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UNIT – III

TRIGONOMETRY

SUBJECT: De Moivre's theorem and q-roots

❖ DE MOIVRE'S THEOREM:

Statement:

1. If n is a positive or negative integer then $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$
2. If n is a positive or negative fraction, then $(\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$ is one of the values of $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n$, where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof: To prove the De Moivre's theorem, we consider the following three cases.

Case 1: When n is a positive integer.

Let be $(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)$ and $(\cos \beta + i \sin \beta)$ two complex numbers.

By multiplication of complex numbers, we get

$$\begin{aligned}(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha) \cdot (\cos \beta + i \sin \beta) &= (\cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta) + \\ &\quad i(\sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta) \\ &= \cos(\alpha + \beta) + i \sin(\alpha + \beta)\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides by $(\cos \gamma + i \sin \gamma)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cis}(\alpha) \text{cis}(\beta) \text{cis}(\gamma) &= [\text{cis}(\alpha + \beta)] \text{cis}(\gamma) \\ &= \text{cis}(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)\end{aligned}$$

Continuing in this way,

$$\text{Cis}(\alpha) \text{cis}(\beta) \text{cis}(\gamma) \dots \text{upto } n \text{ factors} = \text{cis}(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \dots \text{ upto } n \text{ terms})$$

Putting $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=\dots=\theta$ on both the sides, we get

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

Thus, DMT is proved for positive integer n.

Case-2: When n is any negative integer.

Then, we can write $n=-m$, where m is positive integer.

Now,

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{-m}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta} \quad \dots \text{by case-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos m\theta + i \sin m\theta} \cdot \frac{\cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta}{\cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta}$$

$$= \frac{\cos m\theta - i \sin m\theta}{\cos^2 m\theta + \sin^2 m\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n &= \frac{\cos(-m)\theta + i \sin(-m)\theta}{1} \\
 &= \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$ when n is negative.
 \Rightarrow DMT is proved for negative integer n .

Case-3: When n is a fraction, positive or negative.

Then we can write $n = \frac{p}{q}$, where $p \in \mathbb{I}$, $q \in \mathbb{N}$.

As q is positive integer, by case-1 of DMT, we get

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{q} \text{ is one of the value of } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

Raising the power p to both the sides , we get

$$\left(\cos \frac{\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{q}\right)^p \text{ is one of the value of } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{p}{q}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{p\theta}{q} + i \sin \frac{p\theta}{q} \text{ is one of the value of } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{p}{q}}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta \text{ is one of the value of } (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n.$$

Thus , DMT is proved for any fraction n .

In this way , from the three cases above , De Moivre's Theorem follows.

➤ Example based on De Moivre's Theorem:

Question : Prove that:-

$$(a + ib)^{\frac{m}{n}} + (a - ib)^{\frac{m}{n}} = 2(a^2 + b^2)^{\frac{m}{2n}} \cdot \cos \left(\frac{m}{n} \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a}\right)$$

Solution : Let $a = r \cos \theta$ and $b = r \sin \theta$

$$\text{Then, } r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \text{ and } \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\therefore a+ib = r\cos\theta +i r\sin\theta$$

$$\therefore a+ib =r[\cos\theta +i \sin \theta]$$

Raising power $\frac{m}{n}$ on both the sides , we get

$$(a + ib)^{\frac{m}{n}} = r^{\frac{m}{n}} [\cos \theta + i \sin \theta]^{\frac{m}{n}}$$

$$= r^{\frac{m}{n}} \left[\cos \left(\frac{m}{n} \right) \theta + i \sin \left(\frac{m}{n} \right) \theta \right] \quad \dots \text{by DMT}$$

Similarly,

$$(a - ib)^{\frac{m}{n}} = r^{\frac{m}{n}} \left[\cos \left(\frac{m}{n} \right) \theta - i \sin \left(\frac{m}{n} \right) \theta \right]$$

$$\text{So that } (a + ib)^{\frac{m}{n}} + (a - ib)^{\frac{m}{n}} = 2r^{\frac{m}{n}} \cos \frac{m}{n} \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (a + ib)^{\frac{m}{n}} + (a - ib)^{\frac{m}{n}} &= 2 \left(\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right)^{\frac{m}{n}} \cdot \cos \frac{m}{n} \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a} \\ &= 2(a^2 + b^2)^{\frac{m}{2n}} \cos \frac{m}{n} \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a} \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved.

❖ The q -roots of $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^{\frac{p}{q}}$:

By De Moivre's Theorem, if n is a positive or negative fraction then $\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$ is one of the values of $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n$, where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$. But we should have n values of n th roots, to be determined as follows.

Some standard forms of 1, -1, i, -i.

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

$$-1 = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi$$

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

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

Question : Solve the equation $x^7 + 1 = 0$ by De Moivre's theorem.

Solution : Given equation is $x^7 + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^7 = -1$$

$$\therefore x = (-1)^{\frac{1}{7}}$$

Denote $z = -1$

$$\text{Then } z = [\cos \pi + i \sin \pi]$$

We know that, sine and cosine functions are periodic functions with period 2π .

$$\therefore z = [\cos(2k\pi + \pi) + i \sin(2k\pi + \pi)], \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Raising power $\frac{1}{7}$ throughout, we get

$$z^{\frac{1}{7}} = [\cos(2k\pi + \pi) + i \sin(2k\pi + \pi)]^{\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$\text{Say } u_k = z^{\frac{1}{7}} = [\cos(2k + 1) \pi / 7 + i \sin(2k + 1) \pi / 7] \dots \text{eqn (1)}$$

$$\text{For } k=0, (1) \Rightarrow u_0 = [\cos(\pi/7) + i \sin(\pi/7)]$$

$$\text{For } k=1, (1) \Rightarrow u_1 = [\cos(3\pi/7) + i \sin(3\pi/7)]$$

$$\text{For } k=2, (1) \Rightarrow u_2 = [\cos(5\pi/7) + i \sin(5\pi/7)]$$

$$\text{For } k=3, (1) \Rightarrow u_3 = [\cos(\pi) + i \sin(\pi)] = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } k=4, (1) \Rightarrow u_4 &= [\cos(9\pi/7) + i \sin(9\pi/7)] \\ &= [\cos(2\pi - 5\pi/7) + i \sin(2\pi - 5\pi/7)] \\ &= [\cos(5\pi/7) - i \sin(5\pi/7)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } k=5, (1) \Rightarrow u_5 &= [\cos(11\pi/7) + i \sin(11\pi/7)] \\ &= [\cos(2\pi - 3\pi/7) + i \sin(2\pi - 3\pi/7)] \\ &= [\cos(3\pi/7) - i \sin(3\pi/7)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } k=6, (1) \Rightarrow u_6 &= [\cos(13\pi/7) + i \sin(13\pi/7)] \\ &= [\cos(2\pi - \pi/7) + i \sin(2\pi - \pi/7)] \\ &= [\cos(\pi/7) - i \sin(\pi/7)]\end{aligned}$$

These are seven distinct roots of $(-1)^{\frac{1}{7}}$.

Thus the required roots of given equation are $-1, [\cos(r\pi/7) \pm i \sin(r\pi/7)]$
where $r=1, 3, 5$.
