

Question

(a) Let $z = e^{i\theta}$ ($\theta \neq 0$). Prove that

$$\frac{z+1}{z-1} = -i \cot \frac{1}{2}\theta.$$

Find all the values of z satisfying $z^7 = -1$, and hence solve the equation $(w+1)^7 = -(w-1)^7$. Deduce the roots of $w^6 + 21w^4 + 35w^2 + 7 = 0$

(b) Sketch the region of the complex plane satisfying the two conditions $1 < |z| < 2$, $0 \leq \arg z \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$

Answer

$$(a) \frac{e^{i\theta} + 1}{e^{i\theta} - 1} = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}i\theta} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}i\theta}}{e^{\frac{1}{2}i\theta} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}i\theta}} = \frac{\cos \frac{1}{2}\theta}{i \sin \frac{1}{2}\theta} = -i \cot \frac{1}{2}\theta$$

Solutions of $z^7 = -1$ are

$$z = \exp\left(\frac{2k+1}{7}\pi i\right) \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 6$$

$$\text{So } \frac{w+1}{w-1} = z$$

$$w = -i \cot\left(\frac{k + \frac{1}{2}}{7}\pi i\right) \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, 6$$

$(w+1)^7 + (w-1)^7 = 0$ reduces to

$$2w(w^6 + 21w^4 + 35w^2 + 7) = 0$$

$$\text{So } w = 0 \text{ or } w = -i \cot \frac{k + \frac{1}{2}}{7}\pi i \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6$$

