

5.4 Answers

Further A-Level Pure Mathematics, Core 2 Complex Numbers II

5.4.1 Solutions to 5.2 Example (Teaching Video)

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^2 = \cos(2\theta) + i \sin(2\theta) \quad \text{by de Moivre's theorem}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^2 &= 1 \times (\cos \theta)^2 \times (i \sin \theta)^0 \quad \text{by the Binomial theorem} \\ &\quad + 2 \times (\cos \theta)^1 \times (i \sin \theta)^1 \\ &\quad + 1 \times (\cos \theta)^0 \times (i \sin \theta)^2 \\ &= \cos^2 \theta + i 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta - \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

Equating the two expansions gives,

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

Matching the real part on the LHS with the real part on the RHS yields,

$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$$

Matching the imaginary part on the LHS with the imaginary part on the RHS yields,

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

[6 marks]

5.4.2 Solution to 5.3 Exercise

Answer 1

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 = \cos(3\theta) + i \sin(3\theta) \quad \text{by de Moivre's theorem}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 &= 1 \times (\cos \theta)^3 \times (i \sin \theta)^0 && \text{by the Binomial theorem} \\ &+ 3 \times (\cos \theta)^2 \times (i \sin \theta)^1 \\ &+ 3 \times (\cos \theta)^1 \times (i \sin \theta)^2 \\ &+ 1 \times (\cos \theta)^0 \times (i \sin \theta)^3 \\ &= \cos^3 \theta + i 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta - i \sin^3 \theta \\ &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta + i(3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Equating the two expansions gives,

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

Matching the real part on the LHS with the real part on the RHS yields,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(3\theta) &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta + 3 \cos^3 \theta \\ &= 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Matching the imaginary part on the LHS with the imaginary part on the RHS yields,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(3\theta) &= 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta \\ &= 3 (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta \\ &= 3 \sin \theta - 3 \sin^2 \theta - \sin^3 \theta \\ &= 3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 2

$$8x^3 - 6x - 1 = 0$$

let $x = \cos \theta$ to obtain,

$$8 \cos^3 \theta - 6 \cos \theta - 1 = 0$$

$$2(4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta) = 1$$

$$4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos 3\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$3\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{3}, \dots$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{9}, \frac{5\pi}{9}, \frac{7\pi}{9}, \dots$$

$$\therefore x = 0.940, -0.174, -0.766$$

[5 marks]

Answer 3

$$\cos 5\theta + 5 \cos 3\theta = 0$$

$$(16 \cos^5 \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta) + 5(4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta) = 0$$

$$16 \cos^5 \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta + 20 \cos^3 \theta - 15 \cos \theta = 0$$

$$16 \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos \theta = 0$$

$$2 \cos \theta (8 \cos^4 \theta - 5) = 0$$

$$\text{Either } \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} = 1.571$$

$$\text{Or } \cos \theta = \pm \sqrt[4]{\frac{5}{8}} \Rightarrow \theta = 0.475, 2.666$$

$$\text{That is, } \theta \in \{0.475, 1.571, 2.666\}$$

[6 marks]

Answer 4**(a)**

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^5 = \cos(5\theta) + i \sin(5\theta) \quad \text{by de Moivre's theorem}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3 &= 1 \times (\cos \theta)^5 \times (i \sin \theta)^0 && \text{by the Binomial theorem} \\
 &+ 5 \times (\cos \theta)^4 \times (i \sin \theta)^1 \\
 &+ 10 \times (\cos \theta)^3 \times (i \sin \theta)^2 \\
 &+ 10 \times (\cos \theta)^2 \times (i \sin \theta)^3 \\
 &+ 5 \times (\cos \theta)^1 \times (i \sin \theta)^4 \\
 &+ 1 \times (\cos \theta)^0 \times (i \sin \theta)^5 \\
 &= \cos^5 \theta + i 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta \\
 &\quad - i 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta + i \sin^5 \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating the two expansions gives,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos(5\theta) + i \sin(5\theta) &= \cos^5 \theta - 10 \cos^3 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 5 \cos \theta \sin^4 \theta \\
 &\quad + i(5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Matching the imaginary part on the LHS with the imaginary part on the RHS yields,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin(5\theta) &= 5 \cos^4 \theta \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta \\
 &= 5(1 - \sin^2 \theta)^2 \sin \theta - 10(1 - \sin^2 \theta) \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta \\
 &= 5(1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta) \sin \theta - 10 \sin^3 \theta + 10 \sin^5 \theta + \sin^5 \theta \\
 &= 5 \sin \theta - 10 \sin^3 \theta + 5 \sin^5 \theta - 10 \sin^3 \theta + 10 \sin^5 \theta + \sin^5 \theta \\
 &= 5 \sin \theta - 20 \sin^3 \theta + 16 \sin^5 \theta \\
 &= 16 \sin^5 \theta - 20 \sin^3 \theta + 5 \sin \theta \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

[5 marks]

(b)

$$16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

let $x = \sin \theta$ to obtain,

$$16 \sin^5 \theta - 20 \sin^3 \theta + 5 \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\sin 5\theta + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\sin 5\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{OK to do the next part in degrees})$$

$$5\theta = -2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}, -\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, -\frac{\pi}{6}, \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$5\theta = -\frac{13\pi}{6}, -\frac{5\pi}{6}, -\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{13\pi}{30}, -\frac{5\pi}{30}, -\frac{\pi}{30}, \frac{7\pi}{30}, \frac{11\pi}{30}$$

$$x = -0.978, -0.5, -0.105, 0.669, 0.914$$

[5 marks]

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (4 \sin^5 \theta - 5 \sin^3 \theta) d\theta &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\sin 5\theta - 5 \sin \theta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[-\frac{\cos 5\theta}{5} + 5 \cos \theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2} \right] - \frac{1}{4} \left[-\frac{1}{5} + 5 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{26\sqrt{2}}{10} \right] - \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{24}{5} \right] \\ &= \frac{13\sqrt{2}}{20} - \frac{6}{5} \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

Answer 5**(i)**

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 = \cos(4\theta) + i \sin(4\theta) \quad \text{by de Moivre's theorem}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4 &= 1 \times (\cos \theta)^4 \times (i \sin \theta)^0 && \text{by the Binomial theorem} \\
 &+ 4 \times (\cos \theta)^3 \times (i \sin \theta)^1 \\
 &+ 6 \times (\cos \theta)^2 \times (i \sin \theta)^2 \\
 &+ 4 \times (\cos \theta)^1 \times (i \sin \theta)^3 \\
 &+ 1 \times (\cos \theta)^0 \times (i \sin \theta)^4 \\
 &= \cos^4 \theta + i 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta \\
 &\quad - i 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^4 \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating the two expansions gives,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos(4\theta) + i \sin(4\theta) \\
 = \cos^4 \theta + i 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta - i 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^4 \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Matching the imaginary part on the LHS with the imaginary part on the RHS yields,

$$\sin(4\theta) = 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta \quad \square$$

[4 marks]**(ii)**

Matching the real part on the LHS with the real part on the RHS yields,

$$\cos(4\theta) = \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LHS} &= \tan 4\theta \\
 &= \frac{\sin 4\theta}{\cos 4\theta} \\
 &= \frac{4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta}{\cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta} \times \frac{\frac{1}{\cos^4 \theta}}{\frac{1}{\cos^4 \theta}} \\
 &= \frac{4 \tan \theta - 4 \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 6 \tan^2 \theta + \tan^4 \theta} \\
 &= \text{RHS} \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

(iii)

$$x^4 + 4x^3 - 6x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$$

Let $x = \tan \theta$ in which case,

$$\tan^4 \theta + 4 \tan^3 \theta - 6 \tan^2 \theta - 4 \tan \theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\tan^4 \theta - 6 \tan^2 \theta + 1 = 4 \tan \theta - 4 \tan^3 \theta$$

$$\frac{4 \tan \theta - 4 \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 6 \tan^2 \theta + \tan^4 \theta} = 1$$

$$\tan 4\theta = 1$$

$$4\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{9\pi}{4}, \frac{13\pi}{4}, \dots$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{16}, \frac{5\pi}{16}, \frac{9\pi}{16}, \frac{13\pi}{16}, \dots$$

$$x = 0.20, 1.50, -5.03, -0.67$$

[5 marks]

Answer 6

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^7 = \cos(7\theta) + i \sin(7\theta) \quad \text{by de Moivre's theorem}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^7 &= 1 \times (\cos \theta)^7 \times (i \sin \theta)^0 && \text{by the Binomial theorem} \\
 &+ 7 \times (\cos \theta)^6 \times (i \sin \theta)^1 \\
 &+ 21 \times (\cos \theta)^5 \times (i \sin \theta)^2 \\
 &+ 35 \times (\cos \theta)^4 \times (i \sin \theta)^3 \\
 &+ 35 \times (\cos \theta)^3 \times (i \sin \theta)^4 \\
 &+ 21 \times (\cos \theta)^2 \times (i \sin \theta)^5 \\
 &+ 7 \times (\cos \theta)^1 \times (i \sin \theta)^6 \\
 &+ 1 \times (\cos \theta)^0 \times (i \sin \theta)^7 \\
 &= \cos^7 \theta + i 7 \cos^6 \theta \sin \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta \sin^2 \theta - i 35 \cos^4 \theta \sin^3 \theta \\
 &+ 35 \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 \theta + i 21 \cos^2 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 7 \cos \theta \sin^6 \theta - \sin^7 \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating the two expansions gives,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos(7\theta) + i \sin(7\theta) &= \cos^7 \theta + i 7 \cos^6 \theta \sin \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta \sin^2 \theta - i 35 \cos^4 \theta \sin^3 \theta \\
 &+ 35 \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 \theta + i 21 \cos^2 \theta \sin^5 \theta - 7 \cos \theta \sin^6 \theta - i \sin^7 \theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Matching the real part on the LHS with the real part on the RHS yields,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos(7\theta) &= \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 35 \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 7 \cos \theta \sin^6 \theta \\
 &= \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 35 \cos^3 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2 - 7 \cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^3 \\
 &= \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta + 21 \cos^7 \theta + 35 \cos^3 \theta (1 - 2 \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta) \\
 &\quad - 7 \cos \theta (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta + 3 \cos^4 \theta - \cos^6 \theta) \\
 &= \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta + 21 \cos^7 \theta + 35 \cos^3 \theta - 70 \cos^5 \theta + 35 \cos^7 \theta \\
 &\quad - 7 \cos \theta + 21 \cos^3 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta + 7 \cos^7 \theta \\
 &= 64 \cos^7 \theta - 112 \cos^5 \theta + 56 \cos^3 \theta - 7 \cos \theta \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

[6 marks]

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