

Complex Numbers Tutorial 1

1. [2018/HCI/Prelim/I/9a]

Showing your working clearly, find the complex numbers z and w which satisfy the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} 4iz - w &= 9i - 13, \\ (4 + 2i)w^* &= z + 3i. \end{aligned}$$

[4]

$$[w = 1 - i, z = 2 + 3i]$$

2. [2010/YJC/Prelim/I/9a]

The complex numbers z and w are such that $z = 1 + ip, w = 1 + iq$, where p and q are real and p is positive. Given that $zw = 3 - 4i$, find the exact values of p and q .

[4]

$$[p = -2 + \sqrt{6}; q = -2 - \sqrt{6}]$$

3. [2010/SAJC/Prelim/I/4]

Solve the equation $w^2 = 3 + 4i$, expressing your answer(s) in the form $x + iy$.

[3]

$$[w = \pm(2 + i)]$$

4. [2010/TPJC/Prelim/I/13a]

i. Determine the complex numbers u and v for which $z^2 + (6 - 2i)z = (z - u)^2 - v$, for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

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ii. Find the square roots of $7 - 24i$. Hence, solve the quadratic equation $z^2 + (6 - 2i)z = -1 - 18i$.

[4]

$$[(i) u = -3 + i \text{ and } v = 8 - 6i \text{ (ii) } 4 - 3i \text{ or } -4 + 3i; z = -7 + 4i \text{ or } z = 1 - 2i]$$

5. [2010/NJC/Prelim/I/10a]

Given that $2 + 3i$ is a solution to the equation

$$z^2 + (a - i)z^* + 16 + bi = 0,$$

where z^* is the conjugate of the complex number z , find the values of a and b , where a and b are real constants.

[3]

$$[a = -4, b = -22]$$

6. [2010/NYJC/Prelim/I/2a]

The complex numbers z and w are $1 + ai$ and $b - 2i$ respectively where a and b are real and a is negative. Given that $zw^* = 8i$, find the exact values of a and b .

[3]

$$[a = -\sqrt{3}, b = -2\sqrt{3}]$$

7. [2014/SAJC/Prelim/II/4a]

Find the complex number z in the form $x + yi$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\frac{iz}{z - 2z^* - 2} = -1.$$

[3]

$$[z = -3 + i]$$

8. [2009/ACJC/Prelim/I/10]

Without the use of a calculator, find the complex numbers z and w in the form $a + ib$ that satisfy the two simultaneous equations

$$z + (2 + i)w = -9 + 16i \quad \text{and} \quad z^* + w = 3i.$$

[4]

$$[z = 2 + 4i, w = -2 + 7i]$$

9. [2010/MI/Prelim/I/10a]

[You are not allowed to use the GC in this question.]

Given that the equation $z^4 - z^3 - 9z^2 + 29z - 60 = 0$ has a root of the form $z = 1 + ki$, where k is a non-zero real number, find the possible values of k .

[3]

$$[k = \pm 2]$$

10. [2010/SRJC/Prelim/I/7ai]

A complex number w is such that $ww^* + 64\sqrt{3}i + 16iw = 0$ and $\text{Im}(w) < 5$, where w^* is the conjugate of w .

Find w in the form $x + iy$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

[3]

$$[w = -4\sqrt{3} + 4i]$$