

Question 3 (7 marks)

Let $z_1 = (1-i)^m$ and $z_2 = (1+i\sqrt{3})^n$, where m and n are positive integers.

(a) Find z_1 and z_2 in $r \operatorname{cis} \theta$ form.

$$z_1 = \left[\sqrt{2} \operatorname{cis} \left(-\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]^m = 2^{m/2} \operatorname{cis} \left(-\frac{m\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$z_2 = \left[2 \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right]^n = 2^n \operatorname{cis} \left(\frac{n\pi}{3} \right)$$

(3 marks)

(b) (i) If $z_1 = z_2$, show that $m = 2n$.

$$|z_1| = |z_2| \Rightarrow \frac{m}{2} = n$$

$$\text{ie. } m = 2n$$

(1 mark)

(ii) Hence find the smallest positive integers m and n such that $z_1 = z_2$.

$$\arg z_1 = \arg z_2 \Rightarrow \frac{-m\pi}{4} + k \cdot 2\pi = \frac{n\pi}{3} \quad \text{where } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore \frac{-2n\pi}{4} + k2\pi = \frac{n\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore -6n + 24k = 4n$$

$$10n = 24k$$

$$n = \frac{12k}{5}$$

If $k=5$ then $m=24$ and $n=12$

(3 marks)