



# **COMPLEX NUMBERS**

## **EXAMPLES & SOLUTIONS**

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## Question (01)

- (i) Find the real values of  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\frac{(1-i)x+2i}{3-i} + \frac{(2+3i)y+i}{3+i} = -i$
- (ii) Find the real values of  $x$  and  $y$  are the complex numbers  $3-ix^2y$  and  $-x^2-y-4i$  conjugate of each other.
- (iii) Find the square roots of  $4+4i$
- (iv) Find the complex number  $Z$  satisfying the equation  $\left| \frac{Z-12}{Z-8i} \right| = \frac{5}{3}$  and  $\left| \frac{Z-4}{Z-8} \right| = 1$
- (v) Find real  $\theta$  such that  $\frac{3+2i \sin \theta}{1-2i \sin \theta}$  is
- (a) real
  - (b) imaginary

## Solution

(i) 
$$\frac{(1-i)x+2i}{3-i} + \frac{(2+3i)y+i}{3+i} = -i$$
$$\frac{\{(1-i)x+2i\}(3+i) + \{(2+3i)y+i\}(3-i)}{(3-i)(3+i)} = -i$$
$$\frac{(3+i)(1-i)x+6i+2i^2 + (2+3i)(3-i)y+3i-i^2}{9-i^2} = -i$$
$$\frac{(3+i-3i-i^2)x+6i+(6+9i-2i-3i^2)y+3i+i^2}{9+1} = -i$$
$$(4-2i)x+(9-7i)y+9i-1 = -10i$$

$$[4x+9y-1]+i(19-2x-7y)=0$$

$$\therefore 4x+9y-1=0\text{.....(1)}$$

$$19-2x-7y=0\text{.....(2)}$$

By solving equations (1) and (2)

$$x = \frac{-82}{5} \quad y = \frac{37}{5}$$

$$(ii) \quad 3-ix^2y = \overline{-x^2-y-4i}$$

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

$$\therefore -(x^2+y)=3 \quad -x^2y=4$$

$$\therefore x^2 = -\frac{4}{y}$$

$$\frac{4}{y}-y=3$$

$$y^2+3y-4=0$$

$$(y+4)(y-1)=0$$

$$y=-4 \text{ or } y=1$$

$$\text{when } y=-4 \quad x^2 = \frac{-4}{-4} = 1 \quad \therefore x = \pm 1$$

$$y=1 \quad x^2 = \frac{-4}{1} = -4 \text{ (Not real)}$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 1 \text{ and } y = -4$$

$$(iii) \quad \text{Let } z^2 = 4+4i \text{ and } z = (x+iy)$$

$$\therefore z = \sqrt{4+4i} \quad z^2 = (x+iy)(x+iy)$$

$$= x^2+2ixy+i^2y^2$$

$$z^2 = (x^2-y^2)+i2xy$$

$$(x^2 - y^2) + i2xy = 4 + 4i$$

$$\therefore x^2 - y^2 = 4 \quad 2xy = 4$$

$$y = \frac{2}{x}$$

$$x^2 - \left\{ \frac{2}{x} \right\}^2 = 4$$

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

$$(x^2 - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 2$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{2}{\pm\sqrt{2}} = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$z = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i \text{ or } z = -\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i$$

$$(iv) \quad \left| \frac{z-12}{z-8i} \right| = \frac{5}{3} \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\left| \frac{z-4}{z-8} \right| = 1 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

Let  $z = x + iy$

$$z - 12 = (x - 12) + iy \quad |z - 12| = \sqrt{(x - 12)^2 + y^2}$$

$$z - 8i = x + i(y - 8) \quad |z - 8i| = \sqrt{x^2 + (y - 8)^2}$$

$$z - 4 = (x - 4) + iy \quad |z - 4| = \sqrt{(x - 4)^2 + y^2}$$

$$z - 8 = (x - 8) + iy \quad |z - 8| = \sqrt{(x - 8)^2 + y^2}$$

$$\text{From (1); } \frac{|z-12|}{|z-8i|} = \frac{5}{3} \Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt{(x-12)^2 + y^2} = 5\sqrt{x^2 + (y-8)^2}$$

$$9\{(x-12)^2 + y^2\} = 25[x^2 + (y-8)^2] \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{From (2)} \quad \frac{|z-4|}{|z-8|} = 1$$

$$\sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{(x-8)^2 + y^2}$$

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

$$x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 = x^2 - 16x + 64 + y^2$$

$$8x = 48$$

$$\therefore x = 6$$

$$\therefore \text{form (1); } 9[(6-12)^2 + y^2] = 25[6^2 + (y-8)^2]$$

$$9[(36 + y^2)] = 25[36 + (y-8)^2]$$

$$16y^2 - 400y + (2500 - 324) = 0$$

$$16y^2 - 400y + 2176 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 25y + 136 = 0$$

$$(y-17)(y-8) = 0$$

$$y = 17 \text{ or } y = 8$$

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

$$(v) \quad z = \frac{3 + 2i \sin \theta}{1 - 2i \sin \theta} = \frac{(3 + 2i \sin \theta)(1 + 2i \sin \theta)}{(1 - 2i \sin \theta)(1 + 2i \sin \theta)}$$

$$= \frac{(3 - 4 \sin^2 \theta)}{1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{8i \sin \theta}{1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\text{If } z \text{ is real } \therefore \frac{8 \sin \theta}{1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta} = 0 \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{2} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{If } z \text{ is imaginary } \frac{3 - 4 \sin^2 \theta}{1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta} = 0$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

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

$$\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\theta = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{3} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

### Question (02)

(i) Express the following complex numbers in the polar form

(a)  $\left(\frac{3-i}{2+i}\right)^2$

(b)  $\frac{(1-i)}{(1+i)(1+\sqrt{3}i)}$

(c)  $\frac{1+7i}{(2-i)^2}$

(d)  $0+0i$

(ii) Find the modulus and the principal value of the argument of the following

complex numbers

(a)  $\frac{1-3i}{1-2i}$

(b)  $\frac{1-i}{1+i} - \frac{1+i}{1-i}$

(c)  $1 + \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$

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

(iii) Find the modulus and the principal value of the argument of each of the following complex numbers

(a)  $(1 - \sqrt{3}i)(1 - i)$

(b)  $\frac{-3 + \sqrt{3}i}{4 - 4i}$

(c)  $(-3 + \sqrt{3}i)(4 - 4i)$

(iii) Find the square roots of

(a)  $5 + 12i$

(b)  $15 + 8i$

(c)  $24 + 10i$

### Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2)(a) \quad z &= \left( \frac{3-i}{2+i} \right)^2 = \left\{ \frac{(3-i)(2-i)}{(2+i)(2-i)} \right\}^2 = \left( \frac{6+i^2-5i}{5} \right)^2 = (1-i)^2 \\
 &= \left[ \sqrt{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} \right]^2 \\
 &= \left\{ \sqrt{2} (\cos(-\pi/4) + i \sin(-\pi/4)) \right\}^2 \\
 &= (\sqrt{2})^2 \{ \cos(-\pi/4) + i \sin(-\pi/4) \} \{ \cos(-\pi/4) + i \sin(-\pi/4) \} \\
 &= 2 [\cos(-\pi/4 - \pi/4) + i \sin(-\pi/4 - \pi/4)] \\
 &= 2 [\cos(-\pi/2) + i \sin(-\pi/2)]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad z &= \frac{1-i}{(1+i)(1+\sqrt{3}i)} = \frac{(1-i)(1-i)(1-\sqrt{3}i)}{(1+i)(1-i)(1+\sqrt{3}i)(1-\sqrt{3}i)} \\
 &= \frac{[1+i^2-2i](1-\sqrt{3}i)}{(1-i^2)(1-3i^2)} = \frac{-2i(1-\sqrt{3}i)}{2.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(-\sqrt{3} - i)$$

$$= \frac{2}{4} \left[ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(-5\pi/6) + i \sin(-5\pi/6) \}$$

$$(c). z = \frac{1+7i}{(2-i)^2} = \frac{1+7i}{2^2 + i^2 - 4i} = \frac{1+7i}{(3-4i)} = \frac{(1+7i)(3+4i)}{(3-4i)(3+4i)}$$

$$= \frac{3 + 28i^2 + 25i}{25} = \frac{-25 + 25i}{25} = (-1+i)$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left[ -1/\sqrt{2} + 1/\sqrt{2}i \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{2} [\cos 3\pi/4 + i \sin 3\pi/4]$$

(d)  $z = 0 + 0i$  is not possible to write in the form  $z = r \{ \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \}$

Where  $r > 0$   $-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$

Since there is no  $\theta$  value such that  $\cos \theta = 0$  and  $\sin \theta = 0$

$\therefore$  There is no argument for Zero Complex number.

$$(iii)(a) z = \frac{1-3i}{1+2i} = \frac{(1-3i)(1-2i)}{(1+2i)(1-2i)} = \frac{1+6i^2-5i}{1-4i^2} = \frac{-5-5i}{5}$$

$$= -1-i = \sqrt{2} \left\{ -1/\sqrt{2} + (-1/\sqrt{2})i \right\}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} [\cos(-3\pi/4) + i \sin(-3\pi/4)]$$

$$\therefore |z| = \sqrt{2} \text{ and } \arg(z) = -3\pi/4$$

$$(b) z = \frac{1-i}{1+i} \frac{(1+i)}{(1-i)} = \frac{(1-i)^2 - (1+i)^2}{(1+i)(1-i)} = \frac{[1-i+1+i][1-i-1-i]}{1-i^2}$$

$$= \frac{2(-2i)}{2} = -2i = 2 [\cos(-\pi/2) + i \sin(-\pi/2)]$$



$$|z| = 2 \quad \arg(z) = -\pi/2$$

$$(c) \quad z = 1 + \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$$

$$= 2 \cos^2(\alpha/2) + 2i \sin(\alpha/2) \cos(\alpha/2)$$

$$z = 2 \cos(\alpha/2) \{ \cos(\alpha/2) + i \sin(\alpha/2) \}$$

$$|z| = 2 \cos \alpha/2 \quad \arg(z) = \alpha/2$$

$$(d). \quad z = \frac{1 - (1-i)^2}{1+2i} = \frac{1 - (1-2i+i^2)}{1+2i} = \frac{1+2i}{1+2i} = 1$$

$$= 1 \{ \cos 0 + i \sin 0 \}$$

$$|z| = 1 \quad \arg(z) = 0$$

$$(iii)(a) \quad z = (1 - \sqrt{3}i)(1 - i)$$

$$= 2 \left[ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \right] \cdot \sqrt{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[ \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \right] \cdot \sqrt{2} \left[ \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right]$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} \left[ \cos\left(-\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) + \sin\left(-\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right) \right]$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} \left[ \cos\left(-7\pi/12\right) + i \sin\left(-7\pi/12\right) \right]$$

$$\text{Arg}(z) = -7\pi/12 \quad |z| = 2\sqrt{2}$$

### Question (03)

(a) Given that the complex number  $Z$  and its conjugate  $\bar{Z}$  satisfy the equation  $Z\bar{Z} + 2iZ = 12 + 6i$  find the possible values of  $Z$ .

(b) If  $Z = x + iy$  and  $Z^2 = a + ib$  where  $x, y, a, b$  are real, prove that  $2x^2 = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + a$

By solving the equation  $Z^4 + 6Z^2 + 25 = 0$  for  $Z^2$ , or otherwise express each of the four roots of the equation in the form  $x + iy$ .

### Solution

(a).  $Z\bar{Z} + 2iZ = 12 + 6i$  Let  $z = x + iy$   $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore \bar{z} = x - iy$$

$$z\bar{z} = (x^2 + y^2)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2i(x + iy) = 12 + 6i$$

$$\therefore (x^2 + y^2 - 2y) + 2xi = 12 + 6i$$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 - 2y = 12 \text{ and } 2x = 6$$

$$\therefore x = 3$$

$$3^2 + y^2 - 2y = 12$$

$$y^2 - 2y - 3 = 0$$

$$(y - 3)(y + 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore y = 3 \text{ or } y = -1$$

$$z = 3 + 3i \text{ or } z = 3 - i$$

(b)  $z = x + iy$

$$z^2 = (x + iy)^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + i2xy$$

$$z^2 = a + ib$$

$$\therefore a = x^2 - y^2 \text{ and } b = 2xy$$

$$y = \frac{b}{2x}$$

$$a = x^2 - \left\{ \frac{b}{2x} \right\}^2$$

$$a = x^2 - \frac{b^2}{4x^2}$$

$$\therefore 4x^4 - 4ax^2 - b^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 = \frac{4a \pm \sqrt{16a^2 + 16b^2}}{8}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{a \pm \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{2}$$

Since  $x \in \mathbb{R} \therefore x^2 \geq 0$

$$\therefore 2x^2 = a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$z^4 + 6z^2 + 25 = 0$$

$$(z^2 + 3)^2 + 16 = 0$$

$$(z^2 + 3)^2 = (4i)^2$$

$$\therefore z^2 = -3 + 4i \text{ or } z^2 = -3 - 4i$$

Let  $z = x + iy$  and  $z^2 = a + ib = -3 + 4i$

$$\therefore 2x^2 = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 4^2} - 3 = 2$$

$$x^2 = 1 \therefore x = \pm 1 \text{ and } y = \frac{b}{2x} = \frac{-4}{\pm 2} = \pm 2$$

$$z = 1 - 2i \text{ or } z = (-1 + 2i)$$

$\therefore$  The roots of the equation  $z^4 + 6z^2 + 25 = 0$  are  $1 + 2i, -1 + 2i, -1 - 2i, 1 - 2i$

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