

DeMoivre's Theorem and Applications To Trigonometry (From OCR 4727)

Q1, (Jun 2007, Q5)

(i) Use de Moivre's theorem to prove that

$$\cos 6\theta = 32 \cos^6 \theta - 48 \cos^4 \theta + 18 \cos^2 \theta - 1. \quad [4]$$

(ii) Hence find the largest positive root of the equation

$$64x^6 - 96x^4 + 36x^2 - 3 = 0,$$

giving your answer in trigonometrical form. [4]

Q2, (Jun 2008, Q4)

(i) By expressing $\cos \theta$ in terms of $e^{i\theta}$ and $e^{-i\theta}$, show that

$$\cos^5 \theta \equiv \frac{1}{16}(\cos 5\theta + 5 \cos 3\theta + 10 \cos \theta). \quad [5]$$

(ii) Hence solve the equation $\cos 5\theta + 5 \cos 3\theta + 9 \cos \theta = 0$ for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$. [4]

Q3, (Jan 2009, Q8)

(i) By expressing $\sin \theta$ in terms of $e^{i\theta}$ and $e^{-i\theta}$, show that

$$\sin^6 \theta \equiv -\frac{1}{32}(\cos 6\theta - 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta - 10). \quad [5]$$

(ii) Replace θ by $(\frac{1}{2}\pi - \theta)$ in the identity in part (i) to obtain a similar identity for $\cos^6 \theta$. [3]

(iii) Hence find the exact value of $\int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} (\sin^6 \theta - \cos^6 \theta) d\theta$. [4]

Q4, (Jan 2010, Q7)

(i) Solve the equation $\cos 6\theta = 0$, for $0 < \theta < \pi$. [3]

(ii) By using de Moivre's theorem, show that

$$\cos 6\theta \equiv (2 \cos^2 \theta - 1)(16 \cos^4 \theta - 16 \cos^2 \theta + 1). \quad [5]$$

(iii) Hence find the exact value of

$$\cos\left(\frac{1}{12}\pi\right) \cos\left(\frac{5}{12}\pi\right) \cos\left(\frac{7}{12}\pi\right) \cos\left(\frac{11}{12}\pi\right),$$

justifying your answer. [5]

Q5, (Jun 2013, Q8)

(i) Use de Moivre's theorem to show that $\cos 5\theta \equiv 16 \cos^5 \theta - 20 \cos^3 \theta + 5 \cos \theta$. [5]

(ii) Hence find the roots of $16x^4 - 20x^2 + 5 = 0$ in the form $\cos \alpha$ where $0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$. [4]

(iii) Hence find the exact value of $\cos \frac{1}{10}\pi$. [3]

Q6, (Jan 2013, Q7)

Let $S = e^{i\theta} + e^{2i\theta} + e^{3i\theta} + \dots + e^{10i\theta}$.

(i) (a) Show that, for $\theta \neq 2n\pi$, where n is an integer,

$$S = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}i\theta}(e^{10i\theta} - 1)}{2i \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)}. \quad [4]$$

(b) State the value of S for $\theta = 2n\pi$, where n is an integer. [1]

(ii) Hence show that, for $\theta \neq 2n\pi$, where n is an integer,

$$\cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta + \dots + \cos 10\theta = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{21}{2}\theta\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta\right)} - \frac{1}{2}. \quad [3]$$

(iii) Hence show that $\theta = \frac{1}{11}\pi$ is a root of $\cos \theta + \cos 2\theta + \cos 3\theta + \dots + \cos 10\theta = 0$ and find another root in the interval $0 < \theta < \frac{1}{4}\pi$. [4]

Q7, (Jun 2014, Q7)

(i) By expressing $\sin \theta$ in terms of $e^{i\theta}$ and $e^{-i\theta}$, show that

$$\sin^5 \theta \equiv \frac{1}{16}(\sin 5\theta - 5 \sin 3\theta + 10 \sin \theta). \quad [4]$$

(ii) Hence solve the equation

$$\sin 5\theta + 4 \sin \theta = 5 \sin 3\theta$$

$$\text{for } -\frac{1}{2}\pi \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}\pi. \quad [4]$$

Q8, (Jun 2016, Q7)

(i) Use de Moivre's theorem to show that

$$\sin 6\theta \equiv \cos \theta(6 \sin \theta - 32 \sin^3 \theta + 32 \sin^5 \theta). \quad [5]$$

(ii) Hence show that, for $\sin 2\theta \neq 0$,

$$-1 \leq \frac{\sin 6\theta}{\sin 2\theta} < 3. \quad [7]$$

Q9, (Jun 2017, Q7)

(i) By expressing $\cos \theta$ in terms of $e^{i\theta}$ show that

$$\cos^6 \theta = \frac{1}{32}(\cos 6\theta + 6 \cos 4\theta + 15 \cos 2\theta + 10). \quad [4]$$

(ii) Hence solve, for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$,

$$\cos 6\theta + 6 \cos 4\theta + 2 \cos 2\theta = 3. \quad [5]$$