

EXERCISES [MAI 1.8]
COMPLEX NUMBERS (CARTESIAN FORM)
SOLUTIONS

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A. Paper 1 questions (SHORT)

1. (a) $\Delta = -16$
 (b) $z = \frac{8 \pm 4i}{2} = 4 \pm 2i$
 (c) $(z - 4 - 2i)(z - 4 - 2i) = (z - 4)^2 - 4i^2 = (z - 4)^2 + 4$

2. (a) $\Delta = -144$
 $z = \frac{8 \pm 12i}{8} = \frac{8}{8} \pm \frac{12}{8}i = 1 \pm \frac{3}{2}i$
 (b) (i) $S = 1 + \frac{3}{2}i + 1 - \frac{3}{2}i = 2$ and $-\frac{b}{a} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$
 (ii) $S = \left(1 + \frac{3}{2}i\right) + \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}i\right) = 1^2 - \left(\frac{3}{2}i\right)^2 = 1 + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{13}{4}$ and $\frac{c}{a} = \frac{13}{4}$

3. (a) $(1 - i\sqrt{3})^2 = 1^2 - 2\sqrt{3}i + (\sqrt{3}i)^2 = -2 - 2\sqrt{3}i$
 (b) $(1 - i\sqrt{3})^3 = (1 - i\sqrt{3})^2(1 - i\sqrt{3}) = (-2 - 2i\sqrt{3})(1 - i\sqrt{3}) = -2 - 6 - 2i\sqrt{3} + 2i\sqrt{3} = -8$

4. $z = 1 + \frac{i(i + \sqrt{3})}{(i - \sqrt{3})(i + \sqrt{3})} = 1 + \frac{i(i + \sqrt{3})}{-4} = \frac{-5 + i\sqrt{3}}{-4} = \frac{5}{4} - \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{4}$

5. $z = \frac{2}{(1-i)} \cdot \frac{(1+i)}{(1+i)} + 1 - 4i = 1 + i + 1 - 4i = 2 - 3i$
 $z^2 = (2 - 3i)^2 = 4 - 12i - 9 = -5 - 12i$

6. (a) $a - 2 = 7 \Leftrightarrow a = 9$
 $b - 1 = 3 \Leftrightarrow b = 4$
 (b) $c - 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow c = 2$
 $d - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow d = 1$

7. The final result is $3+i$

8. $(a+i)(2-bi) = 7-i \Rightarrow 2a - abi + 2i - bi^2 = 7 - i$
 $\Rightarrow 2a - abi + 2i + b = 7 - i$
 $2a + b = 7 \Leftrightarrow b = 7 - 2a$
 $2 - ab = -1 \Leftrightarrow ab = 3$
 Hence
 $a(7 - 2a) = 3 \Leftrightarrow 2a^2 - 7a + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 3 \text{ and } b = 1$

9. $2(p + iq) = q - ip - 2(1 - i)$
 $2p = q - 2$
 $2q = -p + 2$
 $p = -0.4, q = 1.2$

10. Let $z = x + iy$
 $(1 - i)(x + iy) = 1 - 3i$
 $x + y - i(x - y) = 1 - 3i$
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} x + y = 1 \\ x - y = 3 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x = 2, y = -1$

OR

$$(1 - i)z = 1 - 3i \Leftrightarrow z = \frac{1 - 3i}{1 - i} \Leftrightarrow z = \frac{1 - 3i}{1 - i} \times \frac{1 + i}{1 + i} \Leftrightarrow z = 2 - i$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2, y = -1$$

11. $(a + bi)(2 - i) = (5 - i)$
 $(a + bi) = \frac{(5 - i)}{(2 - i)} = \frac{11}{5} + \frac{3}{5}i$ (using a graphic display calculator)

Therefore $a = \frac{11}{5}, b = \frac{3}{5}$

OR $(a + bi)(2 - i) = (5 - i)$
 $(2a + b) + (2b - a)i = (5 - i)$
 $2a + b = 5 \quad -a + 2b = -1$

therefore $a = \frac{11}{5}, b = \frac{3}{5}$

12.

$$\frac{z(3 - 4i)}{(3 + 4i)(3 - 4i)} - \frac{5i(z - 1)}{-5 \times 5i \times i} = \frac{5(3 + 4i)}{(3 - 4i)(3 + 4i)}$$

$$z(3 - 4i) - 5i(z - 1) = 15 + 20i$$

$$z(3 - 4i - 5i) = 15 + 20i - 5i$$

$$z = \frac{15 + 15i}{3 - 9i}$$

$$z = -1 + 2i$$

13.

METHOD 1

$$\frac{a}{1 + i} + \frac{b}{1 - 2i} = a\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right) + b\left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5}i\right)$$

$$\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{5} = 3 \text{ and } -\frac{a}{2} + \frac{2b}{5} = 0$$

Solving gives $a = 4, b = 5$.

METHOD 2

$$\frac{a}{1 + i} + \frac{b}{1 - 2i} = 3$$

$$a(1 - 2i) + b(1 + i) = 3(1 - 2i)(1 + i)$$

$$= 9 - 3i$$

$$\text{Re}(z): a + b = 9$$

$$\text{Im}(z): -2a + b = -3$$

$$3a = 12$$

$$a = 4, b = 5$$

14. $i(z + 2) = 1 - 2z \Rightarrow (2 + i)z = 1 - 2i$
 $\Rightarrow z = \frac{1 - 2i}{2 + i} = \frac{1 - 2i}{2 + i} \times \frac{2 - i}{2 - i} = \frac{-5i}{5} = -i. \quad (a = 0, b = -1)$

15.

Solving simultaneously

$$2z_1 + 3z_2 = 7$$

$$2z_1 + 2iz_2 = 8 + 8i$$

$$z_2(2i - 3) = 1 + 8i$$

$$z_2 = \frac{1 + 8i}{2i - 3} = 1 - 2i$$

$$z_1 = 4 + 4i - i(1 - 2i) = 2 + 3i$$

16. Let $z = a + bi$, so $z^* = a - bi$ $|z|^2 = a^2 + b^2 = 20$

$$\frac{25}{a + bi} - \frac{15}{a - bi} = 1 - 8i \Rightarrow \frac{25(a - bi) - 15(a + bi)}{a^2 + b^2} = 1 - 8i$$

$$\frac{10a}{20} = 1 \Rightarrow a = 2 \quad -\frac{40b}{20} = -8 \Rightarrow b = 4$$

$$z = 2 + 4i$$

17.

METHOD 1

Substituting $z = x + iy$ to obtain $w = \frac{x + yi}{(x + yi)^2 + 1}$

$$w = \frac{x + yi}{x^2 - y^2 + 1 + 2xyi}$$

Use of $(x^2 - y^2 + 1 - 2xyi)$ to make the denominator real.

$$= \frac{(x + yi)(x^2 - y^2 + 1 - 2xyi)}{(x^2 - y^2 + 1)^2 + 4x^2y^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} w &= \frac{y(x^2 - y^2 + 1) - 2x^2y}{(x^2 - y^2 + 1)^2 + 4x^2y^2} \\ &= \frac{y(1 - x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 - y^2 + 1)^2 + 4x^2y^2} \end{aligned}$$

$\operatorname{Im} w = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - x^2 - y^2 = 0$ i.e. $|z| = 1$ as $y \neq 0$

METHOD 2

$$w(z^2 + 1) = z$$

$$w(x^2 - y^2 + 1 + 2ixy) = x + yi$$

Equating real and imaginary parts

$$w(x^2 - y^2 + 1) = x \quad \text{and} \quad 2wx = 1, \quad y \neq 0$$

Substituting $w = \frac{1}{2x}$ to give $\frac{x}{2} - \frac{y^2}{2x} + \frac{1}{2x} = x$

$$-\frac{1}{2x}(y^2 - 1) = \frac{x}{2} \quad \text{or equivalent}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad |z| = 1 \quad \text{as} \quad y \neq 0$$

18. (a) $(1 + i)^2 = 1 + 2i + i^2 = 2i$
 (b) $(a + ai)^2 = a^2(1 + i)^2 = 2a^2i$
 (c) $(a + ai)^4 = (2a^2i)^2 = -4a^4$
 (d) $(a + ai)^4 = (-4a^4)^2 = 16a^8$

B. Paper 2 questions (LONG)

19. The final results are

$$(a) (2 + 5i)z = -6 + 14i \Leftrightarrow z = \frac{-6 + 14i}{2 + 5i} = 2 + 2i$$

$$(b) (2 + 5i)z + 9 = 3z + 19i \Leftrightarrow (2 + 5i - 3)z = -9 + 19i \\ \Leftrightarrow (-1 + 5i)z = -9 + 19i \Leftrightarrow z = \frac{-9 + 19i}{-1 + 5i} \\ \Leftrightarrow z = 4 + i$$

$$(c) \text{ Let } z = x + yi \text{ and } \bar{z} = x - yi$$

Then

$$(2 + 5i)(x + yi) + 8 = 3(x - yi) + 20i$$

$$2x + 2yi + 5xi - 5y + 8 = 3x - 3yi + 20i$$

$$\text{Equal real parts: } 2x - 5y + 8 = 3x \Leftrightarrow x + 5y = 8$$

$$\text{Equal imaginary parts: } 2y + 5x = -3y + 20 \Leftrightarrow 5x + 5y = 20 \Leftrightarrow x + y = 4$$

$$x = 3, \quad y = 1$$

$$\text{Hence } z = 3 + i$$

20. theoretical

21. (a) $w = x + 16 + iy$

(i) the conjugate is $x + 16 - iy$

(ii) $|w|^2 = (x + 16)^2 + y^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 32x + 256$

$$(b) |z + 1|^2 = (x + 1)^2 + y^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$(c) |z + 16| = 4|z + 1| \Leftrightarrow |z + 16|^2 = 16|z + 1|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 32x + 256 = 16x^2 + 16y^2 + 32x + 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 15x^2 + 15y^2 = 240$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$\text{Therefore, } |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 4.$$