Assignment 8

## COMPLEX NUMBERS

Name:

- 1. (2 points) If w is a complex cube root of 1, find the value of  $w^4 + w^8$ .
- 2. (3 points) Show that 2 + i is a root of the equation

$$3x^3 - 14x^2 + 23x - 10 = 0$$

Find the other two roots of the equation. State the value of the sum and the value of the product of these roots.

3. (3 points)

- (a) Find the roots of the equation  $z^2 + 4z + 7 = 0$ , giving your answers in the form  $p \pm i\sqrt{q}$ , where p and q are integers.
- (b) Show these roots on an Argand diagram.
- (c) Find for each root the modulus and the argument (in radians).
- 4. (5 points) Let  $z_1 = -30 + 15i$ .
  - (a) Find  $arg(z_1)$ , giving your answer in radians to two decimal places.

The complex numbers  $z_2$  and  $z_3$  are given by  $z_2 = -3 + pi$  and  $z_3 = q + 3i$ , where p and q are real constants and p > q.

- (b) Given that  $z_2z_3 = z_1$ , find the value of p and the value of q.
- (c) Using your values of p and q, plot the points corresponding to  $z_1, z_2$  and  $z_3$  on an Argand diagram,
- (d) Verify that  $2z_2 + z_3 z_1$  is real and find its value.
- 5. (3 points) Solve the equation

 $z^5 = 4 + 4i$ 

giving your answers in the form  $z = re^{ik\pi}$ , where r is the modulus of z and k is a rational number with  $0 \le k \le 2$ . Show your solutions on an Argand diagram.

- 6. (6 points) Find each of the roots of the equation  $z^5 1 = 0$  in the form  $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$ , where r > 0 and  $-\pi < \theta \le \pi$ .
  - (a) Given that  $\alpha$  is a complex root of this equation with the smallest positive argument, show that the roots of  $z^5 1 = 0$  can be written as  $\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\alpha^4 = \alpha^*$  and hence, or otherwise, write  $z^5 1$  as a product of real linear and quadratic factors, giving the coefficients in terms of integers and cosines.
  - (c) Show also that:

$$z^{5} - 1 = (z - 1)(z^{4} + z^{3} + z^{2} + z + 1)$$

and hence, or otherwise, find  $\cos(\frac{2\pi}{5})$ , giving your answer in terms of surds.

7. (4 points) Show that  $e^{\pi i/6}$  is a root of the equation  $z^3 = i$ . Find the other two roots and mark on an Argand diagram the points representing the three roots. Show that these three roots are also roots of the equation:

$$z^6 + 1 = 0$$

and write down the remaining three roots. Hence, or otherwise, express  $z^6 + 1$  as the product of three quadratic factors each with coefficients in integer or surd form.

- 8. (6 points) Let  $z = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ .
  - (a) Use the binomial theorem to show that the real part of  $z^4$  is

$$\cos^4\theta - 6\cos^2\theta\sin^2\theta + \sin^4\theta$$

- (b) Obtain a similar expression for the imaginary part of  $z^4$  in terms of  $\theta$ .
- (c) Use de Moivre's theorem to write down an expression for  $z^4$  in terms of  $4\theta$ .
- (d) Use your answers to parts **a** and **c** to express  $\cos 4\theta$  in terms of  $\cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta$ .
- (e) Hence show that  $\cos 4\theta$  can be written in the form  $k(\cos^m \theta \cos^n \theta) + p$ , where k, m, n and p are integers to be determined.
- 9. (3 points) Find the roots of the equation  $(z 4)^3 = 8i$  in the form a + bi, where a and b are real numbers. Mark, on an Argand diagram, the points A, B and C representing these three roots and find the area of  $\triangle ABC$ .
- 10. (3 points) The equation  $z^3 + pz^2 + 40z + q = 0$ , where p and q are real, has a root 3 + i. Write down another root of the equation. Hence, or otherwise, find the values of p and q.

- 11. (6 points) Write down the fifth roots of unity in the form  $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ , where  $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$ .
  - (a) Hence, or otherwise, find the fifth roots of i in a similar form.
  - (b) By writing the equation  $(z-1)^5 = z^5$  in the form

$$\left(\frac{z-1}{z}\right)^5 = 1$$

show that its roots are

$$\frac{1}{2}(1+i\cot\frac{1}{5}k\pi) \qquad k = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

12. (6 points) Derive expressions for the three cube roots of unity in the form  $re^{i\theta}$ . Represent the roots on an Argand diagram.

Let  $\omega$  denote one of the non-real roots. Show that the other non-real root is  $\omega^2$ . Show also that:

$$1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$$

Given that:

$$\alpha = p + q$$
  $\beta = p + q\omega$   $\gamma = p + q\omega^2$ 

where p and q are real.

- (a) Find, in terms of p,  $\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha$ .
- (b) Show that  $\alpha\beta\gamma = p^3 + q^3$ .
- (c) Find a cubic equation, with coefficients in terms of p and q, whose roots are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .