

STEP III, 2016 , Q7 MS

7. Considering $(\omega^r)^n$ establishes by the factor theorem that each factor on the LHS is a factor of the RHS, and comparing coefficients of z^n between the two sides establishes that no numerical factor is required. For part (i), representing X_r by ω^r , then there are two cases to consider, P will be represented either by $re^{\frac{\pi i}{n}}$, or $re^{(\frac{\pi}{n}+\pi)i}$. The product of moduli is the moduli of the product of factors, and the product of the factors can be simplified using the stem and choosing z in turn as the representations of P to give the required result in both cases. Proceeding similarly for n odd, the first case yields $|OP|^n + 1$, and the second, $|OP|^n - 1$, if $|OP| \geq 1$, and $1 - |OP|^n$ if $|OP| < 1$. Using the same representations for the X_r in part (ii), and the same technique with the moduli, the stem can be divided by $(z - 1)$ to give $(z - \omega)(z - \omega^2) \dots (z - \omega^{n-1}) = z^{n-1} + z^{n-2} + \dots + 1$ which then gives the desired result when $z = 1$.



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7. If

$$\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$$

then if $0 \leq r \leq n-1$,

$$(\omega^r)^n = e^{\frac{2\pi i r n}{n}} = (e^{2\pi i})^r = 1^r = 1$$

M1

So $1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$ are the n roots of $z^n = 1$, that is of $z^n - 1 = 0$.

A1

Thus $(z - \omega^r)$ is a factor of $z^n - 1$

B1

Hence $z^n - 1 = k(z-1)(z-\omega)(z-\omega^2) \dots (z-\omega^{n-1})$ and comparing coefficients of z^n , $k = 1$

M1

So as required $(z-1)(z-\omega)(z-\omega^2) \dots (z-\omega^{n-1}) = z^n - 1$

A1* (5)

(i) Without loss of generality, let X_r be represented by ω^r

M1

Then P will be represented either by $re^{\frac{\pi i}{n}} = z$, or $re^{(\frac{\pi}{n} + \pi)i} = z'$ with $|OP| = r$

M1

$$|PX_0| \times |PX_1| \times \dots \times |PX_{n-1}| = \left| 1 - re^{\frac{\pi i}{n}} \right| \left| \omega - re^{\frac{\pi i}{n}} \right| \dots \left| \omega^{n-1} - re^{\frac{\pi i}{n}} \right|$$

M1

$$= |(z-1)(z-\omega)(z-\omega^2) \dots (z-\omega^{n-1})| = |z^n - 1| = |r^n e^{\pi i} - 1| = |-r^n - 1| = r^n + 1$$

A1

A1

A1*

or $|z'^n - 1| = |r^n e^{(n+1)\pi i} - 1| = |r^n e^{\pi i} e^{n\pi i} - 1| = |-r^n - 1| = r^n + 1$ as $e^{n\pi i} = 1$ because n is even.

E1 (7)

So $|PX_0| \times |PX_1| \times \dots \times |PX_{n-1}| = |OP|^n + 1$ as required.

For n odd,

$$|PX_0| \times |PX_1| \times \dots \times |PX_{n-1}| = |z^n - 1| = |r^n e^{\pi i} - 1| = |-r^n - 1| = r^n + 1 = |OP|^n + 1$$

M1 A1

or

$$|PX_0| \times |PX_1| \times \dots \times |PX_{n-1}| = |z'^n - 1| = |r^n e^{(n+1)\pi i} - 1| = |r^n - 1| = |OP|^n - 1$$

B1

if $|OP| \geq 1$, and $= 1 - |OP|^n$ if $|OP| < 1$

A1 (4)



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(ii) $|X_0X_1| \times |X_0X_2| \times \dots \times |X_0X_{n-1}| = |(1 - \omega)(1 - \omega^2) \dots (1 - \omega^{n-1})|$

M1

But

$$(z - 1)(z - \omega)(z - \omega^2) \dots (z - \omega^{n-1}) = z^n - 1$$

and so

$$(z - \omega)(z - \omega^2) \dots (z - \omega^{n-1}) = \frac{z^n - 1}{z - 1} = z^{n-1} + z^{n-2} + \dots + 1$$

M1

$$(z - \omega)(z - \omega^2) \dots (z - \omega^{n-1}) = z^{n-1} + z^{n-2} + \dots + 1$$

A1

is true for all z so for $z = 1$, $(1 - \omega)(1 - \omega^2) \dots (1 - \omega^{n-1}) = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = n$ **A1* (4)**



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