

# APPLICATIONS OF DE MOIVRE'S THEOREM

## Art-1. Roots of A Complex Number

Show that there are  $q$  and only  $q$  distinct values of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{1}{q}}$ ,  $q$  being a positive integer.

**Proof :** We know that  $\cos \frac{\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{q}$  is one of the values of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{1}{q}}$ .

We want to find all the values of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{1}{q}}$

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{1}{q}} = [\cos(2n\pi + \theta) + i \sin(2n\pi + \theta)]^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

∴ one of the values of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{1}{q}}$  is  $\cos \frac{2n\pi + \theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2n\pi + \theta}{q}$

Putting  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1$ , we get

$$\text{1st value} = \cos \frac{\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{q}$$

$$\text{2nd value} = \cos \frac{2\pi + \theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2\pi + \theta}{q}$$

$$\text{3rd value} = \cos \frac{4\pi + \theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{4\pi + \theta}{q}$$

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$$\text{qth value} = \cos \frac{2(q-1)\pi + \theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2(q-1)\pi + \theta}{q}$$

In these  $q$  values obtained, we find that angles involved in any two consecutive values differ from one another by  $\frac{2\pi}{q} < 2\pi$  as  $q$  is a positive integer greater than 1.

Also we know that no two angles, which differ from one another by less than  $2\pi$ , have both their sines and cosines the same.  
all the  $q$  values obtained above are different.

now putting  $n = q$ ,

$$(1 + i \text{th value}) = \cos\left(2\pi + \frac{\theta}{q}\right) + i \sin\left(2\pi + \frac{\theta}{q}\right) = \cos \frac{\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{q} = 1^{\text{st value}}$$

Similarly, if we put  $n = q + 1, q + 2, \dots$ , the values are repeated.

$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^q$  has  $q$  and only  $q$  different values which are obtained by putting  
 $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1$  in  $\cos \frac{2n\pi + \theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2n\pi + \theta}{q}$ .

Q2. Show that  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^q$  has  $q$  and only  $q$  distinct values,  $p$  and  $q$  being  
integers prime to each other.

(H.P.U. 2002, 2011; P.U. 2008; Pbi. U. 2009, 2011)

$$\text{Ans: } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^q = [(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^p]^{\frac{1}{p}} = (\cos p\theta + i \sin p\theta)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

[ $\because p$  is an integer]

$$= [\cos(2n\pi + p\theta) + i \sin(2n\pi + p\theta)]^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$\therefore$  one of the values of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^q$  is  $\cos \frac{2n\pi + p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2n\pi + p\theta}{q}$

Putting  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1$  we get,

$$1^{\text{st value}} = \cos \frac{p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{p\theta}{q}$$

$$2^{\text{nd value}} = \cos \frac{2\pi + p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2\pi + p\theta}{q}$$

$$3^{\text{rd value}} = \cos \frac{4\pi + p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{4\pi + p\theta}{q}$$

$$q^{\text{th value}} = \cos \frac{2(q-1)\pi + p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2(q-1)\pi + p\theta}{q}$$

In these  $q$  values obtained, we find that angles involved in any two consecutive values differ from one another by  $\frac{2\pi}{q} < 2\pi$  as  $q$  is a positive integer greater than 1.

Also we know that no two angles, which differ from one another by less than  $\pi$ , can have both their sines and cosines the same.

$\therefore$  all the  $q$  values obtained above are different.

Now putting  $n = q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(q+1)\text{th value} &= \cos \frac{2q\pi + p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2q\pi + p\theta}{q} \\&= \cos \left( 2\pi + \frac{p\theta}{q} \right) + i \sin \left( 2\pi + \frac{p\theta}{q} \right) \\&= \cos \frac{p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{p\theta}{q}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if we put  $n = q+1, q+2, \dots$ , the values are repeated.

$\therefore (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{p}{q}}$  has  $q$  and only  $q$  different values which are obtained by putting

$$n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1 \text{ in } \cos \frac{2n\pi + p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2n\pi + p\theta}{q}$$

**Art-3.** Show that  $q$  values of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{p}{q}}$  form a G.P. whose sum is zero,  $p, q$  being integers prime to each other.

(Pbi. U. 2009; H.P.U. 2010)

$$\text{Proof: } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{p}{q}} = [(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^p]^{\frac{1}{q}} = (\cos p\theta + i \sin p\theta)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= [\cos (2n\pi + p\theta) + i \sin (2n\pi + p\theta)]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\&= \cos \frac{2n\pi + p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{2n\pi + p\theta}{q},\end{aligned}$$

where  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \cos \left( \frac{2n\pi}{q} + \frac{p\theta}{q} \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{2n\pi}{q} + \frac{p\theta}{q} \right) \\&= \left( \cos \frac{p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{p\theta}{q} \right) \left( \cos \frac{2n\pi}{q} + i \sin \frac{2n\pi}{q} \right) \\&= \left( \cos \frac{p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{p\theta}{q} \right) \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{q} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{q} \right)^n = ar^n\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } a = \cos \frac{p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{p\theta}{q}, r = \cos \frac{2\pi}{q} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{q}$$

Putting  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1$ , we get  $q$  roots of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^q$  as  $a, ar, a r^2, \dots, a r^{q-1}$  which form a G.P. whose first term is  $a$  and common ratio  $r$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum of } q \text{ roots} &= \frac{a(1-r^q)}{1-r} = \frac{a \left[ 1 - \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{q} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{q} \right)^q \right]}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{a[1 - (\cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi)]}{1-r} \\ &= \frac{a[1 - (1 + i \cdot 0)]}{1-r} = \frac{a[1-1]}{1-r} = \frac{0}{1-r} = 0 \quad [ \because r \neq 1 ]\end{aligned}$$

Note. Important resultant to be remembered

$$1. \quad 1 = \cos 0 + i \sin 0$$

$$2. \quad -1 = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi$$

$$3. \quad i = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$4. \quad -i = \cos \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} \right) + i \sin \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

2011) Example 1. Prove that the  $n$ th roots of unity form a series in G.P. Also show that their sum is zero and product is equal to  $(-1)^{n-1}$ .

(P.U. 2004, 2007, 2010 ; G.N.D.U. 2001; Pbi. U. 2008, 2011, 2012; H.P.U. 2012)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol. } (1)^n &= (\cos 0 + i \sin 0)^n = [\cos(2r\pi + 0) + i \sin(2r\pi + 0)]^n \\ &= \cos \frac{2r\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2r\pi}{n} \quad \text{where } r = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1.\end{aligned}$$

Putting  $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ , we get  $n$  roots as

$$(\cos 0 + i \sin 0), \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \right), \left( \cos \frac{4\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{n} \right), \dots, \left( \cos \frac{2(n-1)\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2(n-1)\pi}{n} \right)$$

$$\text{or } 1, \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \right), \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \right)^2, \dots, \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$\text{or } 1, t, t^2, t^3, \dots, t^{n-1} \text{ where } t = \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n}$$

These roots form a G.P.

$$\text{Sum of roots} = 1 + t + t^2 + \dots + t^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1(1-t^n)}{1-t} = \frac{1 - \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \right)^n}{1-t} \\ &= \frac{1 - (\cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi)}{1-t} = \frac{1 - (1+0)}{1-t} = \frac{0}{1-t} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = 1 \cdot t \cdot t^2 \cdots t^{n-1}$$

$$= t^1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1) = t^{\frac{n-1}{2}} [1 + (n-1)] = t^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$$

$$= \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \right)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$$

$$= \cos \left\{ \frac{2\pi}{n} \cdot \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right\} + i \sin \left\{ \frac{2\pi}{n} \cdot \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right\}$$

$$= \cos (n-1)\pi + i \sin (n-1)\pi = [\cos \pi + i \sin \pi]^{n-1} = (-1)^{n-1}$$

**Note :** Out of  $n$ th roots of unity, only one root namely 1 is real.

**Example 2.** Find the four fourth roots of  $-1+i\sqrt{3}$ .

(P.U. 2012)

$$\text{Sol. Let } -1+i\sqrt{3} = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$r \cos \theta = -1 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$r \sin \theta = \sqrt{3} \quad \dots(2)$$

Squaring and adding (1) and (2), we get

$$r^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = 1 + 3 \quad \text{or} \quad r^2 = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = 2$$

From (1) and (2), we get

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2}, \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Both these equations are satisfied when  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

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

$$\therefore (-1+i\sqrt{3})^{\frac{1}{4}} = 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left[ \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left[ \cos \left( 2n\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) + i \sin \left( 2n\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
 &= 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left[ \frac{\cos (6n+2)\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{(6n+2)\pi}{3} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
 &= 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{(3n+1)\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{(3n+1)\pi}{6} \right), \text{ where } n = 0, 1, 2, 3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , the required values are

$$2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{7\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{6} \right),$$

$$2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{3} \right)$$

or  $2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right),$

$$2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

or  $2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i \frac{1}{2} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - i \frac{1}{2} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{1}{2} - i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$

or  $2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}+i}{2} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{-\sqrt{3}-i}{2} \right), 2^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( \frac{1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$

**Example 3.** Find all the values of  $\left( \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^{3/4}$  and show that the continued product of all the values is 1.

(H.P.U. 2010)

Sol. Let  $\frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = r (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$

Equating real and imaginary parts,

$$r \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$r \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \dots(2)$$

Squaring and adding (1) and (2), we get,

$$r^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 1, \therefore r = 1$$

From (1) and (2), we get,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}, \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Both these equations are satisfied when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \left( \frac{1}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} &= \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} = \left[ \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right)^3 \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} \\ &= [\cos \pi + i \sin \pi]^{1/4} \\ &= [\cos (2n\pi + \pi) + i \sin (2n\pi + \pi)]^{1/4} \\ &= \cos \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{4} \text{ where } n = 0, 1, 2, 3\end{aligned}$$

Putting  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , the values are

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4}, \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4}, \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4}, \cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

Continued product of all these values

$$\begin{aligned}&= \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \right) \left( \cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{4} \right) \\ &= \text{cis} \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{5\pi}{4} + \frac{7\pi}{4} \right) = \text{cis } 4\pi = \cos 4\pi + i \sin 4\pi \\ &= (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^4 = (-1)^4 = 1.\end{aligned}$$

## EXERCISE 13 (a)

1. Prove the following :

(i) Product of any two  $n$ th roots of unity is also an  $n$ th root of unity.

(G.N.D.U. 2001)

(ii) Reciprocal of any  $n$ th root of unity is also an  $n$ th root of unity.

2. Find the  $n$ th roots of  $-1$  and show that

(i) no two of these are equal and

(ii) any one root can be expressed as a power of any other.

$$(b) \quad 2^{3/4} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right), \quad 2^{3/4} \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} \right), \\ 2^{3/4} \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{4} \right), \quad 2^{3/4} \left( \cos \frac{7\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$(c) \quad \frac{\sqrt{3} + i}{2}, \quad \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad \frac{-\sqrt{3} - i}{2}, \quad \frac{1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\left( 2 \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \right)^{1/3} \left( \cos \frac{\pi - \phi}{6} - i \sin \frac{\pi - \phi}{6} \right), \quad \left( 2 \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \right)^{1/3} \left( \cos \frac{5\pi - \phi}{6} - i \sin \frac{5\pi - \phi}{6} \right), \\ \left( 2 \sin \frac{\phi}{2} \right)^{1/3} \left( \cos \frac{9\pi - \phi}{6} - i \sin \frac{9\pi - \phi}{6} \right).$$

$$12. \quad 2^{\frac{4}{3}} \cos \frac{\pi}{9}, \quad 2^{\frac{4}{3}} \cos \frac{7\pi}{9}, \quad 2^{\frac{4}{3}} \cos \frac{13\pi}{9}$$

$$13. \quad \rho = \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{12}; \\ \pm \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{48} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{48} \right), \quad \pm \left( \cos \frac{29\pi}{48} + i \sin \frac{29\pi}{48} \right).$$

#### 1.4. Primitive $n$ th Root of Unity

A complex number  $z$  is called a primitive  $n$ th root of unity if and only if  $n$  is the positive integer such that  $z^n = 1$ .

In other words,  $z$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity iff

$$(i) \ z^n = 1$$

$$(ii) \ z^m \neq 1 \text{ for } m < n, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

Examples :

(i) Since 3 is the least positive integer such that  $\omega^3 = 1$

$\therefore \omega$  is a primitive cube root of unity.

(ii) Since 4 is the least positive integer such that  $i^4 = 1$

$\therefore i$  is a primitive fourth root of unity.

(iii) Since  $(-1)^1 = -1, (-1)^2 = 1$

$\therefore -1$  is a primitive square root of unity.

**Art-5.** Prove that  $\xi = \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n}$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.

(G.N.D.U. 2001, 2002, 2003)

**Proof :** Here  $\xi = \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n}$

$$\therefore \xi^n = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \right)^n = \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi = 1 + i 0 = 1$$

Now we will show that  $n$  is the least positive integer such that  $\xi^n = 1$ .

If possible suppose that  $m$  is a positive integer less than  $n$ , such that  $\xi^m = 1$ .

$$\therefore \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n} \right)^m = 1$$

$$\therefore \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{n} m \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{n} m \right) = 1$$

$$\therefore \cos \left( \frac{m}{n} 2\pi \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{m}{n} 2\pi \right) = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n} \text{ is an integer}$$

$\Rightarrow m \geq n$ , which contradicts that  $m < n$

$\therefore$  our supposition is wrong

$\therefore n$  is the least positive integer such that  $\xi^n = 1$

$\therefore \xi = \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n}$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.

**Art-6.** If  $\xi = \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{I}$  such that  $(k, n) = d$ , then  $\xi^k$  is a primitive  $\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$ th root of unity.

(G.N.D.U. 2009, 2010)

Proof: Here  $(k, n) = d$

$d/k$  and  $d/n$

there exist integers  $k_1, n_1$  such that  
 $k = k_1 d, n = n_1 d$  and  $(k_1, n_1) = 1$

We shall prove that  $\xi^k = \left(\text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n}\right)^k = \text{cis} \frac{2k\pi}{n}$  is a primitive  $n_1$ th root of unity.

$$(i) (\xi^k)^{n_1} = (\xi^{k_1 d})^{n_1} = (\xi^{n_1 d})^{k_1} = (\xi^n)^{k_1}$$

$$= \left( \left( \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n} \right)^n \right)^{k_1} = (\text{cis } 2\pi)^{k_1} = (1)^{k_1} = 1$$

(ii) If possible, suppose that  $(\xi^k)^m = 1, m < n_1$  and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\therefore \xi^{km} = 1 \Rightarrow \left( \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n} \right)^{km} = 1 \Rightarrow \text{cis} \frac{2km\pi}{n} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \left( \frac{km}{n} \cdot 2\pi \right) + i \sin \left( \frac{km}{n} \cdot 2\pi \right) = 1$$

$\therefore \frac{km}{n}$  is an integer

$$\therefore n/km \Rightarrow n_1 d/k_1 d m \Rightarrow n_1/k_1 m$$

But  $(k_1, n_1) = 1$

$$\therefore n_1 | m \Rightarrow m \geq n_1, \text{ which contradicts that } m < n_1$$

$\therefore$  our supposition is wrong

$\therefore (\xi^k)^m \neq 1 \text{ for } m < n_1, m \in \mathbb{N}$

$\therefore \xi^k$  is a primitive  $n_1$ th i.e.,  $\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$ th root of unity.

Cor. 1. If  $\xi = \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{I}$  such that  $(k, n) = 1$ , then  $\xi^k$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.

Proof: Since  $(k, n) = 1$

$$\therefore d = 1$$

$\therefore \xi^k$  is a primitive  $\frac{n}{1}$ th i.e.,  $n$ th root of unity.

Cor. 2. If  $\xi = \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{n}$ , then  $\xi^2$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity iff  $n$  is odd.

Proof: Take  $k = 2$

$\therefore \xi^2$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity iff  $(2, n) = 1$  i.e.,  $n$  is odd.

# ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

**Example 1.** Prove that the reciprocal of a primitive  $n$ th root of unity is also primitive  $n$ th root of unity.

Sol. Take  $\xi = \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n}$

Let  $\xi^k$  be a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.

$$\therefore (k, n) = 1 \Rightarrow (-k, n) = 1$$

$\therefore \xi^{-k}$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity

$\therefore \frac{1}{\xi^k}$  i.e., the reciprocal of  $\xi^k$  is also a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.

**Example 2.** Find the primitive 8th roots of unity.

(Pb. U. 201)

Sol. Let  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{8} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{8} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{8}$

$$\therefore \xi^8 = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{8} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{8} \right)^8 = \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi = 1 + i0 = 1$$

$\therefore$  for a positive integer  $k < 8$ ,  $\xi^k$  is a primitive 8th root of unity iff  $(k, 8) = 1$ .

$$\therefore k = 1, 3, 5, 7$$

$\therefore \xi, \xi^3, \xi^5, \xi^7$  are primitive 8th roots of unity.

**Example 3.** If  $\xi$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity, then

$$(x - \xi)(x - \xi^2)(x - \xi^3) \dots (x - \xi^{n-1}) = x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + x + 1$$

Sol. Here  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{n}$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity

$\therefore 1, \xi, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^{n-1}$  are distinct  $n$ th roots of unity.

$\Rightarrow 1, \xi, \xi^2, \dots, \xi^{n-1}$  are  $n$  roots of the equation

$$x^n = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x^n - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^n - 1 = (x - 1)(x - \xi)(x - \xi^2) \dots (x - \xi^{n-1})$$

$$\text{Also } x^n - 1 = (x - 1)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + x + 1)$$

From (1) and (2), we get,

$$(x - \xi)(x - \xi^2) \dots (x - \xi^{n-1}) = x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + x + 1.$$

**Example 4.** If  $\xi$  is a primitive 12th root of unity, find  $(x - \xi)(x - \xi^5)(x - \xi^7)(x - \xi^{11})$ .

Let  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{12} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{12}$

$\xi$  is a primitive 12th root of unity

$$\text{and } \xi^{12} = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{12} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{12} \right)^{12} = \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi = 1 + i \cdot 0 = 1$$

$$\text{Now } \xi^5 = \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^5 = \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\xi^7 = \xi^{12} \cdot \xi^{-5} = 1 \cdot \xi^{-5} = \xi^{-5} = \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^{-5} = \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\xi^{11} = \xi^{12} \cdot \xi^{-1} = 1 \cdot \xi^{-1} = \xi^{-1} = \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^{-1} = \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \xi^5 + \xi^7 = \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6} \right) + \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6} \right) = 2 \cos \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$= 2 \cos \left( \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = -2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = -2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{and } \xi + \xi^{11} = \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) + \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6} = 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore (x - \xi)(x - \xi^5)(x - \xi^7)(x - \xi^{11}) = [(x - \xi)(x - \xi^{11})][(x - \xi^5)(x - \xi^7)]$$

$$= [x^2 - (\xi + \xi^{11})x + \xi^{12}] [x^2 - (\xi^5 + \xi^7)x + \xi^{12}]$$

$$= (x^2 - \sqrt{3}x + 1)(x^2 + \sqrt{3}x + 1)$$

$$= (x^2 + 1)^2 - (\sqrt{3}x)^2 = x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 - 3x^2 = x^4 - x^2 + 1.$$

**Example 5.** Show that each primitive 6th root of unity satisfies  $z^2 - z + 1 = 0$ .

(P.U. 2011)

$$\text{Sol. Let } \xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{6} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \xi^6 = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{6} \right)^6 = \cos 2\pi + i \sin 2\pi = 1 + i \cdot 0 = 1$$

$\therefore$  for a positive integer  $k < 6$ ,  $\xi^k$  is a primitive 6th root of unity iff  $(k, 6) = 1$

$$\therefore k = 1, 5$$

$\therefore \xi, \xi^5$  are primitive 6th roots of unity.

$$\text{Now } \xi^3 = \xi^6, \xi^{-1} = 1, \xi^{-1} = \xi^{-1} = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{6} \right)^{-1} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{2\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore \xi + \xi^5 = \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{6} \right) + \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{6} - i \sin \frac{2\pi}{6} \right) = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

The equation with  $\xi, \xi^5$  as roots is  $(z - \xi)(z - \xi^5) = 0$ .

$$\text{or } z^2 - (\xi + \xi^5)z + \xi^6 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad z^2 - z + 1 = 0$$

Hence the result.

## EXERCISE 13 (b)

1. State which of the following statements are true or false. Justify your answer.
  - (i) Every primitive  $n$ th root of unity is an  $n$ th root of unity.
  - (ii) The sum of two primitive  $n$ th root of unity is also a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.
  - (iii) The product of two primitive  $n$ th root of unity is also a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.
  - (iv) The square of a primitive  $n$ th root of unity is also a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.
  - (v) An integral power of a primitive  $n$ th root of unity is also primitive  $n$ th root of unity.
2. Give an example to show that if  $\xi$  is a primitive  $n$ th root of unity, then  $\xi^2$  may not be a primitive  $n$ th root of unity.
3. If  $\xi = \text{cis} \frac{2\pi}{7}$ , express  $\xi^{-1}, \xi^{-3}, \xi^{-13}, \xi^{-15}, \xi^{13}$  as  $\xi^k$  where  $0 < k < 7$ .
4. Find the primitive 6th roots of unity.
5. Find the primitive
  - (i) 4th (ii) 6th (iii) 7th (iv) 9th (v) 10th (vi) 12th roots of unity.
6. Show that if  $p$  is a prime, then there are exactly  $p-1$  primitive  $p^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity.
7. If  $\xi$  is a primitive 8th root of unity, find  $(x - \xi)(x - \xi^3)(x - \xi^5)(x - \xi^7)$ .  
(P.U. 2002)
8. Show that each primitive 8th root of unity satisfies  $x^4 + 1 = 0$ .  
(G.N.D.U. 2009; P.U. 2011, 2013)
9. Show that each primitive 12th root of unity satisfies  $x^4 - x^2 + 1 = 0$ .
10. Find an equation of least degree with real coefficients whose roots are the primitive 10th roots of unity.

- ANSWERS
- |          |            |             |            |           |
|----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| (i) True | (ii) False | (iii) False | (iv) False | (v) False |
|----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
1.  $\xi^6, \xi^4, \xi^6, \xi^6$
4.  $\xi, \xi^5$  where  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{6}$
- (i)  $\xi, \xi^5$  where  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{6}$
- (ii)  $\xi, \xi^5$  where  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{6}$
- (iii)  $\xi, \xi^2, \xi^3, \xi^4, \xi^5, \xi^6$  where  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{7}$
- (iv)  $\xi, \xi^2, \xi^4, \xi^5, \xi^7, \xi^8$  where  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{9}$
- (v)  $\xi, \xi^3, \xi^7, \xi^9$  where  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{10}$
- (vi)  $\xi, \xi^5, \xi^7, \xi^{11}$  where  $\xi = \text{cis } \frac{2\pi}{12}$

1.  $x^4 + 1$

10.  $x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1 = 0$

## SOLUTIONS OF EQUATIONS

**Art-7.** There are certain types of equations in which use of De Moivre's theorem makes its solution very easy. We give some examples to illustrate this fact.

## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

**Example 1.** Solve the equation  $x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ .

(H.P.U. 2005, 2011; Pbi. U. 2011)

**Sol.** The given equation is

$$x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1 = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

Multiplying both sides by  $x + 1$ , we get,

$\dots(2)$

$$x^5 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or} \quad x^5 = -1$$

$$\therefore x = (-1)^{1/5} = (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^{1/5}$$

$$= [\cos(2n\pi + \pi) + i \sin(2n\pi + \pi)]^{1/5}$$

$$= \cos \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{5} \quad \text{where } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Putting  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ , the roots of (2) are

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{5}, \cos \frac{3\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{5}, \cos \pi + i \sin \pi,$$

$$\cos \frac{7\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{5}, \cos \frac{9\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{9\pi}{5}$$

$$\text{or } \cos \frac{\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{5}, \cos \frac{3\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{5}, -1, \cos \frac{3\pi}{5} - i \sin \frac{3\pi}{5}, \cos \frac{\pi}{5} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{5}$$

$$\text{or } -1, \cos \frac{r\pi}{5} \pm i \sin \frac{r\pi}{5} \text{ where } r = 1, 3$$

But the root  $-1$  corresponds to the factor  $x + 1$ .

$$\therefore \text{roots of (1) are } \cos \frac{r\pi}{5} \pm i \sin \frac{r\pi}{5} \text{ where } r = 1, 3.$$

**Example 2.** Solve the equation  $x^{10} + x^8 + x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 1 = 0$ .

**Sol.** The given equation is  $x^{10} + x^8 + x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 1 = 0$

(G.N.D.U. 2015)

Multiplying both sides by  $x^2 - 1$ , we get

$$(x^2 - 1)(x^{10} + x^8 + x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 1) = 0 \text{ or } x^{12} - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore x^{12} = 1 \text{ or } x = (1)^{\frac{1}{12}} = (\cos 0 + i \sin 0)^{\frac{1}{12}}$$

$$\therefore x = [\cos(2n\pi + 0) + i \sin(2n\pi + 0)]^{\frac{1}{12}} = (\cos 2n\pi + i \sin 2n\pi)^{\frac{1}{12}}$$

$$= \cos \frac{n\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{6}, \text{ where } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots, 11.$$

Putting  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 11$ , we get

$$x = \cos 0 + i \sin 0, \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}, \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{5\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}, \cos \pi + i \sin \pi$$

$$\cos \frac{7\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{7\pi}{6}, \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\cos \frac{5\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{11\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{or } x = 1, \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \pm i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}, \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \pm i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}, i, \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \pm i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3},$$

$$\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} \pm i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}, -1, -i \text{ are roots of } 2$$

roots of (1) are

$$x = \cos \frac{\pi}{6} \pm i \sin \frac{\pi}{6}, \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \pm i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} \pm i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3},$$

$$\cos \frac{5\pi}{6} \pm i \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}, \pm i$$

[We have left  $x = 1, -1$  which were introduced by multiplication of  $x^2 - 1$ ]

Example 3. Solve  $(1+z)^6 + z^6 = 0$  where  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  is a complex number.

Sol. The given equation is

(G.N.D.U. 2009)

$$(1+z)^6 + z^6 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (1+z)^6 = -z^6$$

$$\therefore \left( \frac{1+z}{z} \right)^6 = -1 = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \frac{1+z}{z} = (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$1) \quad \frac{1}{z} + 1 = [\cos(2n\pi + \pi) + i \sin(2n\pi + \pi)]^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

$$2) \quad \frac{1}{z} = -1 + \left[ \cos \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{6} + i \sin \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{6} \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{z} = -1 + \cos \theta + i \sin \theta, \text{ where } \theta = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{1}{-1 + \cos \theta + i \sin \theta} = \frac{1}{-2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{1}{i} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)} = -\frac{i}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)}$$

$$= -\frac{i}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^{-1} = -\frac{i}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left( i \cot \frac{\theta}{2} + 1 \right)$$

$$2) \quad z = -\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + i \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \right), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$$

**Example 4.** Prove that the roots of the equation  $(x - 1)^n = x^n$  ( $n$  being +ve integer) are  $\frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + i \cot \frac{r\pi}{n} \right]$  where  $r$  has the values  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

(P.U. 2006, 2007, 2011; G.N.D.U. 2008; Pbi. U. 2009)

**Sol.** The given equation is

$$(x - 1)^n = x^n \quad \text{or} \quad \left( \frac{x-1}{x} \right)^n = 1, \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x-1}{x} = (1)^{1/n}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x-1}{x} = (\cos 0 + i \sin 0)^{1/n} = [\cos (2r\pi + 0) + i \sin (2r\pi + 0)]^{1/n}$$

$$= \cos \frac{2r\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2r\pi}{n}, \text{ where } r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

$$\therefore \frac{x-1}{x} = \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{1}, \text{ where } \theta = \frac{2r\pi}{n}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{x} - \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} = 1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{1 - \cos \theta - i \sin \theta} = \frac{1}{2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - i 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-2i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)} = \frac{i}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{i}{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ i \cot \frac{\theta}{2} + 1 \right]$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + i \cot \frac{r\pi}{n} \right], \text{ where } r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

**Another Form :**

Solve  $(z - 1)^n = z^n$  where  $n$  is a positive integer and show that the real part of each root is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . (G.N.D.U. 2008)

**Example 5.** Show that the roots of the equation  $(1+x)^{2n} + (1-x)^{2n} = 0$  are given by

$$\pm i \tan \frac{(2r-1)\pi}{4n} \text{ where } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

(P.U. 2003, 2006, 2010; G.N.D.U. 2007, 2009; Pbi. U. 2009)

The given equation is

$$(1+x)^{2n} + (1-x)^{2n} = 0, \text{ or } (1+x)^{2n} = -(1-x)^{2n}$$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^{2n} = -1, \text{ or } \frac{1+x}{1-x} = (-1)^{1/2n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1+x}{1-x} &= (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi)^{1/2n} = [\cos(2r\pi + \pi) + i \sin(2r\pi + \pi)]^{1/2n} \\ &= [\cos((2r+1)\pi) + i \sin((2r+1)\pi)]^{1/2n} \\ &= \cos \frac{(2r+1)\pi}{2n} + i \sin \frac{(2r+1)\pi}{2n}, \text{ where } r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n-1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1+x}{1-x} = \frac{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{1}, \text{ where } \theta = \frac{(2r+1)\pi}{2n}$$

Applying componendo and dividendo, we get

$$\frac{(1+x)+(1-x)}{(1+x)-(1-x)} = \frac{(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) + 1}{(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) - 1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{2x} = \frac{(1+\cos \theta) + i \sin \theta}{-(1-\cos \theta) + i \sin \theta} = \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + i \cdot 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{-2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + i \cdot 2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} = \frac{2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)}{2 i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \left( \cos \frac{\theta}{2} - i \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \right)} = \frac{1}{i} \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow x = i \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\text{or } x = i \tan \frac{(2r+1)\pi}{4n}, \text{ where } r = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n-1$$

$$\text{or } x = \pm i \tan \frac{(2r-1)\pi}{4n} \text{ where } r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

## EXERCISE 13 (c)

1. Solve

$$(i) x^3 + 8 = 0$$

$$(ii) x^7 + 1 = 0$$

2. Solve

$$(i) x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$$

(G.N.D.U. 2008)

$$(ii) x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$$

## Unit-8. Important Results to be Remembered

(1) Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta + i \sin \theta} = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-1} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta \\ \text{and } x - \frac{1}{x} = 2 i \sin \theta \end{array} \right\} \quad (1)$$

Again  $x^m = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^m = \cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta$

$$\frac{1}{x^m} = (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^m = \cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \therefore x^m + \frac{1}{x^m} = 2 \cos m\theta \\ \text{and } x^m - \frac{1}{x^m} = 2 i \sin m\theta \end{array} \right\}$$

Results (I) and (II) will be frequently used.

(2) If  $n$  is a positive integer, then

$$(x+a)^n = {}^n C_0 x^n + {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} a + {}^n C_2 x^{n-2} a^2 + \dots + {}^n C_n a^n$$

Students know that

(i) number of terms =  $n+1$

(ii) coefficient of terms are  ${}^n C_0, {}^n C_1, {}^n C_2, \dots, {}^n C_n$  which are called binomial coefficients.

There is a very familiar method of writing these binomial coefficients. The method is known as **Pascal Rule**, which we explain below :

Suppose we want to write the coefficients of various terms in the expansion of  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^8$ . We do like this :

Index	Binomial Coefficients							
1	1	1						
2	1	2	1					
3	1	3	3	1				
4	1	4	6	4	1			
5	1	5	10	10	5	1		
6	1	6	15	20	15	6	1	
7	1	7	21	35	35	21	7	1
8	1	8	28	56	70	56	28	1

$$\therefore \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^8 = x^8 + 8x^6 + 28x^4 + 56x^2 + 70 + \frac{56}{x^2} + \frac{28}{x^4} + \frac{8}{x^6} + \frac{1}{x^8}.$$

It must be noted that powers start with 8 and go on diminishing by 2.

(iii) Coefficients of terms equidistant from the beginning and end are equal. It should be remembered that  ${}^n C_r = {}^n C_{n-r}$ .

(iv) If  $n$  is even, then there is only one middle term  $T_{\frac{n}{2}+1}$

If  $n$  is odd, then there are two middle terms  $T_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  and  $T_{\frac{n+3}{2}}$

### Art-9. Expansion of $\cos^n \theta$ in Terms of cosines of Multiples of $\theta$

$$\text{Let } x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta, \quad \therefore \quad x^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta, \quad \therefore \quad \frac{1}{x^n} = \cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta$$

$$\therefore x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \cos \theta, \quad x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} = 2 \cos n\theta$$

$$\text{Now } (2 \cos \theta)^n = \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^n$$

$$= {}^n C_0 x^n + {}^n C_1 x^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + {}^n C_2 x^{n-2} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + \dots + {}^n C_{n-2} x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^{n-2}}$$

$$+ {}^n C_{n-1} x \cdot \frac{1}{x^{n-1}} + {}^n C_n \cdot \frac{1}{x^n}$$

$$= {}^n C_0 x^n + {}^n C_1 x^{n-2} + {}^n C_2 x^{n-4} + \dots + {}^n C_2 \frac{1}{x^{n-4}} + {}^n C_1 \cdot \frac{1}{x^{n-2}} + {}^n C_0 \cdot \frac{1}{x^n}$$

Two cases arise :

**Case I.**  $n$  is even

In this case, there is only one middle term

$$T_{\frac{n}{2}+1} = {}^n C_{n/2} x^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{\frac{n}{2}}} = {}^n C_{n/2}$$

$$\therefore (2 \cos \theta)^n = {}^n C_0 \left( x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \right) + {}^n C_1 \left( x^{n-2} + \frac{1}{x^{n-2}} \right) \\ + {}^n C_2 \left( x^{n-4} + \frac{1}{x^{n-4}} \right) + \dots + {}^n C_{n/2}$$

$$\therefore 2^n \cos^n \theta = {}^n C_0 \cdot (2 \cos n\theta) + {}^n C_1 \{2 \cos(n-2)\theta\} \\ + {}^n C_2 \{2 \cos(n-4)\theta\} + \dots + {}^n C_{n/2}$$

$$\therefore \cos^n \theta = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left[ {}^n C_0 \cos n\theta + {}^n C_1 \cos(n-2)\theta \right. \\ \left. + {}^n C_2 \cos(n-4)\theta + \dots + \frac{1}{2} \cdot {}^n C_{n/2} \right]$$

**Case II.**  $n$  is odd

In this case, there are two middle terms  $T_{\frac{n+1}{2}}$  and  $T_{\frac{n+3}{2}}$ .

$$T_{\frac{n+1}{2}} = {}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}} x^{\frac{n-\frac{n-1}{2}}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} = {}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}} x$$

$$T_{\frac{n+3}{2}} = {}^n C_{\frac{n+1}{2}} x^{\frac{n-\frac{n+1}{2}}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{\frac{n+1}{2}}} = {}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\therefore 2(\cos \theta)^n = {}^n C_0 \left( x^n + \frac{1}{x^n} \right) + {}^n C_1 \left( x^{n-2} + \frac{1}{x^{n-2}} \right)$$

$$+ {}^n C_2 \left( x^{n-4} + \frac{1}{x^{n-4}} \right) + \dots + {}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}} \left( x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right)$$

$$\therefore 2^n \cos^n \theta = {}^n C_0 \cdot 2 \cos n \theta + {}^n C_1 \cdot 2 \cos (n-2) \theta$$

$$+ {}^n C_2 \cdot 2 \cos (n-4) \theta + \dots + {}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cdot 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \cos^n \theta = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left[ {}^n C_0 \cos n \theta + {}^n C_1 \cos (n-2) \theta \right.$$

$$\left. + {}^n C_2 \cos (n-4) \theta + \dots + {}^n C_{\frac{n-1}{2}} \cos \theta \right]$$

**Note :** Students can find themselves the expansion of  $\sin^n \theta$  in terms of cosines or sines of multiples of  $\theta$  according as  $n$  is even or odd integer. They should use the formula

$$(2i \sin \theta)^n = \left( x - \frac{1}{x} \right)^n$$

## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

**Example 1.** Prove that  $\cos^7 \theta = \frac{1}{2^6} [\cos 7\theta + 7 \cos 5\theta + 21 \cos 3\theta + 35 \cos \theta]$

(PbI. U. 2009; H.P.U. 2012)

**Sol.** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$\therefore x^m = \cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta$$

and

$$\frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta,$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x^m} = \cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta$$

Now  $2 \cos \theta = x + \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $2 \cos m\theta = x^m + \frac{1}{x^m}$

$$\therefore (2 \cos \theta)^7 = \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^7$$

Now by Pascal's Rule,

1	1						
1	2	1					
1	3	3	1				
1	4	6	4	1			
1	5	10	10	5	1		
1	6	15	20	15	6	1	
1	7	21	35	35	21	7	1

$$\therefore (2 \cos \theta)^7 = x^7 + 7x^5 + 21x^3 + 35x + \frac{35}{x} + \frac{21}{x^3} + \frac{7}{x^5} + \frac{1}{x^7}$$

$$= \left( x^7 + \frac{1}{x^7} \right) + 7 \left( x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} \right) + 21 \left( x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} \right) + 35 \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$\therefore 2^7 \cdot \cos^7 \theta = 2 \cos 7\theta + 7 \cdot 2 \cos 5\theta + 21 \cdot 2 \cos 3\theta + 35 \cdot 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^7 \theta = \frac{1}{2^6} [2 \cos 7\theta + 7 \cos 5\theta + 21 \cos 3\theta + 35 \cos \theta].$$

Example 2. Prove that  $16 \sin^5 \theta = \sin 5\theta - 5 \sin 3\theta + 10 \sin \theta$ .

(H.P.U. 2013)

Sol. Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ ,  $\therefore x^m = \cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta$

and  $\frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$ ,  $\therefore \frac{1}{x^m} = \cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta$

$$\therefore 2i \sin \theta = x - \frac{1}{x}, 2i \sin m\theta = x^m - \frac{1}{x^m}$$

$$\therefore (2i \sin \theta)^5 = \left( x - \frac{1}{x} \right)^5 = x^5 - 5x^3 + 10x - \frac{10}{x} + \frac{5}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x^5} \quad [\text{By Pascal's Rule}]$$

$$= \left( x^5 - \frac{1}{x^5} \right) - 5 \left( x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} \right) + 10 \left( x - \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$32 / \sin^3 \theta = 2 / \sin 5\theta + 5 \cdot 2 / \sin 3\theta + 10 \cdot 2 / \sin \theta$$

$$\text{or } -16 \sin^3 \theta + \sin 5\theta = 5 \sin 3\theta + 10 \sin \theta.$$

**Example 3.** Prove that

$$\cos^6 \theta \sin^4 \theta = 2^{-9} [\cos 10\theta + 2 \cos 8\theta - 3 \cos 6\theta - 8 \cos 4\theta + 2 \cos 2\theta + 1]$$

**Sol.** Let  $x = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ ,  $\therefore \frac{1}{x} = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos \theta = x + \frac{1}{x}, \quad 2 t \sin \theta = x - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\therefore (2 \cos \theta)^6 (2 t \sin \theta)^4 = \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^6 \left( x - \frac{1}{x} \right)^4.$$

Now to obtain the coefficients of the various powers of  $x$  in the product, we first write the coefficients in the expansion of  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$ , from Pascal's Table, and then multiply by  $x - \frac{1}{x}$  four times in succession.

These are the required coefficients.

Hence  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^4$

$$= x^{10} + 2x^8 - 3x^6 - 8x^4 + 2x^2 + 12 + \frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{8}{x^4} - \frac{3}{x^6} + \frac{2}{x^8} + \frac{1}{x^{10}}$$

$$= \left(x^{10} + \frac{1}{x^{10}}\right) + 2\left(x^8 + \frac{1}{x^8}\right) - 3\left(x^6 + \frac{1}{x^6}\right) - 8\left(x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}\right) + 2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) + 12$$

$$(2 \cos \theta)^6 (2 i \sin \theta)^4 = 2 \cos 10\theta + 2(2 \cos 8\theta) - 3(2 \cos 6\theta)$$

$$- 8(2 \cos 4\theta) + 2(2 \cos 2\theta) + 12$$

$$\therefore \cos^6 \theta \sin^4 \theta = 2^9 [\cos 10\theta + 2 \cos 8\theta - 3 \cos 6\theta - 8 \cos 4\theta + 2 \cos 2\theta + 6]$$

### EXERCISE 13 (d)

1. Prove that

$$32 \cos^6 \theta = \cos 6\theta + 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta + 10.$$

(H.P.U. 2005, 2006, 2013; Pbi. U. 2009)

2. Express  $\cos^8 \theta$  in a series of cosines of multiples of  $\theta$ . (G.N.D.U. 2002)

3. Express  $\cos^9 \theta$  in a series of cosines of multiple of  $\theta$ .

4. Prove that

$$\sin^6 \theta = -\frac{1}{32} [\cos 6\theta - 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta - 10]$$

5. Expand  $\sin^7 \theta$  in a series of multiples of  $\theta$ . (P.U. 2010)

6. Prove that

$$\sin^8 \theta = \frac{1}{128} [\cos 8\theta - 8 \cos 6\theta + 28 \cos 4\theta - 56 \cos 2\theta + 35]$$

(G.N.D.U. 2012)

7. Express  $\cos^4 \theta \sin^3 \theta$  in a series of sines of multiples of  $\theta$ .

(H.P.U. 2008)

8. Express  $\sin^6 \theta \cos^2 \theta$  in terms of cosines of multiples of  $\theta$ .

### ANSWERS

2.  $\frac{1}{2^7} [\cos 8\theta + 8 \cos 6\theta + 28 \cos 4\theta + 56 \cos 2\theta + 35]$

3.  $\frac{1}{2^8} [\cos 9\theta + 9 \cos 7\theta + 36 \cos 5\theta + 84 \cos 3\theta + 126 \cos \theta]$

$$5. -\frac{1}{64} [\sin 7\theta - 7 \sin 5\theta + 21 \sin 3\theta - 35 \sin \theta]$$

$$7. -\frac{1}{64} [\sin 7\theta + \sin 5\theta - 3 \sin 3\theta - 3 \sin \theta]$$

$$8. -\frac{1}{2^7} [\cos 8\theta - 4 \cos 6\theta + 4 \cos 4\theta + 4 \cos 2\theta - 5]$$

**Art-10.** Expand  $\cos n\theta$  and  $\sin n\theta$  in terms of the t-ratios of  $\theta$ ,  $n$  being a positive integer.

**Proof:** By De Moivre's Theorem,

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

$$\text{or } \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^nC_0 \cos^n \theta + {}^nC_1 \cos^{n-1} \theta \cdot (i \sin \theta) + {}^nC_2 \cos^{n-2} \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 \\ &+ {}^nC_3 \cos^{n-3} \theta (i \sin \theta)^3 + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^{n-1} + {}^nC_n (i \sin \theta)^n \\ &= ({}^nC_0 \cos^n \theta - {}^nC_2 \cos^{n-2} \theta \sin^2 \theta + {}^nC_4 \cos^{n-4} \theta \sin^4 \theta - \dots) \\ &\quad + i ({}^nC_1 \cos^{n-1} \theta \sin \theta - {}^nC_3 \cos^{n-3} \theta \sin^3 \theta + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts,

$$\cos n\theta = {}^nC_0 \cos^n \theta - {}^nC_2 \cos^{n-2} \theta \sin^2 \theta + {}^nC_4 \cos^{n-4} \theta \sin^4 \theta - \dots$$

$$\text{and } \sin n\theta = {}^nC_1 \cos^{n-1} \theta \sin \theta - {}^nC_3 \cos^{n-3} \theta \sin^3 \theta + \dots$$

$$\text{Cor. } \therefore \tan n\theta = \frac{\sin n\theta}{\cos n\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{{}^nC_1 \cos^{n-1} \theta \sin \theta - {}^nC_3 \cos^{n-3} \sin^3 \theta + \dots}{{}^nC_0 \cos^n \theta - {}^nC_2 \cos^{n-2} \theta \sin^2 \theta + {}^nC_4 \cos^{n-4} \theta \sin^4 \theta - \dots} \\ &= \frac{{}^nC_1 \tan \theta - {}^nC_3 \tan^3 \theta + {}^nC_5 \tan^5 \theta - \dots}{{}^nC_0 - {}^nC_2 \tan^2 \theta + {}^nC_4 \tan^4 \theta - \dots} \end{aligned}$$

[Dividing num. and den. by  $\cos^n \theta$ ]

## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

**Example 1.** Expand  $\cos 7\theta$  and  $\sin 7\theta$  in powers of  $\cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta$ . Hence, obtain an expression for  $\tan 7\theta$  in powers of  $\tan \theta$ .

(Pb. U. 2010)

By De Moivre's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 7\theta + i \sin 7\theta &= (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^7 \\ &= {}^7C_0 \cos^7 \theta + {}^7C_1 \cos^6 \theta (i \sin \theta) + {}^7C_2 \cos^5 \theta (i \sin \theta)^2 \\ &\quad + {}^7C_3 \cos^4 \theta (i \sin \theta)^3 + {}^7C_4 \cos^3 \theta (i \sin \theta)^4 + {}^7C_5 \cos^2 \theta (i \sin \theta)^5 \\ &\quad + {}^7C_6 \cos \theta (i \sin \theta)^6 + {}^7C_7 (i \sin \theta)^7 \\ &= (\cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 35 \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 7 \cos \theta \sin^6 \theta) \\ &\quad + i(7 \cos^6 \theta \sin \theta - 35 \cos^4 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 21 \cos^2 \theta \sin^5 \theta - \sin^7 \theta) \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts,

$$\cos 7\theta = \cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 35 \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 7 \cos \theta \sin^6 \theta,$$

$$\sin 7\theta = 7 \cos^6 \theta \sin \theta - 35 \cos^4 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 21 \cos^2 \theta \sin^5 \theta - \sin^7 \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \tan 7\theta &= \frac{\sin 7\theta}{\cos 7\theta} = \frac{7 \cos^6 \theta \sin \theta - 35 \cos^4 \theta \sin^3 \theta + 21 \cos^2 \theta \sin^5 \theta - \sin^7 \theta}{\cos^7 \theta - 21 \cos^5 \theta \sin^2 \theta + 35 \cos^3 \theta \sin^4 \theta - 7 \cos \theta \sin^6 \theta} \\ &= \frac{7 \tan \theta - 35 \tan^3 \theta + 21 \tan^5 \theta - \tan^7 \theta}{1 - 21 \tan^2 \theta + 35 \tan^4 \theta - 7 \tan^6 \theta} \end{aligned}$$

## EXERCISE 13 (e)

1. Express  $\sin 5\theta$  in terms of sines and cosines of an angle  $\theta$ .

(Pbi. U. 2008; P.U. 2011)

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

3. Expand  $\sin 6\theta$  in powers of  $\sin \theta$  and  $\cos \theta$  and deduce that

$$\frac{\sin 6\theta}{\sin \theta} = 6 \cos \theta - 32 \cos^3 \theta + 32 \cos^5 \theta.$$

(G.N.D.U. 2003; Pbi. U. 2010)

## ANSWERS

1.  $5 \cos^4 \sin \theta - 10 \cos^2 \theta \sin^3 \theta + \sin^5 \theta$

### Art-11. Expansion of $\tan(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n)$

$$\text{Prove that } \tan(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) = \frac{S_1 - S_3 + S_5 - \dots}{1 - S_2 + S_4 - \dots}$$

where  $S_r$  stands for the sum of the products of  $\tan \theta_1, \tan \theta_2, \dots, \tan \theta_n$  taken  $r$  at a time.

**Proof:** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) &\quad \dots(1) \\ &= (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2) \dots (\cos \theta_n + i \sin \theta_n) \end{aligned}$$

STEP-II (P)

Now  $\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1 = \cos \theta_1 \left( 1 + i \frac{\sin \theta_1}{\cos \theta_1} \right) = \cos \theta_1 (1 + i \tan \theta_1)$

$\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2$ .....		$= \cos \theta_2 (1 + i \tan \theta_2)$ .....
$\cos \theta_n + i \sin \theta_n$		$= \cos \theta_n (1 + i \tan \theta_n)$

∴ from (1), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) \\ &= \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \dots \cos \theta_n \cdot (1 + i \tan \theta_1) (1 + i \tan \theta_2) \dots (1 + i \tan \theta_n) \\ &= \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \dots \cos \theta_n [1 + i S_1 + i^2 S_2 + i^3 S_3 + \dots + i^n S_n] \\ &= \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \dots \cos \theta_n [(1 - S_2 + S_4 - \dots) + i(S_1 - S_3 + S_5 - \dots)] \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts,

$$\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \dots \cos \theta_n (1 - S_2 + S_4 - \dots)$$

$$\sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 \dots \cos \theta_n (S_1 - S_3 + S_5 - \dots)$$

Dividing (3) by (2), we get,

$$\tan(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \dots + \theta_n) = \frac{S_1 - S_3 + S_5 - \dots}{1 - S_2 + S_4 - \dots}$$

# ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

**Example 1.** If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + p = 0$ , prove that  $\tan^{-1} \alpha + \tan^{-1} \beta + \tan^{-1} \gamma = n\pi$ , except in one particular case.

(H.P.U. 2009)

**Sol.** Since  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are roots of the equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$

$$\therefore \sum \alpha = \alpha + \beta + \gamma = -p$$

$$\sum \alpha \beta = \alpha \beta + \beta \gamma + \gamma \alpha = q$$

$$\alpha \beta \gamma = -p$$

Let  $\alpha = \tan \theta_1$ ,  $\beta = \tan \theta_2$ ,  $\gamma = \tan \theta_3$

$$\therefore \theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \alpha, \theta_2 = \tan^{-1} \beta, \theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \gamma$$

$$\text{Now } S_1 = \sum \alpha = \sum \tan \theta_1 = -p$$

$$S_1 = \sum \alpha \beta = \sum \tan \theta_1 \tan \theta_2 = q$$

$$S_1 = \alpha \beta \gamma = \tan \theta_1 \tan \theta_2 \tan \theta_3 = -p$$

Also,  $\tan(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3) = \frac{S_1 - S_3}{1 - S_2} = \frac{-p + p}{1 - q} = \frac{0}{1 - q} = 0$ , provided  $q \neq 1$

$\therefore \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = n\pi$  where  $n \in \mathbb{I}$  and  $q \neq 1$ .

$\therefore \tan^{-1}\alpha + \tan^{-1}\beta + \tan^{-1}\gamma = n\pi$ , except when  $q = 1$ .

**Example 2.** Prove that the equation  $a h \sec \theta - b k \operatorname{cosec} \theta = a^2 - b^2$  has four roots and that the sum of the four values of  $\theta$  which satisfy it is equal to an odd multiple of  $\pi$  radians.

Sol. The given equation is

$$a h \sec \theta - b k \operatorname{cosec} \theta - (a^2 - b^2) = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Let } t = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\therefore \sec \theta = \frac{1 + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 - \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{1+t^2}{1-t^2}, \operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{1 + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \tan \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{1+t^2}{2t}$$

$\therefore$  given equation (1) becomes

$$a h \left( \frac{1+t^2}{1-t^2} \right) - b k \left( \frac{1+t^2}{2t} \right) - (a^2 - b^2) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 2 a h t (1+t^2) - b k (1-t^2)(1+t^2) - 2 t (a^2 - b^2) (1-t^2) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 2 a h t + 2 a h t^3 - b k + b k t^4 - 2 (a^2 - b^2) t + 2 (a^2 - b^2) t^3 = 0$$

$$\text{or } b k t^4 + (2 a h + 2 a^2 - 2 b^2) t^3 + (2 a h - 2 a^2 + 2 b^2) t - b k = 0$$

Let its roots be  $\tan \frac{\theta_1}{2}, \tan \frac{\theta_2}{2}, \tan \frac{\theta_3}{2}, \tan \frac{\theta_4}{2}$

$$\therefore S_1 = -\frac{2 a h + 2 a^2 - 2 b^2}{b k}, S_2 = 0$$

$$S_3 = -\frac{2 a h - 2 a^2 + 2 b^2}{b k}, S_4 = -\frac{b k}{b k} = -1$$

$$\text{Now } \cot \left( \frac{\theta_1}{2} + \frac{\theta_2}{2} + \frac{\theta_3}{2} + \frac{\theta_4}{2} \right) = \frac{1 - S_2 + S_4}{S_1 - S_3}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 0 - 1}{\frac{2 a h - 2 a^2 - 2 b^2}{b k} + \frac{2 a h - 2 a^2 + 2 b^2}{b k}} = 0$$

$$\therefore \cot\left(\frac{\theta_1}{2} + \frac{\theta_2}{2} + \frac{\theta_3}{2} + \frac{\theta_4}{2}\right) = \cot\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\theta_1}{2} + \frac{\theta_2}{2} + \frac{\theta_3}{2} + \frac{\theta_4}{2} = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$\therefore \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4 = (2n+1)\pi$ , which is an odd multiple of  $\pi$ .

## EXERCISE 13 (f)

1. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are the roots of the equation

$$x^4 - x^3 \sin 2\theta + x^2 \cos 2\theta - x \cos \theta - \sin \theta = 0,$$

prove that  $\tan^{-1} \alpha + \tan^{-1} \beta + \tan^{-1} \gamma + \tan^{-1} \delta = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$ .

2. If  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  be the three values of  $\theta$  which satisfy the equation

$\tan 2\theta = \lambda \tan(\theta + \alpha)$  and be such that no two of these differ by a multiple of  $\pi$ , prove that  $\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \alpha$  is multiple of  $\pi$ .

3. Prove that the equation  $a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta + 2g a \cos \theta + 2f b \sin \theta + c = 0$  has four roots and that the sum of the values which satisfy it is an even multiple of  $\pi$  radius.

OR

Prove that the sum of the eccentric angles of the points of intersection of the ellipse  $x = a \cos \theta$ ,  $y = b \sin \theta$  and the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  is an even multiple of  $\pi$  radians.

4. Prove that the equation  $\sin 3\theta = a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta + c$  has six roots and the sum of the six values of  $\theta$  which satisfy it is equal to an odd multiple of  $\pi$  radian.

(G.N.D.U. 2011, 2012)

### Art-12. Formation of Equation

We explain the method by examples given below :

## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

**Example 1.** (a) Prove that  $\cos \frac{2\pi}{7}, \cos \frac{4\pi}{7}, \cos \frac{8\pi}{7}$  are the roots of

$$8x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0.$$

Hence form an equation whose roots are  $\sec \frac{2\pi}{7}, \sec \frac{4\pi}{7}, \sec \frac{6\pi}{7}$ .

(b) Also form an equation whose roots are  $\sec^2 \frac{2\pi}{7}, \sec^2 \frac{4\pi}{7}, \sec^2 \frac{6\pi}{7}$  and prove

$$\tan^2 \frac{2\pi}{7} + \tan^2 \frac{4\pi}{7} + \tan^2 \frac{6\pi}{7} = 21.$$

$$\text{Let } \theta = \frac{2n\pi}{7}$$

where  $n$  is any integer, zero, positive or negative.

By giving to  $n$  the values 0, 1, 2, 4, the values of  $\cos \theta$  are

$$1, \cos \frac{2\pi}{7}, \cos \frac{4\pi}{7}, \cos \frac{8\pi}{7}$$

$$\text{For } n=3, \cos \theta = \cos \frac{6\pi}{7} = \cos \left(2\pi - \frac{8\pi}{7}\right) = \cos \frac{8\pi}{7}$$

$$\text{For } n=5, \cos \theta = \cos \frac{10\pi}{7} = \cos \left(2\pi - \frac{4\pi}{7}\right) = \cos \frac{4\pi}{7}$$

$$\text{For } n=6, \cos \theta = \cos \frac{12\pi}{7} = \cos \left(2\pi - \frac{2\pi}{7}\right) = \cos \frac{2\pi}{7}$$

and so on.

$\therefore$  no new value of  $\cos \theta$  is obtained by giving to  $n$ , the values 3, 5, 6, 7, ...

$$\text{Now } 7\theta = 2n\pi \Rightarrow 4\theta + 3\theta = 2n\pi$$

$$\therefore 4\theta = 2n\pi - 3\theta \Rightarrow \cos 4\theta = \cos(2n\pi - 3\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos 4\theta = \cos 3\theta \Rightarrow 2\cos^2 2\theta - 1 = 4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2(4\cos^4 \theta - 4\cos^2 \theta + 1) - 1 - (4\cos^3 \theta - 3\cos \theta) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\cos^4 \theta - 4\cos^3 \theta - 8\cos^2 \theta + 3\cos \theta + 1 = 0$$

Putting  $x = \cos \theta$ , we get,

$$8x^4 - 4x^3 - 8x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

Put  $x = 1$  in (1).

$$\therefore 8 - 4 - 8 + 3 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or } 0 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x = 1$  is root of (1)

$\Rightarrow x - 1$  is factor of L.H.S. of (1).

$$\begin{array}{r|ccccc} 1 & 8 & -4 & -8 & 3 & 1 \\ & & 8 & 4 & -4 & -1 \\ \hline & 8 & 4 & -4 & -1 & 0 \end{array}$$

∴ remaining roots of (1) are given by

$$8x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

Now  $x = 1 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 1$  which refers to  $\cos \frac{2n\pi}{7}$  when  $n = 0$ .

∴ the remaining roots  $\cos \frac{2\pi}{7}, \cos \frac{4\pi}{7}, \cos \frac{8\pi}{7}$

are the roots of equation (2)

$$\text{i.e., } 8x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

Now we are to find an equation whose roots are

$$\sec \frac{2\pi}{7}, \sec \frac{4\pi}{7}, \sec \frac{6\pi}{7}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \sec \frac{2\pi}{7}, \sec \frac{4\pi}{7}, \sec \frac{8\pi}{7}$$

$$\left[ \because \sec \frac{6\pi}{7} = \sec \left( 2\pi - \frac{8\pi}{7} \right) = \sec \frac{2\pi}{7} \right]$$

Let new equation be in  $y$ .

$$\therefore y = \frac{1}{x} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{1}{y}$$

Putting  $x = \frac{1}{y}$  in (1), we get,

$$\frac{8}{y^3} + \frac{4}{y^2} - \frac{4}{y} - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or } 8 + 4y^2 - 4y^3 - y^3 = 0$$

$$\text{or } y^3 + 4y^2 - 4y - 8 = 0$$

Its roots are  $\sec \frac{2\pi}{7}, \sec \frac{4\pi}{7}, \sec \frac{6\pi}{7}$

$$\therefore \sec \frac{2\pi}{7} + \sec \frac{4\pi}{7} + \sec \frac{6\pi}{7} = -4$$

(b) We want to form an equation whose roots are

$$\sec^2 \frac{2\pi}{7}, \sec^2 \frac{4\pi}{7}, \sec^2 \frac{6\pi}{7}$$

Let new equation be in  $t$ .

$$\therefore t = y^2 \quad \text{or} \quad y = \sqrt{t}$$

Putting  $y = \sqrt{t}$  in (3), we get,

$$t \sqrt{t} + 4t - 4\sqrt{t} - 8 = 0$$

$$\text{or } (t-4) \sqrt{t} = 8 - 4t$$

$$\text{or } t(t-4)^2 = (8-4t)^2$$

$$\text{or } t(t^2 - 8t + 16) = 64 + 16t^2 - 64t$$

$$\text{or } t^3 - 24t^2 + 80t - 64 = 0$$

Its roots are  $\sec^2 \frac{2\pi}{7}, \sec^2 \frac{4\pi}{7}, \sec^2 \frac{6\pi}{7}$  ... (4)

$$\therefore \sec^2 \frac{2\pi}{7} + \sec^2 \frac{4\pi}{7} + \sec^2 \frac{6\pi}{7} = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \tan^2 \frac{2\pi}{7} + 1 + \tan^2 \frac{4\pi}{7} + 1 + \tan^2 \frac{6\pi}{7} = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \frac{2\pi}{7} + \tan^2 \frac{4\pi}{7} + \tan^2 \frac{6\pi}{7} = 21.$$

## EXERCISE 13 (g)

1. (a) Form an equation whose roots are  $\cos \frac{\pi}{7}, \cos \frac{3\pi}{7}, \cos \frac{5\pi}{7}$ .

Hence evaluate  $\sec \frac{\pi}{7} + \sec \frac{3\pi}{7} + \sec \frac{5\pi}{7}$ .

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- (b) Hence obtain the equations whose roots are

$$(i) \sec^2 \frac{\pi}{7}, \sec^2 \frac{3\pi}{7}, \sec^2 \frac{5\pi}{7}$$

$$(ii) \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{7}, \tan^2 \frac{3\pi}{7}, \tan^2 \frac{5\pi}{7}$$

$$(iii) \text{Deduce that } \cot^2 \frac{\pi}{7} \cdot \cot^2 \frac{3\pi}{7} \cdot \cot^2 \frac{5\pi}{7} = \frac{1}{7}.$$

2. Prove that the roots of the equation  $x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$  are  $2 \cos \frac{2r\pi}{5}$ ,

where  $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

3. Prove that the four roots of the equation  $16x^4 - 20x^2 + 5 = 0$  are

$$\pm \sin \frac{\pi}{5}, \pm \sin \frac{2\pi}{5}.$$

4. Show that  $\tan \frac{\theta}{7} + \tan \frac{\theta + \pi}{7} + \tan \frac{\theta + 2\pi}{7} + \dots + \tan \frac{\theta + 6\pi}{7} = 7 \tan \theta$ .

## ANSWERS

1. (a)  $8x^3 - 4x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0; 4$

(b) (i)  $t^3 - 24t^2 + 80t - 64 = 0$

(ii)  $z^3 - 21z^2 + 35z - 7 = 0$