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- 1. $D |-3 + 4i| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (4)^2} = 5$ 2. $D - e^{\frac{2i-\pi}{2i}} = e^{\frac{2i}{2i} - \frac{\pi}{2i}} = e^{1 - \frac{\pi i^3}{2}} = e \cdot e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}} = e \cdot cis \frac{\pi}{2} = e \cdot i$
- 3. B The product of all of the roots of f(x) is $(-1)^6 \left(\frac{-1}{1}\right) = -1$. However, note that $x^6 1 = (x^3 1)(x^3 + 1) = (x 1)(x^2 + x + 1)(x + 1)(x^2 x + 1)$. Since $x^2 + x + 1$ and $x^2 x + 1$ do not have any real roots (since the discriminant of both polynomials is -3), ± 1 are the only real roots of f(x). Therefore, the product of the real roots is -1, so the product of the complex roots is $\frac{-1}{-1} = 1$.
- 4. D Let z = a + bi for real numbers a and b. Then $-12 + 16i = z^2 = (a + bi)^2 = a^2 + 2abi + b^2i^2 = (a^2 b^2) + 2abi$, so $a^2 b^2 = -12 \Longrightarrow b^2 = a^2 + 12$. Additionally, |a| = |Re(z)| = 2, so $a^2 = |a|^2 = 4$. Therefore, $b^2 = a^2 + 12 = 4 + 12 = 16$. As a result, we see that $z \cdot \overline{z} = (a + bi)(a bi) = a^2 + b^2 = 4 + 16 = 20$.
- (u + bi)(u bi) = u + b = 4 + 16 = 20.5. C - Note that $f(z) = f(i^4 z)$ $= f(i^3(iz))$ $= (iz)^2 - e^{iz} + \cosh(iz)$ $= i^2 z^2 - \cos(z) - i\sin(z) + \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$ $= -z^2 - \cos(z) - i\sin(z) + \cos(z)$ $= -z^2 - i\sin(z)$
- 6. $D \frac{1}{2+i} + \frac{1}{2-i} = \frac{2-i}{(2+i)(2-i)} + \frac{2+i}{(2-i)(2+i)} = \frac{(2-i)+(2+i)}{(2-i)(2+i)} = \frac{4}{2^2-i^2} = \frac{4}{5}$
- 7. E a) *i* and *i* are purely imaginary numbers, but (-*i*)(*i*) = -*i*² = 1. Therefore, (a) is false.
 - b) For any complex numbers a + bi and c + di, (a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + bi
 - (b + d)i is a complex number (note that even if b + d = 0, (a + c) + (b + d)i is still complex). Therefore, (b) is false.
 - c) *i* is a complex number and i i = 0 is an integer. Therefore, (c) is false.
 - d) 0 is a complex number, and |0| = 0. Therefore, (d) is false.
- 8. B Since $(1 + i)^2 = 1 + 2i + i^2 = 2i$, $(1 + i)^{11} = [(1 + i)^2]^5 (1 + i) = (2i)^5 (1 + i) = 32i^5 (1 + i) = 32i^5 + 32i^6 = 32i 32$

9.
$$A - \cosh^2(x) - \sinh^2(x) = \left(\frac{e^{x} + e^{-x}}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{e^{x} - e^{-x}}{2}\right)^2$$
$$= \frac{e^{2x} + 2 + e^{-2x} - (e^{2x} - 2 + e^{-2x})}{4}$$

10. A – First, note that for any real number z,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| e^{iz} \right| &= \left| \cos z + i \sin z \right| = \sqrt{(\cos z)^2 + (\sin z)^2} = 1. \text{ Therefore, } \left| e^{\ln 5 + \frac{16}{\pi i}} \right| = \\ \left| e^{\ln 5} e^{\frac{16i^3}{\pi}} \right| &= \left| 5e^{-\frac{16}{\pi}i} \right| = 5 \left| e^{-\frac{16}{\pi}i} \right| = 5. \end{aligned}$$

11. E – i) The absolute value of a complex number is a real number, and all real numbers are complex. Therefore, (i) is true.

ii)
$$f(-1) = 1 \neq -1 = -f(1)$$
, so (ii) is false.

iii) Let z = a + bi. Then $f(\overline{z}) = f(a - bi) = |a - bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = f(z)$. Since f(z) is a real number, $f(z) = \overline{f(z)}$, so $f(\overline{z}) = \overline{f(z)}$. Therefore, (iii) is true.

iv)
$$f(i) = 1 \neq i = if(1)$$
, so (iv) is false.

- 12. B For $n \ge 4$, 4 divides n!, so $i^{n!} = 1$. Therefore, $\prod_{n=1}^{2015} i^{n!} = \prod_{n=1}^{3} i^{n!} \prod_{n=4}^{2015} i^{n!} = \prod_{n=1}^{3} i^{n!} \prod_{n=4}^{2015} 1 = ii^2 i^6 = i^9 = i$.
- 13. A Note that Katie's number is $\operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$ and Zach's number is $\operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$. Graphing this in the Argand plane, it is easy to see that the distance is $2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2} > 1$. Alternatively, the distance between two complex numbers a + biand c + di is |(a - c) + (b - d)i|, so the distance between Zach and Katie's numbers is $\left|\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)i\right| = |i\sqrt{2}| = \sqrt{2}$. 14. D – $\pi^{i} = (e^{\ln \pi})^{i} = e^{i\ln \pi} = \operatorname{cis}(\ln \pi)$

15. A – First, note that
$$\left(\operatorname{cis} \frac{5\pi}{32}\right)\left(\operatorname{cis} \frac{27\pi}{32}\right) = \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{5\pi}{32} + \frac{27\pi}{32}\right) = \operatorname{cis} \pi = -1$$
. Also, $e^{i\pi} = -1$ and $i^{16777218} = i^2 = -1$ since 16777218 has remainder 2 when divided by 4.

Therefore,
$$\begin{vmatrix} \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{5\pi}{32}\right) & i^{16777218} \\ e^{i\pi} & \operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{27\pi}{32}\right) \end{vmatrix} = \left(\operatorname{cis}\frac{5\pi}{32}\right)\left(\operatorname{cis}\frac{27\pi}{32}\right) - e^{i\pi} i^{16777218} = -1 - 1 = -2.$$

- 16. B Note that $|-1 + i|^2 = |1 i|^2 = |\sqrt{2}|^2 = 2$. Therefore, the points all lie on the circle $|z|^2 = 2$, which has area 2π .
- 17. E The roots of $x^4 1$ are $\pm i$ and ± 1 . Viewing this in the Argand plane, we see that it is a square with side length $\sqrt{2}$ (the Argand plane is constructed with the real line as the x-axis and the purely imaginary numbers listed on the y-axis).
- 18. D Since $2^{2015} = 4 \cdot 2^{2013}$, $i^{2^{2015}} = i^{4 \cdot 2^{2013}} = (i^4)^{2^{2013}} = 1^{2^{2013}} = 1$.
- 19. B By the definition of θ ,

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$$\theta \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{bmatrix} \right) = \theta \left(\begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ -b-d & a+c \end{bmatrix} \right)$$
$$= \theta \left(\begin{bmatrix} a+c & b+d \\ -(b+d) & a+c \end{bmatrix} \right)$$
$$= (a+c) + (b+d)i$$
$$= (a+bi) + (c+di)$$
$$= \theta \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \right) + \theta \left(\begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

20. C – By the definition of φ ,

$$\varphi(a+bi)\varphi(c+di) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} ac-bd & ad+bc \\ -bc-ad & -bd+ac \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} ac-bd & ad+bc \\ -(ad+bc) & ac-bd \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \varphi((ac-bd) + (ad+bc)i)$$
$$= \varphi((a+bi)(c+di))$$

21. E – i) By the definitions of φ and θ ,

$$\varphi\left(\theta\left(\begin{bmatrix}a&b\\-b&a\end{bmatrix}\right)\right) = \varphi(a+bi) = \begin{bmatrix}a&b\\-b&a\end{bmatrix}$$
. Therefore, (i) is true.

ii) By the definitions of φ and θ ,

$$\theta(\varphi(a+bi)) = \theta\left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}\right) = a + bi$$
. Therefore, (ii) is true.
iii) Suppose $\varphi(a+bi) = \varphi(c+di)$. By the definition of φ , this means that

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{bmatrix}$$
. Therefore, setting the elements of the matrix equal, we see that
 $a = c$ and $b = d$. Therefore, (iii) is true.

22. D -
$$\prod_{i=1}^{2015} \left(\operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{2015}\right) \right)^{i} = \left(\operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{2015}\right) \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^{2015} i}$$

= $\left(\operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{2015}\right) \right)^{\frac{2015(2016)}{2}}$
= $\left(\operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{2015(2016)}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2015} \right) \right)$
= $\operatorname{cis}(2008\pi)$
= 1

23. B – Since $\log_2(\log_3(x)) = 2$, $\log_3 x = 2^2 = 4$, so $x = 3^4 = 81$. Therefore, $i^{81} = i^{4(20)+1} = i$.

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24. A – First, note that we can the sum is equivalent to $e^{\frac{i\pi}{3}} \cdot (1 + e^{-\ln 2} + e^{-2\ln 2} + \cdots)$. Therefore, we will first find the sum $1 + e^{-\ln 2} + e^{-2\ln 2} + \cdots$. Note that for any integer $j, e^{-j\ln 2} = (e^{\ln 2})^{-j} = 2^{-j}$. Therefore, $1 + e^{-\ln 2} + e^{-2\ln 2} + \cdots = 1 + 2^{-1} + 2^{-2} + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 2$. Therefore, the original

sum equals $2e^{\frac{i\pi}{3}} = 2 \operatorname{cis} \frac{\pi}{3} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) = 1 + \sqrt{3}i.$

25. B – Note that |z - 30 + 40i| = 10 is the graph of a circle with radius 10 in the Argand plane. To see this, let z = x + yi, where x and y are real numbers. Then

$$|z - 30 + 40i| = 10$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |x + yi - 30 + 40i| = 10$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(x - 30) + (y + 40)i| = 10$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(x - 30)^2 + (y + 40)^2} = 10$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x - 30)^2 + (y + 40)^2 = 100$$

Therefore, the area inside the circle is 100π .

26. C - Since
$$e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}} = \operatorname{cis} \frac{\pi}{2} = i, i^i = \left(e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}}\right)^i = e^{\frac{i^2\pi}{2}} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

27. B - $\varphi(a, b)\varphi(c, d) = (a + bi\sqrt{5})(c + di\sqrt{5})$
 $= ac + bci\sqrt{5} + adi\sqrt{5} + bdi^2(\sqrt{5})^2$
 $= (ac - 5bd) + (bc + ad)i\sqrt{5}$
 $= \varphi(ac - 5bd, bc + ad)$

- 28. B A sixth root of unity is a root of $x^6 1$. Note that $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i = \operatorname{cis}\frac{5\pi}{3}$, so $\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right)^6 1 = \left(\operatorname{cis}\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)^6 1 = \operatorname{cis}\left(6 \cdot \frac{5\pi}{3}\right) 1 = \operatorname{cis}10\pi 1 = 1 1 = 0$. Therefore, $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$ is a sixth root of unity.
- 29. C The n^{th} term of the sequence is $\log_{2^n} 3^i = \frac{1}{n} \log_2 3^i$, which is a harmonic sequence. Specifically, it is the harmonic sequence $\frac{1}{n}$, multiplied by the constant $\log_2 3^i$.
- 30. E Since the absolute value of a complex number is a real number, we only need to worry about finding the imaginary part of $i^{i^{2014}} + e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}}$. Since $i^{2014} = -1$, $i^{i^{2014}} = i^{-1} = i^3 = -i$. Also, $e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}} = i$, so $i^{i^{2014}} + e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}} = -i + i = 0$. Therefore, the imaginary part is 0.