iy) (2 - 3i) = 4 + i$  is satisfied, are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Equation } (x + iy) (2 - 3i) = 4 + i$$

$$(2x + 3y) + i (-3x + 2y) = 4 + i$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$2x + 3y = 4 \text{ .....(i)}$$

$$-3x + 2y = 1 \text{ .....(ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get

$$x = 5 / 13, y = 14 / 13$$