

The Argand Diagram and Loci Exam Questions (From OCR 4725)

Q1, (June 2006, Q6)

In an Argand diagram the loci C_1 and C_2 are given by

$$|z| = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \arg z = \frac{1}{3}\pi$$

respectively.

(i) Sketch, on a single Argand diagram, the loci C_1 and C_2 . [5]

(ii) Hence find, in the form $x + iy$, the complex number representing the point of intersection of C_1 and C_2 . [2]

Q2, (Jan 2007, Q4)

(i) Sketch, on an Argand diagram, the locus given by $|z - 1 + i| = \sqrt{2}$. [3]

(ii) Shade on your diagram the region given by $1 \leq |z - 1 + i| \leq \sqrt{2}$. [3]

Q3, (Jun 2007, Q8)

The loci C_1 and C_2 are given by $|z - 3| = 3$ and $\arg(z - 1) = \frac{1}{4}\pi$ respectively.

(i) Sketch, on a single Argand diagram, the loci C_1 and C_2 . [6]

(ii) Indicate, by shading, the region of the Argand diagram for which

$$|z - 3| \leq 3 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq \arg(z - 1) \leq \frac{1}{4}\pi. \quad [2]$$

Q4, (Jan 2009, Q10)

(i) Use an algebraic method to find the square roots of the complex number $2 + i\sqrt{5}$. Give your answers in the form $x + iy$, where x and y are exact real numbers. [6]

(ii) Hence find, in the form $x + iy$ where x and y are exact real numbers, the roots of the equation

$$z^4 - 4z^2 + 9 = 0. \quad [4]$$

(iii) Show, on an Argand diagram, the roots of the equation in part (ii). [1]

(iv) Given that α is the root of the equation in part (ii) such that $0 < \arg \alpha < \frac{1}{2}\pi$, sketch on the same Argand diagram the locus given by $|z - \alpha| = |z|$. [3]

Q5, (Jan 2011, Q6)

(i) Sketch on a single Argand diagram the loci given by

(a) $|z| = |z - 8|$, [2]

(b) $\arg(z + 2i) = \frac{1}{4}\pi$. [3]

(ii) Indicate by shading the region of the Argand diagram for which

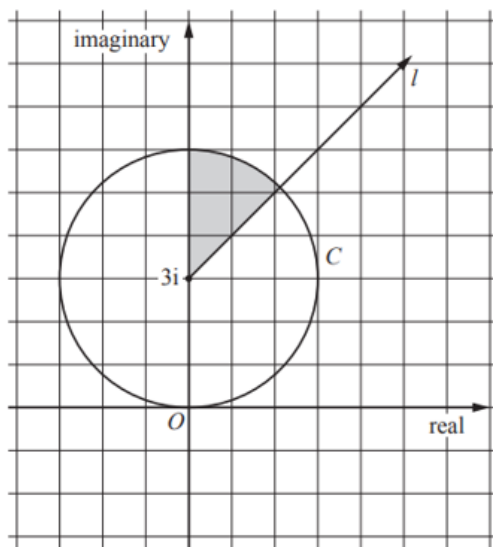
$$|z| \leq |z - 8| \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq \arg(z + 2i) \leq \frac{1}{4}\pi. \quad [3]$$

Q6, (Jan 2012, Q6)

Sketch, on a single Argand diagram, the loci given by $|z - \sqrt{3} - i| = 2$ and $\arg z = \frac{1}{6}\pi$.

[6]

Q7, (Jun 2013, Q6)



The Argand diagram above shows a half-line l and a circle C . The circle has centre $3i$ and passes through the origin.

(i) Write down, in complex number form, the equations of l and C . [4]

(ii) Write down inequalities that define the region shaded in the diagram. [The shaded region includes the boundaries.] [3]

Q8, (Jun 2015, Q5)

The loci C_1 and C_2 are given by $|z + 2| = 2$ and $\arg(z + 2) = \frac{5}{6}\pi$ respectively.

(i) Sketch, on a single Argand diagram, the loci C_1 and C_2 . [4]

(ii) Find the complex number represented by the intersection of C_1 and C_2 . [2]

(iii) Indicate, by shading, the region of the Argand diagram for which

$$|z + 2| \leq 2 \text{ and } \frac{5}{6}\pi \leq \arg(z + 2) \leq \pi. \quad [2]$$

Q8, (Jun 2016, Q6)

In an Argand diagram the points A and B represent the complex numbers $5 + 4i$ and $1 + 2i$ respectively.

(i) Given that A and B are the ends of a diameter of a circle C , find the equation of C in complex number form. [4]

The perpendicular bisector of AB is denoted by l .

(ii) Sketch C and l on a single Argand diagram. [2]

(iii) Find the complex numbers represented by the points of intersection of C and l . [3]