

5.6 Answers

Further A-Level Pure Mathematics : Core 1 Complex Numbers I

5.6.1 Solution to 5.3 Example on Finding Principal Arguments

For $z_1 = -5 - 3i$

Think of this as “a clockwise half a turn then anticlockwise a bit”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_1) &= -\pi + \arctan\left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \\ &= -\pi + 0.540 \\ &= -2.60^c \end{aligned}$$

For $z_2 = 3 - i$

Think of this as “clockwise a bit”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_2) &= 0 - \arctan\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= 0 - 0.322 \\ &= -0.322^c \end{aligned}$$

For $z_3 = 5 + 4i$

Think of this as “anticlockwise a bit”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_3) &= \arctan\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) \\ &= 0.675^c \end{aligned}$$

For $z_4 = -3 + 4i$

Think of this as “anticlockwise half a turn then clockwise a bit”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_4) &= \pi - \arctan\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \\ &= \pi - 0.927 \\ &= 2.21^c \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

5.6.2 Solutions to 5.5 Exercise

Answer 1

For $z_1 = -3 - 4i$

Think of this as “a clockwise half a turn then anticlockwise a bit”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_1) &= -\pi + \arctan\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \\ &= -\pi + 0.927 \\ &= -2.21^\circ \end{aligned}$$

For $z_2 = 2 - 2i$

Think of this as “clockwise a bit” or even “clockwise an eighth of a turn”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_2) &= -\arctan\left(\frac{2}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad -0.785^\circ \end{aligned}$$

For $z_3 = 6 + i$

Think of this as “clockwise a bit”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_3) &= \arctan\left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \\ &= 0.165^\circ \end{aligned}$$

For $z_4 = 5i$

Think of this as “anticlockwise a quarter of a turn”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_4) &= \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= 1.57^\circ \end{aligned}$$

For $z_5 = -4 + 3i$

Think of this as “anticlockwise half a turn then clockwise a bit”

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(z_5) &= \pi - \arctan\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \\ &= \pi - 0.644 \\ &= 2.50^\circ \end{aligned}$$

[5 marks]

Answer 2

$$(a) \quad \arg(z_1) = -\frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad -0.785$$

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad z_1 z_2 &= (1 - i)(3 + 4i) \\ &= 3 + 4i - 3i - 4i^2 \\ &= 7 + i \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad \frac{z_2}{z_1} &= \frac{3 + 4i}{1 - i} \\ &= \frac{3 + 4i}{1 - i} \times \frac{1 + i}{1 + i} \\ &= \frac{3 + 3i + 4i + 4i^2}{1 - i^2} \\ &= \frac{-1 + 7i}{2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{2}i \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]**Answer 3**

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad z &= \frac{26}{2 - 3i} \\ &= \frac{26}{2 - 3i} \times \frac{2 + 3i}{2 + 3i} \\ &= \frac{26(2 + 3i)}{4 - 9i^2} \\ &= \frac{26(2 + 3i)}{13} \\ &= 2(2 + 3i) \\ &= 4 + 6i \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad z^2 &= (4 + 6i)^2 \\ &= (4 + 6i)(4 + 6i) \\ &= 16 + 24i + 24i + 36i^2 \\ &= -20 + 48i \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c)} \quad |z| &= \sqrt{4^2 + 6^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{52} \\
 &= 2\sqrt{13} \quad \text{or} \quad 7.21
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

(d) On the Argand diagram, $z^2 = -20 + 48i$
This is located in the second quadrant.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg(z^2) &= \pi - \arctan\left(\frac{48}{20}\right) \\
 &= \pi - 1.18 \\
 &= 1.97^c
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

Answer 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(a)} \quad \frac{z_2}{z_1} &= \frac{1 + pi}{5 + 3i} \\
 &= \frac{1 + pi}{5 + 3i} \times \frac{5 - 3i}{5 - 3i} \\
 &= \frac{5 - 3i + 5pi - 3pi^2}{25 - 9i^2} \\
 &= \frac{5 + 3p - 3i + 5pi}{34} \\
 &= \frac{5 + 3p}{34} + \frac{5p - 3}{34} i
 \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]

$$\text{(b)} \quad \arg\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\tan\left(\arg\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right)\right) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{5p - 3}{34} \div \frac{5 + 3p}{34} = 1 \quad \text{from part (a)}$$

$$\frac{5p - 3}{34} \times \frac{34}{5 + 3p} = 1$$

$$\frac{5p - 3}{5 + 3p} = 1$$

$$5p - 3 = 5 + 3p$$

$$2p = 8$$

$$p = 4$$

[2 marks]

Answer 5**(a)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |w| &= |\sqrt{3} - i| \\
 &= \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (-1)^2} \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

[1 mark]**(b)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 zw &= (5 + \sqrt{3}i)(\sqrt{3} - i) \\
 &= 5\sqrt{3} - 5i + 3i - \sqrt{3}i^2 \\
 &= 6\sqrt{3} - 2i
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]**(c)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{z}{w} &= \frac{5 + \sqrt{3}i}{\sqrt{3} - i} \\
 &= \frac{5 + \sqrt{3}i}{\sqrt{3} - i} \times \frac{\sqrt{3} + i}{\sqrt{3} + i} \\
 &= \frac{5\sqrt{3} + 5i + 3i + \sqrt{3}i^2}{4} \\
 &= \frac{4\sqrt{3} + 8i}{4} \\
 &= \sqrt{3} + 2i
 \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]**(d)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg(z + \lambda) &= \frac{\pi}{3} \\
 \tan(\arg(5 + \sqrt{3}i + \lambda)) &= \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\
 \tan(\arg((5 + \lambda) + \sqrt{3}i)) &= \sqrt{3} \\
 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{5 + \lambda} &= \sqrt{3} \\
 1 &= 5 + \lambda \\
 \lambda &= -4
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

Answer 6**(a)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg(z_1 - z_2) &= \arg(-1 - i - 3 + 4i) \\
 &= \arg(-4 + 3i) \\
 &= \pi - \arctan\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \\
 &= \pi - 0.6435 \\
 &= 2.498^c
 \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]**(b)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{-1 - i}{3 - 4i} \\
 &= \frac{-1 - i}{3 - 4i} \times \frac{3 + 4i}{3 + 4i} \\
 &= \frac{-3 - 4i - 3i - 4i^2}{9 - 16i^2} \\
 &= \frac{1 - 7i}{25} \\
 &= \frac{1}{25} - \frac{7}{25}i
 \end{aligned}$$

[3 marks]**(c)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{25} - \frac{7}{25}i \right| \\
 &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{25}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{7}{25}\right)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{1 + 49}{625}} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{50}}{25} \\
 &= \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{25} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

[2 marks]

(d)

$$\frac{p + iq - 8z_1}{p - iq - 8z_2} = 3i$$

$$p + iq - 8z_1 = 3i (p - iq - 8z_2)$$

$$p + iq - 8(-1 - i) = 3ip - 3i^2 q - 24i(3 - 4i)$$

$$p + iq + 8 + 8i = 3ip + 3q - 72i + 96i^2$$

$$p + iq + 8 + 8i = 3ip + 3q - 72i - 96$$

$$p + iq = 3ip + 3q - 80i - 104$$

$$p + iq = 3q - 104 + (3p - 80)i$$

$$\text{Re : } p = 3q - 104 \Rightarrow p - 3q = -104$$

$$\text{Im : } q = 3p - 80 \Rightarrow -3p + q = -80$$

$$3p - 9q = -312$$

$$3p - q = 80 \quad \text{Subtract}$$

$$-8q = -392$$

$$q = 49$$

$$\therefore p = 43$$

[5 marks]