

## COMPLEX NUMBERS - CHAPTER REVIEW

1 If  $z = 1 + 2i$  and  $w = -3 - 4i$ , find the following in  $x + iy$  form:

- (a)  $3z + w$       (b)  $z^2$       (c)  $w\bar{w}$       (d)  $\frac{z}{w}$       (e) the square roots of  $w$ .

$$a) 3z + w = 3(1 + 2i) + (-3 - 4i) = 3 - 3 + 6i - 4i = 2i$$

$$b) z^2 = (1 + 2i)^2 = 1 + 4i - 4 = -3 + 4i$$

$$c) w\bar{w} = (-3 - 4i)(-3 + 4i) = 9 + 16 = 25$$

$$d) \frac{z}{w} = \frac{1 + 2i}{-3 - 4i} = \frac{(1 + 2i)(-3 + 4i)}{(-3 - 4i)(-3 + 4i)}$$

$$\frac{z}{w} = \frac{-3 + 4i - 6i - 8}{25} = -\frac{11}{25} - \frac{2i}{25}$$

$$e) \sqrt{w} = \sqrt{-3 - 4i}$$

So we look for  $(a + ib)$  such that  $(a + ib)^2 = -3 - 4i$

$$\begin{cases} a^2 - b^2 = -3 \\ 2ab = -4 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} a^2 - b^2 = -3 \\ ab = -2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now } (a^2 + b^2)^2 = (a^2 - b^2)^2 + (2ab)^2$$

$$(a^2 + b^2)^2 = 9 + 16 = 25$$

$$\text{so } a^2 + b^2 = 5$$

$$\text{So } 2a^2 = 2 \quad a^2 = 1 \quad a = \pm 1$$

$$ab = -2 \quad \text{so } b = \mp 2$$

$$\sqrt{w} = \pm (1 - 2i)$$

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6 (a) Evaluate the following, giving answers in both mod-arg form and  $x + iy$  form.

(i)  $(\sqrt{3} - i)^3$                       (ii)  $\frac{(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^2}{(1 + i)^3}$

(b) Use your answer to part (a)(ii) to show that  $\cos \frac{7\pi}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}$ .

a) i)  $(\sqrt{3} - i)^3 = \left[ 2 \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{i}{2} \right] \right]^3 = 2^3 \times \left( e^{-i\pi/6} \right)^3 = 8 e^{-i\pi/2} = -8i$

ii)  $\frac{(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^2}{(1 + i)^3} = \frac{\left[ 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \right) \right]^2}{\left[ \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right]^3} = \frac{2^2 \left[ e^{-i\pi/3} \right]^2}{(\sqrt{2})^3 \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right)^3} = \frac{4}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{e^{-i2\pi/3}}{e^{i3\pi/4}}$

$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i \left[ -\frac{2\pi}{3} - \frac{3\pi}{4} \right]} = \sqrt{2} e^{-i\frac{17\pi}{12}} = \sqrt{2} e^{\frac{i7\pi}{12}}$

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

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

So  $\frac{(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^2}{(1 + i)^3} = \left[ \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2} \right] + i \left[ \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2} \right]$

b)  $\therefore \sqrt{2} e^{\frac{i7\pi}{12}} = \left[ \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2} \right] + i \left[ \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2} \right]$

So, equalling real parts, we obtain:

$\sqrt{2} \cos \left( \frac{7\pi}{12} \right) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2}$       or       $\cos \left( \frac{7\pi}{12} \right) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}}$

$\cos \left( \frac{7\pi}{12} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}$

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7 If  $z = \cos \frac{2\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{5}$  and  $w = \cos\left(-\frac{3\pi}{10}\right) + i \sin\left(-\frac{3\pi}{10}\right)$ , find  $\frac{z^2}{w^5}$  in mod-arg form.

$$z = e^{i2\pi/5}$$

$$\text{so } z^2 = e^{i4\pi/5}$$

$$w = e^{-i3\pi/10}$$

$$\text{so } w^5 = \left(e^{-i3\pi/10}\right)^5 = e^{-i3\pi/2}$$

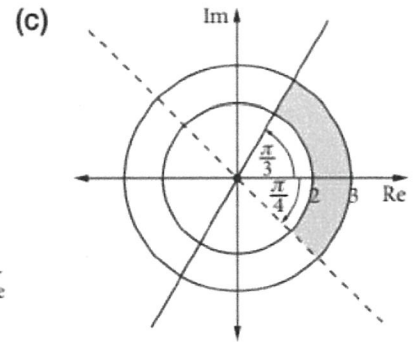
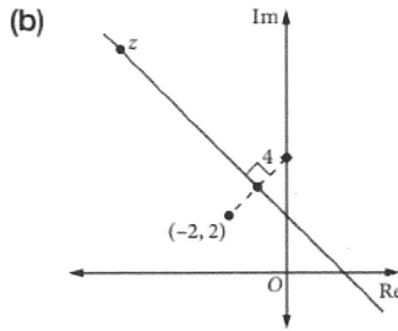
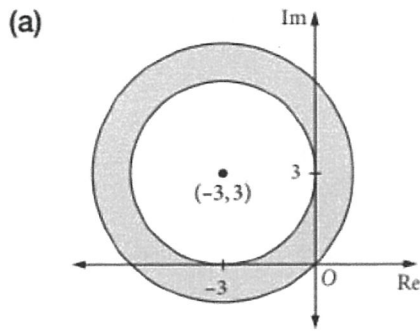
$$w^5 = \cos\left(\frac{-3\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{-3\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$w^5 = i = e^{i\pi/2}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{z^2}{w^5} = \frac{e^{i4\pi/5}}{e^{i\pi/2}} = e^{i\left(\frac{4\pi}{5} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = e^{i3\pi/10}$$

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8 Describe each of the following regions of the Argand diagram algebraically.



a)  $3 \leq |z - (-3 + 3i)| \leq r$  where  $r = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$   
 $3 \leq |z + 3 - 3i| \leq 3\sqrt{2}$

b)  $|z - (-2 + 2i)| = |z - 4i|$  ( $z$  equidistant of points  $(-2 + 2i)$  and  $4i$ )  
 $|z + 2 - 2i| = |z - 4i|$

c)  $2 \leq |z| \leq 3$  and  $\arg z \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right]$

(or  $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \arg(z) \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$ )

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10 Find ~~the product of the five 5th roots of~~  $(1 + \sqrt{2}i)^3$ .

$$1 + \sqrt{2}i = \sqrt{3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}i \right)$$

$$\sqrt{1^2 + 2} = \sqrt{3}$$

No exact values.

$$(1 + \sqrt{2}i)^3 = 1^3 + 3 \times 1^2 \times \sqrt{2}i + 3 \times 1 \times (\sqrt{2}i)^2 + (\sqrt{2}i)^3$$

(using Binomial expansion)  
or Pascal's triangle

$$(1 + \sqrt{2}i)^3 = 1 + 3\sqrt{2}i + 3 \times (-2) + 2\sqrt{2}(-1)i$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = -5 + i(3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{2})$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = -5 + \sqrt{2}i$$

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11 If  $z = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ :

(a) Show that  $\arg(z^2 + z^4) = 3\theta$ .      (b) Show that  $z^2 + z^4 = 2 \cos \theta (\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)$ .

(c) Find the value(s) of  $\theta$  for which  $z^2 + z^4$  is purely imaginary,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

$$a) \quad z^2 = e^{i2\theta} \quad z^4 = e^{i4\theta}$$

$$z^2 + z^4 = e^{i2\theta} + e^{i4\theta} = e^{i3\theta} (e^{-i\theta} + e^{i\theta})$$

$$\text{---} = e^{i3\theta} \times \underbrace{2 \cos \theta}_{\text{real}}$$

$$\text{But } \cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \arg(z^2 + z^4) = 3\theta$$

b) see a) above.

$$c) \quad z^2 + z^4 = 2 \cos \theta e^{i3\theta}$$

is purely imaginary when  $\cos 3\theta = 0$

$$\text{i.e. } 3\theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$$

$$\theta = \frac{2n\pi}{3} \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$n = 0 \quad \theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$n = 1 \quad \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$n = -1 \quad \theta = -\frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{so } \theta = \pm \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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13 (a) If  $w$  is a root of  $z^{12} = i$ , show that  $-w$  is also a root.

(b) Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be two distinct roots of  $z^{12} = i$ . Show that  $|z_1 + z_2| < 2$ .

a)  $w^{12} = i$        $(-w)^{12} = (-1)^{12} \times w^{12} = w^{12}$

So  $w^{12} = (-w)^{12} = i$     i.e.  $(-w)$  is a root of  $z^{12} = i$

b) Using the triangle inequality,

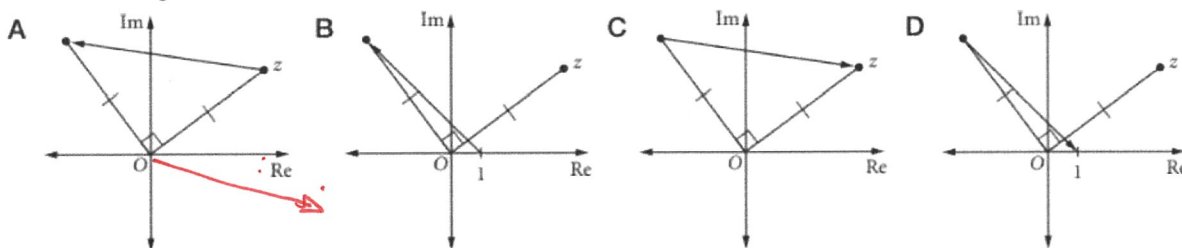
$$|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$$

The roots of  $z^{12} = i$  are positioned on the circle centred on  $O$  of radius  $|i| = 1$  so  $|z_1| = |z_2| = 1$

$$|z_1 + z_2| \leq 1 + 1 \quad \text{so} \quad |z_1 + z_2| \leq 2$$

But they are distinct roots so in fact  $|z_1 + z_2| < 2$

15 On an Argand diagram, point  $Z$  is shown to represent the complex number  $z$ . Which diagram below shows the vector that represents  $(1-i)z$ ?



$$(1-i) = \sqrt{2} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i \right] = \sqrt{2} e^{i(-\pi/4)}$$

$$\text{So } (1-i)z = \sqrt{2} e^{-i\pi/4} z$$

i.e. when we multiply the two complex numbers, we increase the modulus of  $z$  by a factor  $\sqrt{2}$  and we then apply a rotation of  $(-\pi/4)$

So C

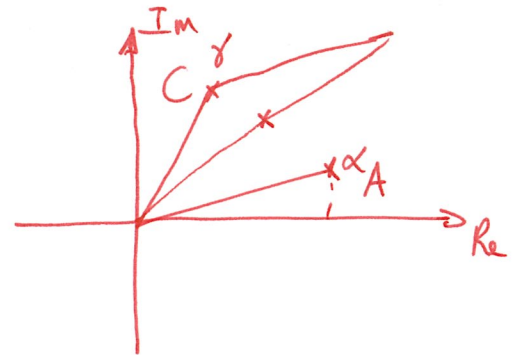
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16 On an Argand diagram, the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  represent the complex numbers  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  respectively.

(a) Describe the point that represents  $\frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \gamma)$ .

(b) If  $\alpha + \gamma = \beta + \delta$ , deduce that  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.

a) The point represented by  $\frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \gamma)$  is the middle of segment  $A$  and  $C$



b) if  $\alpha + \gamma = \beta + \delta$

$$\text{then } \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{1}{2}(\beta + \delta)$$

So the midpoints of segments  $AC$  and  $BD$

coincide.

i.e. the diagonals bisect each other.

$\therefore ABCD$  is a parallelogram



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- 18 On an Argand diagram, the points A and C represent the complex numbers  $3i$  and  $4 - 5i$  respectively. ABCD is a rhombus.
- (a) Find the Cartesian equation of the diagonal BD.
- (b) Show that the diagonal BD is also represented by the equation  $(1 + 2i)z + (1 - 2i)\bar{z} - 8 = 0$ .

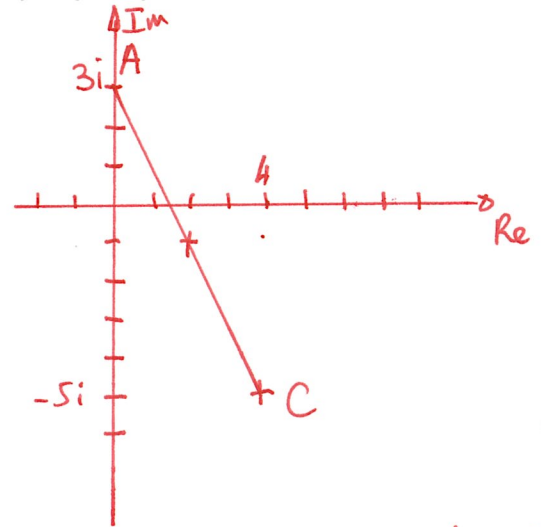
a) midpoint of AC is  $(2 - i)$

gradient of AC is  $-\frac{8}{4} = -2$

So gradient of BD is  $(\frac{1}{2})$

$$y - (-1) = \frac{1}{2}(x - 2)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 1 - 1 \quad \text{So } y = \frac{1}{2}x - 2 \quad \text{or } 2y - x + 4 = 0$$



b) if  $z = x + iy$

$$\text{then } (1 + 2i)z + (1 - 2i)\bar{z} - 8 = (1 + 2i)(x + iy) + (1 - 2i)(x - iy) - 8$$

$$= x + iy + 2ix - 2y + x - iy - 2ix - 2y - 8$$

$$= 2x - 4y - 8$$

$$= 2(x - 2y - 4)$$

$= 0$  if the point belongs to

$$\text{the line } x - 2y - 4 = 0$$

So if the point belongs to this line, then

$$(1 + 2i)z + (1 - 2i)\bar{z} - 8 = 0$$

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19 If  $w$  is a non-real root of the equation  $z^5 = 1$ , show that:

(a)  $1 + w + w^2 + w^3 + w^4 = 0$

(b)  $(1 - w)(1 - w^2)(1 - w^3)(1 - w^4) = 5$

(c)  $z_1 = w + w^4$  and  $z_2 = w^2 + w^3$  are the roots of the quadratic equation  $z^2 + z - 1 = 0$ .

a)  $z^5 - 1 = 0 \iff (z-1)[z^4 + z^3 + z^2 + z + 1] = 0$

So if  $z$  is a non real root then  $z^4 + z^3 + z^2 + z + 1 = 0$

b)  $(1-w)(1-w^2)(1-w^3)(1-w^4) = (1-w)(1-w^4)(1-w^2)(1-w^3)$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = [1 - w - w^4 + w^5][1 - w^2 - w^3 + w^5]$

but  $w^5 = 1$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = [1 - w - w^4 + 1][1 - w^2 - w^3 + 1]$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = [2 - w - w^4][2 - w^2 - w^3]$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 4 - 2w^2 - 2w^3 - 2w + w^3 + w^4 - 2w^4 + w^6 + w^7$

But  $w^6 = w^5 \times w = w$  and  $w^7 = w^5 \times w^2 = w^2$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 4 - 2w^2 - w^3 - 2w - w^4 + w^2 + w^2$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 4 - \underbrace{w - w^2 - w^3 - w^4}_{=1} = 5$

c)  $z^2 + z - 1 = (w + w^4)^2 + (w + w^4) - 1$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = w^2 + 2w^5 + \underbrace{w^8}_{=w^3} + w + w^4 - 1$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = w + w^2 + w^3 + w^4 + 2 - 1$

$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 1 + w + w^2 + w^3 + w^4 = 0$

But  $w^5 = 1$   
 $w^8 = w^3$

likewise for  $(w^2 + w^3)$

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20 (a) Find the cube roots of  $-8$  in mod-arg form.

(b) If  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are the non-real roots of  $-8$ , show that  $w_1^{6n} + w_2^{6n} = 2^{6n+1}$  for all integers  $n$ .

$$a) z^3 = -8 = -2^3 = 2^3 \times (-1) = 2^3 \times e^{-i\pi} = (2e^{-i\pi/3})^3$$

$$\text{So } z = 2e^{\frac{-i\pi}{3} + i\frac{2n\pi}{3}}$$

$$\text{So } z = 2e^{i\pi/3} \quad z = 2e^{i\pi} \quad z = 2e^{-i\pi/3}$$

$$b) w_1^3 = -8 \quad \text{and} \quad w_2^3 = -8$$

$$w_1^{6n} + w_2^{6n} = (w_1^6)^n + (w_2^6)^n = [(w_1^3)^2]^n + [(w_2^3)^2]^n$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = (-8)^{2n} + 8^{2n}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = (-2^3)^{2n} + (2^3)^{2n}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = (-1)^{2n} (2^3)^{2n} + (2^3)^{2n}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = (2^3)^{2n} + (2^3)^{2n}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 2 \times (2^3)^{2n}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} = 2^{6n+1}$$

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21 On an Argand diagram,  $A$  represents the complex number  $z = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ .  $B$  represents  $wz$ , where  $w = 2\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ .  $M$  is the midpoint of  $OB$ .

(a) Show that  $\overrightarrow{AM} = \frac{1}{2}wz - z$ .

(b) Show that  $\left|\frac{1}{2}wz - z\right| = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}$ .

(c) Show that  $\arg\left(\frac{1}{2}wz - z\right) = \frac{5\pi}{8} + \theta$ .

a)  $wz = 2e^{i\pi/4} \times e^{i\theta} = 2e^{i(\theta + \pi/4)}$

The midpoint  $M$  of  $OB$  is therefore  $e^{i(\theta + \pi/4)}$

$$\overrightarrow{AM} = \overrightarrow{AO} + \overrightarrow{OM} = -\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OM} = -e^{i\theta} + e^{i(\theta + \pi/4)}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AM} = -z + \frac{1}{2}wz = e^{i\theta} \left[-1 + e^{i\pi/4}\right]$$

b)  $\left|\frac{1}{2}wz - z\right| = \left|e^{i\theta}(-1 + e^{i\pi/4})\right| = |e^{i\pi/4} - 1|$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 1\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 + \frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}} = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}$$

c) So  $\frac{1}{2}wz - w = e^{i\theta}(e^{i\pi/4} - 1)$  and  $\left|\frac{1}{2}wz - z\right| = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}$

So  $\arg\left(\frac{1}{2}wz - w\right) = \arg\left(e^{i\theta}(e^{i\pi/4} - 1)\right) = \arg e^{i\theta} + \arg(e^{i\pi/4} - 1)$

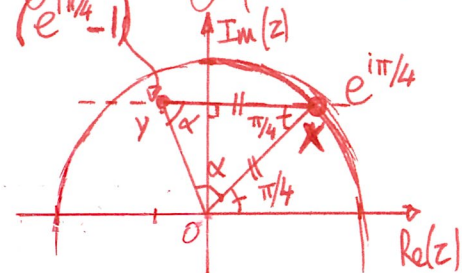
$$= \theta + \arg(e^{i\pi/4} - 1)$$

But as the diagram shows,  $OXY$  is an isosceles triangle, and  $\angle YXO$  is  $\pi/4$

so  $2\alpha + \frac{\pi}{4} = \pi$  (Sum of the 3 interior angles of a triangle is  $\pi$ )

so  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{8}$  so  $\arg(e^{i\pi/4} - 1) = \frac{3\pi}{8} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{5\pi}{8}$

$\therefore \arg\left(\frac{1}{2}wz - w\right) = \theta + \frac{5\pi}{8}$



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24 (a) Given that  $\tan 3\theta = \frac{3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta}$  (see Example 17, page 16), solve  $x^3 - 3\sqrt{3}x^2 - 3x + \sqrt{3} = 0$ .

(b) Show that  $\tan \frac{\pi}{9} - \tan \frac{2\pi}{9} + \tan \frac{4\pi}{9} = 3\sqrt{3}$ .

$$a) \quad x^3 - 3\sqrt{3}x^2 - 3x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \tan^3 \theta - 3\sqrt{3} \tan^2 \theta - 3 \tan \theta + \sqrt{3} = 0 \quad \text{with } x = \tan \theta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \tan^3 \theta - 3 \tan \theta = 3\sqrt{3} \tan^2 \theta - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta = \sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3} \tan^2 \theta = \sqrt{3} [1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta}{1 - \tan^2 \theta} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \tan 3\theta = \sqrt{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} \quad \text{so } 3\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} + n\pi$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \frac{\pi}{9} + n \frac{\pi}{3}}$$

For  $n=0$   $\theta = \pi/9$

For  $n=1$   $\theta = \pi/9 + \pi/3 = \frac{4\pi}{9}$

~~for  $n=2$   $\theta = \frac{\pi}{9} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{5\pi}{9}$~~

for  $n=-1$   $\theta = \frac{\pi}{9} - \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{2\pi}{9}$

So  $x_1 = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right)$

$x_2 = \tan\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right)$  or  $x_3 = -\tan\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right)$

b) using the sum of roots for a cubic equation:

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{-(-3\sqrt{3})}{1} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{So } \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) - \tan\left(\frac{2\pi}{9}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{4\pi}{9}\right) = 3\sqrt{3}$$

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- 30 The polynomial  $P(x) = ax^3 + bx + c$  has a multiple zero at  $x = 2$  and has a remainder of 20 when divided by  $x + 2$ . Find  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

$$P(x) = a(x-2)^2(x-k) = a(x^2 - 4x + 4)(x-k)$$

$$P(x) = a[x^3 - kx^2 - 4x^2 + 4kx + 4x - 4k]$$

$$P(x) = ax^3 - ax^2(k+4) + 4ax(k+1) - 4ak.$$

$$\text{So } k+4=0 \quad k=-4$$

$$P(x) = ax^3 - 0 + 4ax(-3) + 16a$$

$$P(x) = ax^3 - 12ax + 16a$$

$$\text{So } 16a = c \quad \text{and } -12a = b$$

$$\text{Further } P(-2) = a(-2)^3 - 2b + c = 20$$

$$\text{So } -8a - 2b + c = 20$$

$$-8a - 2(-12a) + 16a = 20$$

$$a[-8 + 24 + 16] = 20 \quad a = \frac{20}{32} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\text{and then } b = -12 \times \frac{5}{8} = -\frac{15}{2}$$

$$c = 16a = 16 \times \frac{5}{8} = 10$$

$$P(x) = \frac{5}{8}x^3 - \frac{15}{2}x + 10$$