- 1. $D |-3 + 4i| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (4)^2}$ 2. $D - e^{\frac{2}{x}}$ $\overline{\mathbf{c}}$ $\overline{\mathbf{c}}$ $\frac{2i}{2i} - \frac{\pi}{2i}$ $\frac{\pi}{2i} = e^{1-\frac{\pi i^3}{2}}$ 2 π \overline{a} = $e \cdot \text{cis} \frac{\pi}{2}$ =
- 3. B The product of all of the roots of $f(x)$ is $(-1)^6 \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)$ $\left(\frac{1}{1}\right)$ = -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), \pm 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 $a^2 - b^2 = -12 \Rightarrow b^2 = a^2$ 12. Additionally, $|a| = |Re(z)| = 2$, so $a^2 = |a|^2 = 4$. Therefore, $b^2 = a^2$ $12 = 16$. As a result, we see that $z \cdot \bar{z} =$

$$
(a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 + b^2 = 4 + 16 = 20.
$$

5. C – Note that $f(z) = f(i^4)$

$$
= f(i^{3}(iz))
$$

= $(iz)^{2} - e^{iz} + \cosh(iz)$
= $i^{2}z^{2} - \cos(z) - i \sin(z) + \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$
= $-z^{2} - \cos(z) - i \sin(z) + \cos(z)$
= $-z^{2} - i \sin(z)$

- 6. $D \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2+i} + \frac{1}{2-i}$ $\frac{1}{2-i} = \frac{2}{(2+i)}$ $\frac{2-i}{(2+i)(2-i)} + \frac{2}{(2-i)}$ $\frac{2+i}{(2-i)(2+i)} = \frac{6}{1}$ $\frac{(2-i)+(2+i)}{(2-i)(2+i)} = \frac{4}{2^2-1}$ $2^2 - i^2$ 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 $c + di$, $(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) +$
	- $(b+d)i$ 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 $(1 + i)^2 = 1 + 2i + i^2 = 2i$, $(1 + i)^{11} = [(1 + i)^2]^{5}(1 + i) = (2i)^5$ $32i^5(1+i) = 32i^5 + 32i^6$

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

= $\frac{e^{2x} + 2 + e^{-2x} - (e^{2x} - 2 + e^{-2x})}{4}$

$$
= 1
$$

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

$$
|e^{iz}| = |\cos z + i \sin z| = \sqrt{(\cos z)^2 + (\sin z)^2} = 1.
$$
 Therefore, $|e^{\ln 5 + \frac{16}{\pi i}}| =$

$$
|e^{\ln 5} e^{\frac{16i^3}{\pi}}| = |5e^{-\frac{16}{\pi}i}| = 5|e^{-\frac{16}{\pi}i}| = 5.
$$

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 $f(\bar{z}) = f(a bi) = |a bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = f(z)$. Since is a real number, $f(z) = \overline{f(z)}$, so $f(\bar{z}) = \overline{f(z)}$. 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, $\prod_{n=1}^{2015} i^{n!} = \prod_{n=1}^{3} i^{n!} \prod_{n=1}^{2015} i^{n!}$ $\prod_{n=1}^{3} i^{n!} \prod_{n=4}^{2015} 1 = ii^{2}i^{6} = i^{9}$
- 13. A Note that Katie's number is cis $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ $rac{12}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$ and Zach's number is cis $\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ $\frac{\pi}{4}$ $\sqrt{}$ $rac{12}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ $\frac{12}{2}$ *i*. Graphing this in the Argand plane, it is easy to see that the distance is $2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ $\frac{12}{2} = \sqrt{2} > 1$. Alternatively, the distance between two complex numbers and $c + di$ is $|(a - c) + (b - d)i|$, so the distance between Zach and Katie's numbers is $\left| \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right|$ $rac{12}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ $\binom{2}{2} + \binom{1}{3}$ $rac{12}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ $\left|\frac{72}{2}\right|i\right| = |i\sqrt{2}| = \sqrt{2}.$ 14. D – $\pi^{i} = (e^{\ln \pi})^{i} = e^{i}$
- 15. A First, note that $\left(\text{cis}\frac{3\pi}{32}\right)\left(\text{cis}\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$ 5 $\frac{5\pi}{32} + \frac{27\pi}{32}$ = cis $\pi = -1$. Also, e^{i} and $i^{16777218} = i^2 = -1$ since 16777218 has remainder 2 when divided by 4.

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

- 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 $\varphi,$

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

$$
= \begin{bmatrix} ac-bd & ad+bc \\ -bc-ad & -bd+ac \end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
= \begin{bmatrix} ac-bd & ad+bc \\ -(ad+bc) & ac-bd \end{bmatrix}
$$

$$
= \varphi((ac-bd)+(ad+bc)i)
$$

$$
= \varphi((a+bi)(c+di))
$$

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

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

24. A – First, note that we can the sum is equivalent to $e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}}$ $\frac{a}{3} \cdot (1 + e^{-\ln 2} + e^{-\ln 2})$ 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, $1 + e^{-\ln 2} + e^{-2\ln 2} + \dots = 1 + 2^{-1} + 2^{-2} + \dots = \frac{1}{2}$ $1-\frac{1}{2}$ $= 2$. Therefore, the original

 $\overline{\mathbf{c}}$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, the area inside the circle is 100π .

26. C - Since
$$
e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}} = \text{cis} \frac{\pi}{2} = i
$$
, $i^i = (e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}})^i = e^{\frac{i^2\pi}{2}} = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}}$.
\n27. B - $\varphi(a, b)\varphi(c, d) = (a + bi\sqrt{5})(c + di\sqrt{5})$
\n $= ac + bci\sqrt{5} + adi\sqrt{5} + bdi^2(\sqrt{5})^2$
\n $= (ac - 5bd) + (bc + ad)i\sqrt{5}$
\n $= \varphi(ac - 5bd, bc + ad)$

- 28. B A sixth root of unity is a root of x^6 1. Note that $\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i = \text{cis}\frac{5\pi}{3}$, so $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ $rac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ $\frac{15}{2}i$ 6 $\overline{}$ 1 = $\left(\text{cis}\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)^6 - 1 = \text{cis}\left(6 \cdot \frac{5\pi}{3}\right)$ $\left(\frac{5\pi}{3}\right)$ $-$ 1 $=$ cis 10 π $-$ 1 $=$ 1 $-$ 1 $=$ 0. Therefore, $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}i$ is a sixth root of unity.
- 29. C The n^{th} term of the sequence is $\log_{2^n} 3^i = \frac{1}{n}$ $\frac{1}{n}$ log₂ 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.