

## Additional Complex Number Problems

1. The complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are given by  $z_1 = 1 - ai$  and  $z_2 = a - i$ , where  $a$  is real and  $-1 < a < 0$ . Express  $w = z_1 + z_2$  in the form  $p + iq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are real.

(i) Find  $|w|$  in terms of  $a$ .

(ii) Find the exact value of  $\arg(w)$ .

(iii) In an Argand diagram, mark the points  $Z_1$ ,  $Z_2$  and  $W$  representing the complex numbers  $z_1, z_2$  and  $w$  respectively, showing clearly the geometrical relationship between the three points.

(iv) Point  $P$  represents the complex number  $\frac{1}{w^n}$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer,  $n > 1$ .

Find the smallest value of  $n$  such that the line passing through  $O$  and  $P$  is the perpendicular bisector of the line segment  $Z_1Z_2$ .

2 (a) The complex number  $w$  is such that  $|w| = 2$  and  $\arg(w) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ . If the complex number  $z$

is given by  $-1 + i$ , find the modulus and argument of  $\frac{w^{10}}{z^2}$ . Hence or otherwise, find

$$\left| w - \frac{w^{10}}{z^2} \right|.$$

(b) Let the complex number  $z$  be given by  $a + ib$ , where both  $a$  and  $b$  are real. Find the

exact values of  $a$  and  $b$ , given that  $\frac{1}{e^{iz}} = 2 + i$ .

3(a) Given that  $z = e^{\frac{\alpha}{2i}} + i$  where  $-\pi < \alpha \leq \pi$ , find the exact value of  $\alpha$  if  $|z| = \sqrt{3}$ .

(b) The complex number  $z_1$  is given by  $1 - 3i$ .

(i) Find the modulus and argument of  $z_1$ , giving your answer in radians correct to 4 significant figures.

(ii) In an Argand diagram, the points S and T represent  $z_1$  and  $z_1^*$  respectively.

Find the equation of the circle which passes through the origin, S and T in the form  $|z - a| = r$ , where  $a$  and  $r$  are real numbers.

(c) Given that the complex number  $z$  satisfies the equation of the circle in part b(ii), find the maximum value of  $|z - 3i|$ .

4. Let  $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  be a complex number where  $r > 0$ ,  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ .

(i) Show that  $\frac{z^2}{z^*} = r(\cos 3\theta + i \sin 3\theta)$ .

(ii) If  $z^2 = iz^*$ , find the value of  $r$  and the 3 values of  $\theta$ .

5. On a single diagram, sketch the loci given by

(i)  $|z - 1| = 1$ ,      (ii)  $\arg(z - 2) = \frac{7\pi}{8}$ .

Find the exact value of  $z$  satisfying both equations in (i) and (ii) and hence deduce the value of  $\tan \frac{3\pi}{8}$ .

6. Given that  $z_1 = 2 + i$  and  $z_2 = -1 + 2i$ ,

(i) Find the modulus and argument of each of the complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ .

(ii) In an Argand diagram with origin O, the complex numbers  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$  and  $z_1 + z_2$  are represented by the points A, B and C respectively. Show that OA is perpendicular to OB.

With the aid of a diagram, show that the angle between OC and the positive real axis is given

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

(iii) By finding the argument of  $z_1 + z_2$ , deduce that  $\tan^{-1} 3 = \frac{\pi}{4} + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .