

Chapter **5**

COMPLEX NUMBERS AND QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

De Moivre's theorem:

- 1) $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$, where 'n' is an integer.
- 2) $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-n} = \cos(n\theta) - i \sin(n\theta)$
- 3) $(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta - i \sin(n\theta)$
- 4) $(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)^{-n} = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$

Note:

- 1) $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta = \text{cis } \theta$
- 2) $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \text{cis}(n\theta)$
- 3) $\cos \theta + i \sin \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta - i \sin \theta}$
- 4) $\text{cis } \theta_1 \cdot \text{cis } \theta_2 = \text{cis}(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$
- 5) $\frac{\text{cis } \theta_1}{\text{cis } \theta_2} = \text{cis}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$

Problem:

If $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = \sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma$, prove that

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = \frac{3}{2} = \sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma.$$

Sol.

Let $a = \text{cis } \alpha$

$$\mathbf{b} = \text{cis } \beta$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \text{cis } \gamma$$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \text{cis}(\alpha) + \text{cis}(\beta) + \text{cis}(\gamma)$$

$$= (\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) + (\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) + (\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma)$$

$$= (\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma) + i(\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma)$$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0} + i \cdot \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{Also, } \frac{1}{\mathbf{a}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{b}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{c}} = \frac{1}{\text{cis } \alpha} + \frac{1}{\text{cis } \beta} + \frac{1}{\text{cis } \gamma}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{a}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{b}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{c}} = \text{cis}(-\alpha) + \text{cis}(-\beta) + \text{cis}(-\gamma)$$

$$= (\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma) - i(\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma)$$

$$= \mathbf{0} - i \cdot \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mathbf{a}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{b}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{c}} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$$

Squaring on both sides,

$$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})^2 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2 + 2(\mathbf{ab} + \mathbf{bc} + \mathbf{ca}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2 = -2\mathbf{abc} \left(\frac{1}{\mathbf{a}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{b}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{c}} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2 = -2\mathbf{abc}(\mathbf{0}) \quad \left(\because \frac{1}{\mathbf{a}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{b}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{c}} = \mathbf{0} \right)$$

$$(\text{cis } \alpha)^2 + (\text{cis } \beta)^2 + (\text{cis } \gamma)^2 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$(\cos 2\alpha + i \sin 2\alpha) + (\cos 2\beta + i \sin 2\beta) + (\cos 2\gamma + i \sin 2\gamma) = \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} + i \cdot \mathbf{0}$$

Equating real part on R.H.S

$$\cos 2\alpha + \cos 2\beta + \cos 2\gamma = 0$$

$$2\cos^2 \alpha - 1 + 2\cos^2 \beta - 1 + 2\cos^2 \gamma - 1 = 0$$

$$2(\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma) = 3$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 3/2$$

Again, $\cos 2\alpha + \cos 2\beta + \cos 2\gamma = 0$

$$1 - 2\sin^2 \alpha + 1 - 2\sin^2 \beta + 1 - 2\sin^2 \gamma = 0$$

$$3 - 2(\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma) = 0$$

$$3 = 2(\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma)$$

$$\therefore \sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 3/2$$

Hence proved.

