

Hints and Tips – Complex Numbers & Proof by Induction





Where N is all Natural Numbers, Z is all Integers, Q is all Rational Numbers, R is all Real Numbers, I is all Imaginary Numbers and C is all Complex Numbers

Plotting a complex number on Argand diagram z = 1 - 1.8i



Conjugates

Conjugate of a+bi = a+bi = a-bi

$$\overline{Z_1 Z_2} = \overline{Z_1} \cdot \overline{Z_2}$$
$$\overline{Z_1 + Z_2} = \overline{Z_1} + \overline{Z_2}$$

To divide by a complex number – multiply by 1 using conjugate above & below line i.e. :

$$\frac{a+bi}{e+fi}$$
 => $\frac{a+bi}{e+fi} \times \frac{e-fi}{e-fi}$



Conjugate is equivalent to reflection in the real axis.

Modulus is the distance of point from point 0 (i.e. from 0 + 0i) on Argand diagram



 $\cos \theta = x/r$ $\sin \theta = y/r$

Tan $\theta = y/x$

 $|z_1z_2| = |z_1|.|z_2|$

Polar Form:

Polar Form of z, where z = x+iy is $rCos\theta+irSin\theta$ where r = |x+iy| so $r \ge 0$

Using $\cos \theta = x/r$ $\sin \theta = y/r$

De Moivre's Thoerom

 $[r\cos\theta+ir\sin\theta]^{k} = [r^{k}\cos(k\theta)+ir^{k}\sin(k\theta)] = r^{k}(\cos(k\theta)+\sin(k\theta))$

 $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ or angle/argument is measured in radians

To find k roots use using De Moivre's Theorem set:

 $r^{1/k}(\cos(\theta/k + 2n\pi/k) + \sin(\theta/k + 2n\pi/k))$ for n =0, 1,...,k-1



Proof by Induction

<u>Step 1:</u> Show that the proposition is true for n = 1

(insert your workings to show outcome.....)

Hence, proposition is true for *n*=1

Step 2: Assume that the proposition is true for *n*=*k*

<u>Step 3:</u> *Prove* that the proposition is true for n = k + 1, given that it is true for n = k.

(insert your workings to show outcome for k+1 & how it relates to outcome for k.....)

: The proposition is true for n = k + 1, given that it is true for n = k.

<u>Step 4</u>: State that proposition is true for n = 1 and if the proposition is true for n=k, it will be true for n = k + 1, therefore by induction it is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$