

1. If the cube roots of unity are  $1, w, w^2$  then the roots of the equation  $(x - 3)^2 + 8 = 0$
- (a)  $-1, -1, -1$
  - (b)  $-1, -1 + 2w, -1 - 2w^2$
  - (c)  $-1, 1 + 2w, 1 + 2w^2$
  - (d)  $-1, 1 - 2w, 1 - 2w^2$

**Answer: (d)**

**Method (1):**

$$(x - 3)^2 = -8 \Rightarrow x - 3 = (-8)^{\frac{1}{3}} = -2, -2w, -2w^2$$
$$\therefore x = -1, 1 - 2w, 1 - 2w^2$$

**Method (2):**

Using the formula  $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a + bw)(a + bw^2)$

Here  $a = x - 3, b = 2$

$$\therefore x = -1, 1 - 2w, 1 - 2w^2$$

2. If  $\left(\frac{1+i}{1-i}\right)^x = 1$ , then  $x = ?$
- (a)  $4n$
  - (b)  $2n$
  - (c)  $4n+1$
  - (d)  $2n+1$

**Answer: (a)**

$$\left(\frac{1+i}{1-i}\right) = i \quad (\text{Taking conjugation})$$

$$i^x = 1 \Rightarrow x = 4n$$

3. One of the value of  $\sqrt{i} + \sqrt{-i}$  is
- (a)  $0$
  - (b)  $i$
  - (c)  $2i$
  - (d)  $\sqrt{2}$

**Answer: (d)**

We have  $(1 + i)^2 = 2i$  and  $(1 - i)^2 = -2i$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{i} + \sqrt{-i} &= \sqrt{\frac{2i}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{-2i}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(1+i)^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{(1-i)^2}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

4. If  $(1 + i)(1 + 2i)(1 + 3i) \dots \dots \dots (1 + ni) = \alpha + i\beta$  then  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  is equal to
- (a)  $1, 2, 3, \dots \dots n$
  - (b)  $1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots \dots n^2$
  - (c)  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots \dots + n^2$
  - (d)  $2 \cdot 5 \cdot 10 \dots \dots (1 + n^2)$

**Answer: (d)**

**Method: (1)**

Given  $(1 + i)(1 + 2i)(1 + 3i) \dots \dots \dots (1 + ni) = \alpha + i\beta$

Taking modules, we get

$$2 \cdot 5 \cdot 10 \dots \dots (1 + n^2) = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

**Method: (2)**

$$(1 + i)(1 + 2i)(1 + 3i) \dots \dots \dots (1 + ni) = \alpha + i\beta \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

Replacing  $i$  by  $-i$  we get

$$(1 - i)(1 - 2i)(1 - 3i) \dots \dots \dots (1 - ni) = \alpha - i\beta \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

Now multiplying (1) and (2) we get the result

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 10 \dots \dots (1 + n^2)$$

5. The value of the determinant, where  $w$  is the cube root of unity  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & w^2 & w \\ w & 1 & w^2 \\ w^2 & w & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is
- (a) -1
  - (b)  $w^2$
  - (c) 0
  - (d)  $-w^2$

**Answer: (c)**

**Method (1)**

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & w^2 & w \\ w & 1 & w^2 \\ w^2 & w & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Using  $c_1 \rightarrow c_1 + c_2 + c_3$

$$\Delta = (1 + w + w^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & w^2 & w \\ 1 & 1 & w^2 \\ 1 & w & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = 0$$

**Method (2)**

$$w^2 \begin{vmatrix} w & & & \\ 1 & w^2 & w & \\ w & 1 & w^2 & \\ w^2 & w & 1 & \\ w^2 & & & \end{vmatrix} w$$

$$\Delta = (w^6 + 1 + w^3) - (w^3 + w^3 + w^3)$$

$$\Delta = 0$$