

## COMPLEX NUMBERS & MATRICES (Q 3, PAPER 1)

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3 (a) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $A^{-1}$ .

3 (b) (i) Find a quadratic equation whose roots are  $3 + i$  and  $3 - i$ , where  $i^2 = -1$ .

(ii) Let  $P(z) = z^3 - kz^2 + 22z - 20$ ,  $k \in \mathbf{R}$ .

$3 + i$  is a root of the equation  $P(z) = 0$ .

Find the value of  $k$ .

Find the other two roots of the equation  $P(z) = 0$ .

3 (c) (i) Solve for  $w$

$$\sqrt{5}|w| + iw = 3 + i.$$

Write your answers in the form  $u + iv$ ,  $u, v \in \mathbf{R}$ .

(ii) Use De Moivre's theorem to find three roots of the equation  $z^6 - 1 = 0$ .

### SOLUTION

**3 (a)**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{(2)(4) - (1)(5)} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{5}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{(ad - bc)} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \dots\dots \mathbf{8}$$

Remember it like this:

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{(ad - bc)} \begin{bmatrix} \text{Inter} & \text{Sign} \\ \text{Change} & \text{Change} \end{bmatrix}$$

**3 (b) (i)**

Quadratic:  $x^2 - Sz + P = 0$

Roots:  $3 + i, 3 - i$

**Sum S:**  $3 + i + 3 - i = 6$

**Product P:**  $(3 + i)(3 - i) = 10$

Quadratic:  $x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$

$$\mathbf{Sum S: } \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{-2^{nd}}{1^{st}} \dots\dots \mathbf{5}$$

$$\mathbf{Product P: } \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{3^{rd}}{1^{st}} \dots\dots \mathbf{6}$$

Forming a quadratic equation given its roots:

$$x^2 - \mathbf{S}x + \mathbf{P} = 0 \dots\dots \mathbf{7}$$

**3 (b) (ii)**

**CONJUGATE ROOT TRICK:** If  $z$  is a root of a polynomial equation with **all real coefficients**, so is  $\bar{z}$  and vice versa.

The coefficients of the cubic equation are real. Therefore, you can apply the conjugate root trick. If  $3 + i$  is a root, then  $3 - i$  is also a root of  $P(z) = 0$ .

From part (i), the quadratic equation with these roots is  $z^2 - 6z + 10 = 0$ .

Therefore,  $z^2 - 6z + 10 = 0$  is a factor of  $P(z)$ .

There are a number of ways to find  $k$ . The method shown is the most efficient way.

**LINING UP:**

A cubic expression is the product of a quadratic and a linear factor.  
The **first** terms of the linear and quadratics multiply to give the **first** term of the cubic. The **last** terms of the linear and quadratics multiply to give the **last** term of the cubic.

$$\begin{aligned}z^3 - kz^2 + 22z - 20 &= (z^2 - 6z + 10)(z - 2) \\ \Rightarrow z^3 - kz^2 + 22z - 20 &= z^3 - 8z^2 + 22z - 10 \\ \therefore k &= 8\end{aligned}$$

Roots:  $3+i, 3-i, 2$

**3 (c) (i)**

Let  $w = u + iv$

$$\sqrt{5}|w| + iw = 3 + i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}|u + iv| + i(u + iv) = 3 + i \quad |z| = r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{\text{Re}^2 + \text{Im}^2} \dots\dots \mathbf{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}\sqrt{u^2 + v^2} + iu + i^2v = 3 + i$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}\sqrt{u^2 + v^2} + iu - v = 3 + i$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{5}\sqrt{u^2 + v^2} - v = 3 \text{ and } iu = i \quad \text{For all equations you can equate the real parts and the imaginary parts.}$$

$$\therefore u = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{5}\sqrt{1 + v^2} = v + 3 \quad \text{[Square both sides.]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(1 + v^2) = v^2 + 6v + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 + 5v^2 = v^2 + 6v + 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 4v^2 - 6v - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2v^2 - 3v - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2v + 1)(v - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore v = -\frac{1}{2}, 2$$

**ANS:**  $w = 1 - \frac{1}{2}i, 1 + 2i$

**3 (c) (ii)**

**ROOTS OF COMPLEX NUMBERS:** De Moivre's Theorem is used to evaluate fractional powers of complex numbers.

**STEPS**

1. Write the complex number in general polar form.
2. Apply De Moivre's Theorem.
3. List all roots (start at  $n = 0$ ) changing nice angles to Cartesian form.

$$z^6 = 1 \Rightarrow z = (1 + 0i)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = (\cos(0 + 2n\pi) + i \sin(0 + 2n\pi))^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = (\cos 2n\pi + i \sin 2n\pi)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$\therefore z = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$n = 0 \Rightarrow z_1 = \cos 0^\circ + i \sin 0^\circ = 1$$

$$n = 1 \Rightarrow z_2 = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$n = 2 \Rightarrow z_3 = \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$n = 3 \Rightarrow z_4 = \cos(\pi) + i \sin(\pi) = -1$$

$$n = 4 \Rightarrow z_5 = \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$

$$n = 5 \Rightarrow z_6 = \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$$