

MATH1050 Answers to Examples: De Moivre's Theorem and Roots of unity.

1. (a)  $\sqrt[4]{2}(\cos(\frac{\pi}{8}) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{8}))$ ,  $\sqrt[4]{2}(\cos(-\frac{7\pi}{8}) + i \sin(-\frac{7\pi}{8}))$ .  
 (b)  $\sqrt[6]{2}(\cos(\frac{\pi}{12}) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{12}))$ ,  $\sqrt[6]{2}(\cos(\frac{3\pi}{4}) + i \sin(\frac{3\pi}{4}))$ ,  $\sqrt[6]{2}(\cos(-\frac{7\pi}{12}) + i \sin(-\frac{7\pi}{12}))$ .  
 (c)  $\sqrt[8]{2}(\cos(\frac{\pi}{16}) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{16}))$ ,  $\sqrt[8]{2}(\cos(\frac{9\pi}{16}) + i \sin(\frac{9\pi}{16}))$ ,  $\sqrt[8]{2}(\cos(-\frac{15\pi}{16}) + i \sin(-\frac{16\pi}{16}))$ ,  $\sqrt[8]{2}(\cos(-\frac{7\pi}{16}) + i \sin(-\frac{7\pi}{16}))$ .
2. (a) The solutions of the equation  $\cos(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  are described by ' $x = \pm\frac{\pi}{4} + 2N\pi$  for some integer  $N$ '.  
 (b) i. —  
 ii.  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^m + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^m = \zeta^m + \bar{\zeta}^m = 2r^m \cos(m\theta) = 2 \cos(m\theta)$ .  
 iii.  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^m + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^m = \sqrt{2}$  iff ( $m = \pm 1 + 8N$  for some integer  $N$ ).
3. (a)  $(1+i)^p - (1-i)^p = 0$  iff ( $p = 4N$  for some  $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).  
 (b) 2.
4. (a)  $\omega = \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3}) + i \sin(\frac{2\pi}{3})$  or  $\omega = \cos(-\frac{2\pi}{3}) + i \sin(-\frac{2\pi}{3})$ .  
 (b) i. —  
 ii.  $\alpha^3 = 1 = \beta^3$ .  
 iii. 1, -1, 2.
5. (a) i. —  
 ii.  $\frac{(z^2 - 1/z^2)i}{z^2 + 1/z^2} = -\sqrt{3}$  iff ( $z = i^M \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\right)$  for some  $M \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).
6. (a) Hint.  
 You need De Moivre's Theorem. Also recall the for any  $\eta \in \mathbb{C}$ , we have  $2\operatorname{Re}(\eta) = \eta + \bar{\eta}$  and  $2i\operatorname{Im}(\eta) = \eta - \bar{\eta}$ .  
 (b) Hint. You need the Binomial Theorem.
7. (a) —  
 (b) i.  $\cos^7(\theta) = \frac{1}{2^6}(\cos(7\theta) + 7\cos(5\theta) + 21\cos(3\theta) + 35\cos(\theta))$ .  
 $\sin^7(\theta) = \frac{1}{2^6}(-\sin(7\theta) + 7\sin(5\theta) - 21\sin(3\theta) + 35\sin(\theta))$ .  
 ii.  $\cos^8(\theta) = \frac{1}{2^7}(\cos(8\theta) + 8\cos(6\theta) + 28\cos(4\theta) + 56\cos(2\theta) + 35)$ .  
 $\sin^8(\theta) = \frac{1}{2^7}(\cos(8\theta) - 8\cos(6\theta) + 28\cos(4\theta) - 56\cos(2\theta) + 35)$ .
8. —
9. (a) —  
 (b) —  
 (c) i.  $\omega = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}i$ .  
 ii.  $\omega^2 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}i$ .  
 iii.  $\omega^3 = \bar{\omega^2} = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}i$ , and  $\omega^4 = \bar{\omega} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}i$ .