

Solved Past Papers

(From 2017, 2021)

Short Answers

(1) (2017, 18)

Solve the equation $2x^2 + 7x + 5 = 0$

By Factorization

$$2x^2 + 5x + 2x + 5 = 0.$$

$$x(2x + 5) + 1(2x + 5) = 0.$$

$$(x + 1)(2x + 5) = 0.$$

$$x + 1 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = -1}$$

$$, 2x + 5 = 0.$$

$$, 2x = -5$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{5}{2}}$$

(2)

Find multiplicative inverse of $\frac{7}{i-5}$

Multiplicative inverse:

$$= \frac{7}{i-5} \times \frac{i+5}{i+5}$$

$$= \frac{7(i+5)}{(i-5)(i+5)}$$

$$= \frac{7i+35}{(i)^2 - (5)^2}$$

$$= \frac{7i+35}{-1-25}$$

$$= \frac{+7i+35}{-26}$$

$$= \frac{7i}{-26} + \frac{35}{-26}$$

(3) (2018, 20)

The roots of $x^2 + Kx + 9 = 0$ are equal - Find K?

$$x^2 + Kx + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1, b = K \text{ \& } c = 9$$

Roots of given equation are equal so,

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0.$$

$$(K)^2 - 4(1)(9) = 0$$

$$K^2 - 36 = 0.$$

$$\sqrt{K^2} = \sqrt{36}$$

$$\boxed{K = \pm 6}$$

(4) (2018)

Simplify $\frac{3-2i}{1+5i}$

$$= \frac{3-2i}{1+5i} \times \frac{1-5i}{1-5i}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(3-2i)(1-5i)}{(1)^2 - (5i)^2} \\
 &= \frac{(3-15i-2i+10i^2)}{(1)^2 - 25i^2} \\
 &= \frac{3-17i+10(-1)}{1-25(-1)} \\
 &= \frac{3-17i-10}{26} \\
 &= \frac{-7-17i}{26} \Rightarrow \boxed{-\frac{7}{26} - \frac{17i}{26}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(5) (2018)

Write two consecutive integers whose sum is 41.

Required consecutive integers are x & $x+1$

$$x + (x+1) = 41$$

$$2x + 1 = 41$$

$$2x = 41 - 1$$

$$2x = 40 \quad 20$$

$$\boxed{x = 20}$$

(6) (2019)

Define Complex numbers?

Def:- A number of the form $a+ib$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ are real number is called complex number.

Example: $2+3i, -4+5i, 5-2i, 1+i, 1-i, -2+5\sqrt{i}$

(7) (2019)

Factorize $9a^2 + 16b^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (3a)^2 - (4b)^2 \\ &= (3a+4b)(3a-4b) \end{aligned}$$

(8) (2019)

By remainder theorem find remainder when $x^2 + 3x + 7$ is divided by $x+1$

$$P(x) = x^2 + 3x + 7$$

When $P(x)$ is divided by $x+1$ then remainder is:

$$x = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(-1) &= (-1)^2 + 3(-1) + 7 \\ &= 1 - 3 + 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{P(-1) = 5}$$

(9) (2020 1st semester)

If $z_1 = 1 + 2i$ & $z_2 = 3 - 2i$ then find the value of $|z_1 + z_2|$.

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 + z_2 &= (1 + 2i) + (3 - 2i) \\ &= 4 + 0i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 + z_2| &= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (0)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{|z_1 + z_2| = \pm 4}$$

(10)

Separate into real & imaginary part $\frac{-1+2i}{4i}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{-1+2i}{1+i} \times \frac{1-i}{1-i} \\
&= \frac{(1+2i)(1-i)}{(1)^2 - (i)^2} \\
&= \frac{(-1+i+2i-2i^2)}{1-i^2} \\
&= \frac{3i-1}{1+1} \\
&= \frac{3i-1}{2} \\
&= \frac{3i}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \text{Re} = -\frac{1}{2}, \text{Im} = \frac{3i}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Long Questions

(1) (2018, 2020 1st sem)

Solve the equation $x^{1/3} - x^{1/6} - 6 = 0$

$$x^{1/6} = y \quad \text{--- put in eq (1)}$$

$$x^{1/3} = y^2 \quad \text{--- put in eq (1)}$$

$$x^{1/3} - x^{1/6} - 6 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$y^2 - y - 6 = 0.$$

$$y^2 - 3y + 2y - 6 = 0.$$

$$y(y-3) + 2(y-3) = 0.$$

$$(y+2)(y-3) = 0.$$

$$\boxed{y = -2} \quad , \quad \boxed{y = 3}$$

Now,

$$x^{1/6} = -2, \quad x^{1/6} = 3$$

$$x = (-2)^6, \quad x = (3)^6$$

$$\boxed{x = 64}, \quad \boxed{x = 729}$$

(2) (2018)

Find cube roots of 8.

let

$$x^3 = 8$$

$$x^3 - 8 = 0$$

$$x^3 - 2^3 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x^2+2x+4) = 0$$

$$x = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$$

Use Quadratic formula

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{(2)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 16}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}i}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}i}{2} = 2\left(\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)$$

$$x = 2\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}\right), 2\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)$$

cube root of 8 = 2, 2 ω , 2 ω^2

(3) (2017)

$$\frac{9}{x+4} + \frac{3}{x-4} = \frac{5}{x-8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9(x-4)+3(x+4)}{(x+4)(x-4)} = \frac{5}{x-8}$$

$$\frac{9x-36+3x+12}{x^2-16} = \frac{5}{x-8}$$

$$(x-8)(12x-24) = 5x^2-80$$

$$12x^2-96x-24x+192 = 5x^2-80$$

$$7x^2-120x+272=0$$

Using Quadratic Formula:

$$= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{120 \pm \sqrt{(120)^2-4(7)(272)}}{2(7)}$$

$$= \frac{120 \pm \sqrt{14400-7616}}{14}$$

$$= \frac{120 \pm \sqrt{6784}}{14}$$

$$= \frac{120 \pm 8\sqrt{106}}{14}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{60 \pm 8\sqrt{106}}{7}}$$

(4) (2019, 2021)

$$4^{1+x} + 4^{1-x} = 10$$

$$4 \cdot 4^x + 4 \cdot 4^{-x} = 10$$

$$4 \cdot 4^x + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4^x} = 10$$

$$2 \left(2 \cdot 4^x + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4^x} \right) = 10$$

$$2 \cdot 4^x + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4^x} = 10/2$$

$$2 \cdot 4^x + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4^x} = 5 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$4^2 = y \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{y} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Put in (1)

$$2y + \frac{2}{y} = 5$$

$$2y^2 + 2 = 5y \Rightarrow 2y^2 - 5y + 2 = 0$$

Use quadratic formula:

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(2)(2)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 16}}{4} = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{9}}{4} = \frac{5 \pm 3}{4}$$

$$y = \frac{5+3}{4} = \frac{8}{4} = 2, \quad y = \frac{5-3}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$\boxed{y = 2}$$

$$\boxed{y = 1/2}$$

Put value of y in 2 & 3

$$4x = 2, \quad \frac{1}{4x} = \frac{1}{2} = 4x$$

$$2^{2x} = 2^1, \quad 2^{2x} = 2^{-1}$$

$$2x = 1$$

$$\boxed{x = 1/2}$$

$$2x = -1$$

$$\boxed{x = -1/2}$$

(5) (2020)

Find cube root of unity.

Let $x = (1)^{1/3}$

$$x^3 = 1$$

$$x^3 - 1 = 0.$$

$$(x-1)(x^2 + x + 1) = 0.$$

$$x-1=0 \quad , \quad x^2 + x + 1 = 0.$$

$$\boxed{x=1}$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{(1)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2}}$$

cube root of unity:

$$\left\{ 1, \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}, \frac{-1 - \sqrt{3}i}{2} \right\}$$

$$w = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$w^2 = \frac{(-1 + \sqrt{3}i)^2}{(2)^2} = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{3}i - \sqrt{3}i - 3}{4} = \frac{-2 - 2\sqrt{3}i}{4} = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{3}i}{2}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{-1 - \sqrt{3}i}{2} \right\}$$

Therefore $1, w, w^2$ are cube roots of unity.

(6) (2020 1st sem)

If α & β are roots of $5x^2 - x - 2 = 0$ form an equation whose roots are $\frac{4}{\alpha}$ & $\frac{4}{\beta}$

$$\alpha + \beta = +\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\alpha\beta = -\frac{2}{5}$$

Sum of roots:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4}{\alpha} + \frac{4}{\beta} &= \frac{4\beta + 4\alpha}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{4(\alpha + \beta)}{\alpha\beta} \\ &= \frac{4(1/5)}{-2/5} \\ &= \frac{4/5}{-2/5} \\ &= \frac{4}{-2} \\ &= -2\end{aligned}$$

Product:

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{4}{\alpha}\right)\left(\frac{4}{\beta}\right) &= \frac{16}{\alpha\beta} \\ &= \frac{16}{-2/5} \\ &= \frac{16}{-2} \times 5 \\ &= \frac{80}{-2} \\ &= -40\end{aligned}$$

So equation is

$$= x^2 - 2x + 40$$

$$(7) (2021) \\ 4^x - 3 \cdot 2^{x+3} + 128 = 0.$$

$$2^{2x} - 3 \cdot 2^x \cdot (2)^3 + 128 = 0.$$

$$2^{2x} - 24 \cdot 2^x + 128 = 0.$$

$$2^x = y$$

$$2^{2x} = y^2$$

$$y^2 - 24y + 128 = 0.$$

$$y^2 - 16y - 8y + 128 = 0.$$

$$y(y-16) - 8(y-16) = 0$$

$$y-8=0, \quad y-16=0.$$

$$\boxed{y=8}$$

$$\boxed{y=16}$$

$$2^x = y$$

$$, \quad 2^x = y$$

$$2^x = 2^3$$

$$, \quad 2^x = 2^4$$

$$\boxed{x=3}$$

$$, \quad \boxed{x=4}$$