

Question 1: If $3/(2 + \cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = a + ib$, then $[(a-2)^2 + b^2]$ is

- (1) 0
- (2) 1
- (3) -1
- (4) 2

Solution:

$$\text{Given } 3/(2 + \cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = a + ib$$

$$3((2 + \cos \theta) - i \sin \theta)/(2 + \cos \theta + i \sin \theta)((2 + \cos \theta) - i \sin \theta)$$

$$= ((6 + 3 \cos \theta) - i 3 \sin \theta)/((2 + \cos \theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$= ((6 + 3 \cos \theta) - i(3 \sin \theta))/(5 + 4 \cos \theta)$$

Comparing with $a + ib$, we get

$$a = (6 + 3 \sin \theta)/(5 + 4 \cos \theta)$$

$$b = -3 \sin \theta/(5 + 4 \cos \theta)$$

$$(a-2)^2 + b^2 = [(6 + 3 \sin \theta)/(5 + 4 \cos \theta) - 2]^2 + (-3 \sin \theta/(5 + 4 \cos \theta))^2$$

$$= (-4 - 5 \cos \theta)^2 + 9 \sin^2 \theta / (5 + 4 \cos \theta)^2$$

$$= ((4 + 5 \cos \theta)^2 + 9 \sin^2 \theta) / (5 + 4 \cos \theta)^2$$

$$= (16 + 40 \cos \theta + 25 \cos^2 \theta + 9 \sin^2 \theta) / (5 + 4 \cos \theta)^2$$

$$= (16 + 40 \cos \theta + 16 \cos^2 \theta + 9(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta)) / (5 + 4 \cos \theta)^2$$

$$= (16 + 40 \cos \theta + 16 \cos^2 \theta + 9) / (5 + 4 \cos \theta)^2$$

$$= (16 \cos^2 \theta + 40 \cos \theta + 25) / (5 + 4 \cos \theta)^2$$

$$= (4 \cos \theta + 5)^2 / (5 + 4 \cos \theta)^2$$

$$= 1$$

Hence option (2) is the answer.

Question 2: If $z = x + iy$ is a complex number where x and y are integers. Then, the area of the rectangle whose vertices are the roots of the equation

$$z\bar{z}^3 + \bar{z}z^3 = 350$$

(1) 48

(2) 32

(3) 40

(4) 80

Solution:

Given

$$\begin{aligned}z\bar{z}^3 + \bar{z}z^3 &= 350 \\z\bar{z}(\bar{z}^2 + z^2) &= 350\end{aligned}$$

Take $z = x+iy$

$$(x+iy)(x-iy)[(x-iy)^2+(x+iy)^2] = 350$$

$$(x^2+y^2)(2x^2-2y^2) = 350$$

$$(x^2+y^2)(x^2-y^2) = 175 = (25) \times 7$$

$$x^2+y^2 = 25 \text{ (i)}$$

$$x^2-y^2 = 7 \text{ ..(ii)}$$

Adding (i) and (ii), we get

$$2x^2 = 32$$

$$x = \pm 4$$

And $y = \pm 3$

Hence the vertices of the triangle are (4,3), (4, -3), (-4, -3) and (-4,3).

Area of rectangle = length \times breadth

$$= 8 \times 6$$

$$= 48$$

Hence option (1) is the answer.

Question 3: If $1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}$ are the n th roots of unity, then the value of $(1-a_1)(1-a_2)\dots(1-a_{n-1})$ is

(1) $\sqrt{3}$

(2) $1/2$

(3) n

(4) 0

Solution:

Given $1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}$ are the n th roots of unity.

$$\text{So } x^n - 1 = (x-1)(x-a_1)\dots(x-a_{n-1})$$

$$(x^n - 1)/(x-1) = (x-a_1)(x-a_2)\dots(x-a_{n-1})$$

$$x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + x^2 + x + 1 = (x-a_1)(x-a_2)\dots(x-a_{n-1})$$

Substitute $x = 1$

$$(1-a_1)(1-a_2)\dots(1-a_{n-1})$$

$$= 1+1+1+\dots n \text{ times}$$

$$= n$$

Hence option (3) is the answer.

Question 4: If $|(z+i)/(z-i)| = \sqrt{3}$, then radius of the circle is

(1) $2/\sqrt{21}$

(2) $1/\sqrt{21}$

(3) $\sqrt{3}$

(4) $\sqrt{21}$

Solution:

Take $z = x+iy$

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2+y^2}$$

$$\text{Given } |(z+i)/(z-i)| = \sqrt{3}$$

$$|(z+i)| = \sqrt{3}|(z-i)|$$

Put $z = x+iy$

$$|(x+(y+1)i)| = \sqrt{3}|(x+(y-1)i)|$$

Squaring we get

$$x^2 + (y+1)^2 = 3(x^2 + (y-1)^2)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2y + 1 = 3x^2 + 3y^2 - 6y + 3$$

$$2x^2 + 2y^2 - 8y + 2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4y + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Equation of circle is } (x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$$

Where (h, k) is the centre and radius is r.

$$(x-0)^2 + (y-2)^2 = \sqrt{3}^2$$

Radius is $\sqrt{3}$.

Hence option (3) is the answer.

Question 5: If α and $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ are the distinct roots of the equation $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$, then $\alpha^{101} + \beta^{107}$ is equal to:

(1) 1

(2) 2

(3) -1

(4) 0

Solution:

$$x^2 - x + 1 = 0$$

Solve by using the quadratic formula, we get

$$x = \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-(-1-i\sqrt{3})}{2}, \frac{-(-1+i\sqrt{3})}{2}$$

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

$$\alpha = -\omega^2$$

$$\beta = -\omega$$

$$\alpha^{101} + \beta^{107} = (-\omega^2)^{101} + (-\omega)^{107}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -(\omega^{202} + \omega^{107}) \\
 &= -[(\omega^3)^{67} \omega + (\omega^3)^{35} \omega^2] \\
 &= -[\omega + \omega^2] \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence option (1) is the answer.

Question 6: The region represented by $\{z = x+iy \in \mathbb{C} : z - \text{Re}(z) \leq 1\}$ is also given by the inequality: $\{z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : z - \text{Re}(z) \leq 1\}$

- (1) $y^2 \leq 2(x + 1/2)$
- (2) $y^2 \leq x + (1/2)$
- (3) $y^2 \geq 2(x + 1)$
- (4) $y^2 \geq (x + 1)$

Solution:

$$\{z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : z - \text{Re}(z) \leq 1\}$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\text{Re}(z) = x$$

$$z - \text{Re}(z) \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - x \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq 1 + x$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2) \leq (1 + x^2 + 2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \leq 2(x + 1/2)$$

Hence option (1) is the answer.

Question 7: If $\frac{(1+i)^m}{(1-i)^n} = \frac{(1+i)^m}{(1-i)^n} = 1$, ($m, n \in \mathbb{N}$) then the greatest common divisor of the least values of m and n is :

Solution:

$$\frac{(1+i)^m}{(1-i)^n} = \frac{(1+i)^m}{(1-i)^n} = 1 \quad (i = \sqrt{-1})$$

Solving LHS of above equation, we get

$$(2i/2)^{m/2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 8$$

Solving RHS,

$$[(-1-i-i+1)/(1+1)]^{n/3} = 1$$

$$(-2i/2)^{n/3} = 1$$

$$(-i)^{n/3} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 12$$

Greatest common divisor of m and n is 4.

Question 8: If z is any complex number satisfying $|z - 3 - 2i| \leq 2$, then the minimum value of $|2z - 6 + 5i|$ is

(1) 2

(2) 1

(3) 3

(4) 5

Solution:

$$|z - 3 - 2i| \leq 2$$

$$|2z - 6 + 5i| = 2|z - 3 + (5/2)i|$$

$$|z - 3 + (5/2)i|$$

$$= |z - 3 - 2i + 2i + (5/2)i| \text{ (using triangle inequality)}$$

$$= |(z - 3 - 2i) + (9/2)i|$$

$$\geq ||z - 3 - 2i| - (9/2)|$$

$$\geq |2 - 9/2| \geq 5/2$$

$$\Rightarrow |z - 3 + (5/2)i| \geq 5/2$$

$$\Rightarrow |2z - 6 + 5i| \geq 5$$

Hence option (4) is the answer.

Question 9: If z is a complex number such that the imaginary part of z is non-zero and $a = z^2 + z + 1$ is real. Then, a cannot take the value

(1) -1

$$(2) 1/3$$

$$(3) 1/2$$

$$(4) 3/4$$

Solution:

$$\text{Given } a = z^2 + z + 1$$

$$z^2 + z + 1 - a = 0$$

If solution is not real then $b^2 - 4ac < 0$.

$$1 - 4(1-a) < 0$$

$$1 - 4 + 4a < 0$$

$$-3 + 4a < 0$$

$$4a < 3$$

$$a < 3/4$$

Values of a less than $3/4$ will give non real solutions.

Hence option (4) is the answer.

Question 10: Let a, b, x and y be real numbers such that $a - b = 1$ and $y \neq 0$. If the complex number $z = x + iy$ satisfies $\text{Im}((az + b)/(z + 1)) = y$, then which of the following is(are) possible value(s) of x ?

$$(1) -1 + \sqrt{1 - y^2}$$

$$(2) -1 - \sqrt{1 - y^2}$$

$$(3) 1 + \sqrt{1 + y^2}$$

$$(4) 1 - \sqrt{1 + y^2}$$

Solution:

$$a - b = 1$$

$$y \neq 0$$

$$\text{Im}[(az + b)/(z + 1)] = y$$

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Im} [(a(x + iy) + b)/(x + iy + 1)][((x + 1) - iy)/((x + 1) - iy)] = y$$

$$\Rightarrow [-(ax + b)y + ay(x+1)]/(x+1)^2 + y^2 = y$$

$$\Rightarrow (-axy - by + axy + ay)/(x+1)^2 + y^2 = y$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = (x+1)^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (x+1)^2 + y^2$$

$$\text{So } x = -1 \pm \sqrt{1-y^2}$$

Hence option (1) and (2) are correct.

