

## Section 2: Applications of de Moivre's theorem

### Section test

1) The complex number  $-2 + 2i$  can be written in exponential form as

- (a)  $2e^{\frac{3i\pi}{4}}$
- (b)  $2\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{3i\pi}{4}}$
- (c)  $2\sqrt{2}e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}$
- (d)  $2e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}}$

2) The complex number  $2e^{\frac{2i\pi}{3}}$  can be written in Cartesian form as

- (a)  $-1 + \sqrt{3}i$
- (b)  $-\sqrt{3} + i$
- (c)  $1 - \sqrt{3}i$
- (d)  $\sqrt{3} - i$

3) The complex number  $-4\sqrt{3} + 4i$  can be expressed in the form  $re^{i\theta}$  as

- (a)  $8e^{\frac{5i\pi}{6}}$
- (b)  $4e^{\frac{5i\pi}{6}}$
- (c)  $4e^{-\frac{i\pi}{6}}$
- (d)  $8e^{-\frac{i\pi}{6}}$

4)  $e^{2i\theta} = R(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)$ , find the value of  $R$  and express  $\alpha$  in terms of  $\theta$ .

5) If  $z = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ , the value of  $z^3 + \frac{1}{z^3}$  is

- (a)  $2i \sin 3\theta$
- (b)  $2 \cos 3\theta$
- (c)  $i \sin 3\theta$
- (d)  $\cos 3\theta$

6)  $\cos 4\theta$  is equivalent to

- (a)  $8\cos^4 \theta + 8\cos^2 \theta + 1$
- (b)  $8\cos^4 \theta - 8\cos^2 \theta + 1$
- (c)  $8\cos^4 \theta - 8\cos^2 \theta - 1$
- (d)  $8\cos^4 \theta + 8\cos^2 \theta - 1$

7)  $\sin 4\theta$  is equivalent to

- (a)  $8\cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4\cos \theta \sin \theta$
- (b)  $4\cos^3 \theta \sin \theta + 4\cos \theta \sin \theta$
- (c)  $4\cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4\cos \theta \sin \theta$
- (d)  $8\cos^3 \theta \sin \theta + 8\cos \theta \sin \theta$

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8) Which of the following equals  $\cos^6 \theta$ ?

(a)  $\frac{3\cos 6\theta + 12\cos 4\theta + 25\cos 2\theta + 24}{64}$       (b)  $\frac{\cos 6\theta + 6\cos 4\theta + 15\cos 2\theta + 10}{32}$

(c)  $\frac{2\cos 6\theta + 4\cos 4\theta + 10\cos 2\theta + 16}{32}$       (d)  $\frac{17\cos 6\theta + 15\cos 4\theta + 17\cos 2\theta + 15}{32}$

9) If  $C = 1 + {}_3C_1 \cos \theta + {}_3C_2 \cos 2\theta + {}_3C_3 \cos 3\theta$  and  $S = {}_3C_1 \sin \theta + {}_3C_2 \sin 2\theta + {}_3C_3 \sin 3\theta$ , then  $C + iS$  equals which of the following?

(a)  $1 + (e^{i\theta})^3$       (b)  $(1 + e^{i\theta})^4$   
(c)  $(1 + e^{i\theta})^3$       (d)  $1 + (e^{i\theta})^4$

10) Let  $S = \frac{\sin \theta}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2^2} + \frac{\sin 3\theta}{2^3} - \frac{\sin 4\theta}{2^4} + \dots$  and let

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

Then  $C - iS$  equals which of the following?

(a)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2} - \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^3 - \dots$       (b)  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2} + \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$

(c)  $1 + \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2} - \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^3 - \dots$       (d)  $1 - \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2} + \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^3 + \dots$

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## Solutions to section test

1. The modulus of  $-2 + 2i$  is  $\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} = 2\sqrt{2}$

Since  $-2 + 2i$  is in the second quadrant, the argument of  $-2 + 2i$  is given by

$$\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{-2}\right) = \pi - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

So the exponential form is  $2\sqrt{2}e^{\frac{3i\pi}{4}}$ .

$$2. 2e^{\frac{2i\pi}{3}} = 2\left(\cos\frac{2\pi}{3} + i\sin\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$= 2\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)$$

$$= -1 + \sqrt{3}i$$

3. The modulus of  $-4\sqrt{3} + 4i$  is  $\sqrt{48+16} = \sqrt{64} = 8$

Since  $-4\sqrt{3} + 4i$  is in the second quadrant, the argument of  $-4\sqrt{3} + 4i$  is given by

$$\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{-4\sqrt{3}}\right) = \pi + \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

So the exponential form is  $8e^{\frac{5i\pi}{6}}$ .

$$4. e^{2i\theta} = \cos 2\theta + i\sin 2\theta$$

so  $R = 1$  and  $\alpha = 2\theta$

$$5. z^3 = \cos 3\theta + i\sin 3\theta$$

$$z^{-3} = \cos 3\theta - i\sin 3\theta$$

$$\text{Adding: } z^3 + z^{-3} = 2\cos 3\theta$$

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6.  $\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4$

$$= \cos^4 \theta + 4 \cos^3 \theta (i \sin \theta) + 6 \cos^2 \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 + 4 \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^3 + (i \sin \theta)^4$$

$$= \cos^4 \theta + 4i \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta - 4i \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^4 \theta$$

$$\cos 4\theta = \operatorname{Re}(\cos 4\theta + i \sin 4\theta)$$

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

$$= \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + (1 - \cos^2 \theta)^2$$

$$= \cos^4 \theta - 6 \cos^2 \theta + 6 \cos^4 \theta + 1 - 2 \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta$$

$$= 8 \cos^4 \theta - 8 \cos^2 \theta + 1$$

7.  $\sin 4\theta = \operatorname{Im}(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^4$

$$= 4 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin^3 \theta$$

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

$$= 8 \cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

8.  $\cos \theta = \frac{z + z^{-1}}{2}$

$$\cos^6 \theta = \frac{(z + z^{-1})^6}{2^6}$$

$$= \frac{z^6 + 6z^5 z^{-1} + 15z^4 z^{-2} + 20z^3 z^{-3} + 15z^2 z^{-4} + 6z z^{-5} + z^{-6}}{64}$$

$$= \frac{z^6 + 6z^4 + 15z^2 + 20 + 15z^{-2} + 6z^{-4} + z^{-6}}{64}$$

$$= \frac{z^6 + z^{-6} + 6(z^4 + z^{-4}) + 15(z^2 + z^{-2}) + 20}{64}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cos 6\theta + 12 \cos 4\theta + 30 \cos 2\theta + 20}{64}$$

$$= \frac{\cos 6\theta + 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta + 10}{32}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}9. \quad C + iS &= 1 + {}_3C_1 \cos \theta + {}_3C_2 \cos 2\theta + {}_3C_3 \cos 3\theta + i({}_3C_1 \sin \theta + {}_3C_2 \sin 2\theta + {}_3C_3 \sin 3\theta) \\&= 1 + {}_3C_1 (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) + {}_3C_2 (\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta) + {}_3C_3 (\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta) \\&= 1 + {}_3C_1 e^{i\theta} + {}_3C_2 e^{2i\theta} + {}_3C_3 e^{3i\theta} \\&= 1 + {}_3C_1 e^{i\theta} + {}_3C_2 (e^{i\theta})^2 + {}_3C_3 (e^{i\theta})^3 \\&= (1 + e^{i\theta})^3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}10. \quad C - iS &= 1 - \frac{\cos \theta}{2} + \frac{\cos 2\theta}{2^2} - \frac{\cos 3\theta}{2^3} - i\left(\frac{\sin \theta}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2^2} + \frac{\sin 3\theta}{2^3}\right) + \dots \\&= 1 - \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{2} + \frac{\cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta}{2^2} - \frac{\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta}{2^3} + \dots \\&= 1 - \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2} + \frac{e^{2i\theta}}{2^2} - \frac{e^{3i\theta}}{2^3} + \dots \\&= 1 - \frac{e^{i\theta}}{2} + \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{2}\right)^3 + \dots\end{aligned}$$