

**Directions:** Unless otherwise stated, the domains and ranges of all functions are the **complex numbers**. Use the principal branch for the logarithms of complex numbers and for inverse trigonometric functions.

We adopt  $i$  as the imaginary unit:  $i^2 = -1$ . For a complex number  $z = a + bi$  with real  $a$  and  $b$ , the notation  $\Re(z) = a$ ,  $\Im(z) = b$ ,  $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ ,  $\arg(z) \in (-\pi, \pi]$  will denote the principal argument of  $z$ , and  $\bar{z} = a - bi$ : the complex conjugate of  $z$ . For a complex-valued matrix  $A$ , the notation  $A^*$  will denote the conjugate transpose of  $A$  such that  $a_{kl}^* = \bar{a}_{lk}$  (apply the complex conjugate to all elements of  $A^T$ ). For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $M$ ,  $\lambda(M)$  is taken to mean the set of eigenvalues of  $M$  with (unordered) elements  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ . The symbols  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\mathbb{C}$  represent the integers, real numbers, and complex numbers, respectively. By  $\sqrt[n]{z}$ , we refer to the principal  $n$ -th root of  $z$  (e.g.,  $\sqrt[5]{-32} = 2e^{\pi i/5}$ ). The following identity will be useful throughout this test:  $e^{ix} = \cos(x) + i\sin(x)$ .

Select (E) NOTA if none of the other answer choices for the question are correct.

1. The quadratic polynomial  $p(z)$  has real coefficients. Suppose  $p(1) = 10$  and  $p(2 - i) = 0$ . Find  $p(2)$ .

(A) 1                      (B) 5                      (C) 10                      (D) 17                      (E) NOTA

2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1-i & 2i \\ 3-2i & 2+i \end{bmatrix}$ . Compute  $\det(A)$ .

(A)  $-1 - 7i$                       (B)  $-1 + 5i$                       (C)  $7 - 7i$                       (D)  $7 + 5i$                       (E) NOTA

3. Using the matrix  $A$  from the previous question, compute  $\det(A^*)$ .

(A)  $-1 - 5i$                       (B)  $-1 + 7i$                       (C)  $7 - 5i$                       (D)  $7 + 7i$                       (E) NOTA

4. If  $|z + \bar{z}| = 6$  and  $|z - \bar{z}| = 8$ , then what is  $|z^2|$ ?

(A) 100                      (B) 64                      (C) 36                      (D) 25                      (E) NOTA

5. For a square matrix  $A$ , a non-zero vector  $\vec{v}$  is an eigenvector of  $A$  with associated eigenvalue  $\lambda$  if  $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$ . Eigenvalues then, are the solutions to the equation  $\det(\lambda I - A) = 0$ , where  $I$  is the appropriately sized identity matrix. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1-2i & 4 \\ 1-i & 3+2i \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $\lambda(A) = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2\}$  and  $|\lambda_1| > |\lambda_2|$ , find  $|2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2|$ .

(A) 1                      (B) 3                      (C) 5                      (D) 7                      (E) NOTA

6. Using the matrix  $A$  from the previous question, suppose  $\vec{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector associated to  $\lambda_1$  (as defined in the previous question). Calculate  $\frac{b}{a}$ .

(A)  $\frac{1+i}{2}$                       (B)  $\frac{1-i}{2}$                       (C)  $1+i$                       (D)  $1-i$                       (E) NOTA

7. Suppose  $z$  is such that  $\arg(z + 2 - 2i) = \frac{\pi}{12}$ . Find the smallest possible value of  $|z|^2$ .

(A) 6                      (B) 8                      (C) 24                      (D) 32                      (E) NOTA

8. For complex arguments, the sine and cosine functions can take values outside the normal range of  $[-1, 1]$ . Which of the following is equal to  $\sin(z)$ ?

(A)  $\frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$       (B)  $\frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2}$       (C)  $\frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2i}$       (D)  $\frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}$       (E) NOTA

9. For  $z$  to satisfy  $\cos(z) = 2$ , which of the following must be true? Note:  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

(A)  $\Re(z) = 0$       (C)  $|\Im(z)| = \ln(2 + \sqrt{3})$       (E) NOTA  
(B)  $\Re(z) = (2k + 1)\pi$       (D)  $|\Im(z)| = 2k\pi + \ln(2 + \sqrt{3})$

10. A matrix  $A$  is Hermitian if  $A^* = A$ . Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  Hermitian matrix. Which of the following is not true?

(A)  $A$  has real diagonal entries.      (C)  $A$  has only real eigenvalues.      (E) NOTA  
(B)  $AA^* = A^*A$       (D)  $\det(A) = \det(A^*)$

11. The locus of points  $z$  in the complex plane which satisfy  $|z + 6i| + |z - 8| = 26$  forms a closed curve  $\mathcal{C}$ . Find the area of the region enclosed by  $\mathcal{C}$ .

(A)  $156\pi$       (B)  $288\pi$       (C)  $312\pi$       (D)  $360\pi$       (E) NOTA

12. The inner product is the extension of the dot product to complex-valued vectors. For two vectors  $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , the inner product is defined as  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^n u_k \bar{v}_k = \vec{v}^* \vec{u}$ . The vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are orthogonal, then, if  $\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$ .

Suppose  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ z \\ 2 - i \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 4i \\ 1 + 3i \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ , for some complex number  $z$ . If  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are orthogonal, find  $|z|^2$ .

(A) 13      (B) 17      (C) 20      (D) 25      (E) NOTA

13. A square matrix  $A$  is unitary if  $AA^* = I$ , where  $I$  is the appropriately sized identity matrix. Suppose  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  unitary matrix. Which of the following is not necessarily true?

(A) There exists a positive integer  $k$  such that  $A^k = I$ , where  $I$  is the  $n \times n$  identity matrix.  
(B) If  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  are eigenvectors of  $A$  corresponding to different eigenvalues, then  $\vec{v}_1$  and  $\vec{v}_2$  are orthogonal.  
(C) The magnitude of the trace of  $A$  is at most  $n$ .  
(D) For all positive integers  $k$ ,  $A^k$  is unitary.  
(E) NOTA

14. Which of the following is equal to  $\arg(-8 + 15i)$ ?

(A)  $\arctan\left(-\frac{8}{15}\right)$       (C)  $\frac{\pi}{2} + \arccos\left(\frac{8}{17}\right)$       (E) NOTA  
(B)  $-\pi - \arcsin\left(\frac{15}{17}\right)$       (D)  $\pi + \operatorname{arccot}\left(-\frac{15}{8}\right)$

15. For complex  $z = x + yi$  with real  $x$  and  $y$ , the value  $z$  can be represented by the matrix  $Z = \begin{bmatrix} x & -y \\ y & x \end{bmatrix}$ . Which of the following statements is not true?
- (A) If  $|z| = 1$ , then  $Z$  is a rotation matrix.
- (B)  $\lambda(Z) = \{z, \bar{z}\}$
- (C)  $\det(Z) = |z|$
- (D)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for all such matrices  $Z$ .
- (E) NOTA
16. Let  $S$  be the set of complex numbers  $w$  for which  $\tan(z) = w$  has no solution. If  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are elements of  $S$ , then find the largest possible value of  $|s_1 - s_2|$ .
- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D)  $|s_1 - s_2|$  is unbounded (E) NOTA
17. A  $2 \times 2$  matrix contains the numbers  $1, i, -1$ , and  $-i$ , in some order. Find the probability that the matrix is invertible.
- (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{1}{6}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (E) NOTA
18. Find the number of distinct values of  $0 \leq z < 2\pi$  such that  $z$  is a solution to at least one of  $z^{20} = 1$  or  $z^{25} = 1$ .
- (A) 40 (B) 45 (C) 100 (D) 500 (E) NOTA
19. Using the fact that  $e^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$ , evaluate  $\det \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n \right)$ . Hint: Use question 15.
- (A) 1 (B)  $e$  (C) 3 (D)  $3e$  (E) NOTA
20. If  $\sum_{n=0}^{2025} ni^n = a + bi$  for real  $a$  and  $b$ , find  $a + b$ .
- (A)  $-2025$  (B)  $-1$  (C) 1 (D) 2025 (E) NOTA
21. Ramanujan's constant,  $\mathcal{R} = e^{\pi\sqrt{163}}$ , is approximately equal to 262537412640768743.99999999999925. Determine which quadrant of the complex plane the complex number  $e^{\mathcal{R}i\pi}$  lies in.
- (A) I (B) II (C) III (D) IV (E) NOTA

Use the following information to answer questions 22 through 24:

The limit of a complex-valued function  $f$  at point  $c$  is defined as the unique value  $L$ , if it exists, such that for all real  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists real  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(z) - L| < \epsilon$  for all  $z : 0 < |z - c| < \delta$ . This relation is denoted as  $L = \lim_{z \rightarrow c} f(z)$ .

We say  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  if  $f(c) = \lim_{z \rightarrow c} f(z)$ , provided both values exist.

22. Let  $f(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z - i}$ . Find  $\lim_{z \rightarrow i} f(z)$ .
- (A) 0                      (B)  $i$                       (C)  $2i$                       (D) Does not exist                      (E) NOTA
23. Let  $f(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z - i}$ . If  $L = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} f(z)$  and  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{10}$ , find the largest value of  $\delta$  for which  $|f(z) - L| < \epsilon$  for all  $|z - i| < \delta$ .
- (A) 0.01                      (B) 0.05                      (C) 0.1                      (D) 0.2                      (E) NOTA
24. A function  $f(z)$  is continuous over a set  $S$  if  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  for all  $c \in S$ . Which of the following functions is continuous over  $\mathbb{R}$ , but not over  $\mathbb{C}$ ? Remember, the domains and ranges of all functions are  $\mathbb{C}$ , excluding where  $f$  is undefined. This means you should take all limits using the provided definition, even if  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (A)  $f(z) = \sqrt[3]{z}$                       (C)  $f(z) = \sin^2(z)$                       (E) NOTA
- (B)  $f(z) = \tan(z)$                       (D)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{2 + \sin(z)}$
25. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2i & 4 \\ 1 - i & 3 + 2i \end{bmatrix}$ . There exists a unique complex number  $w$  and finite, non-zero, complex-valued vector  $\vec{u}$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A^n}{w^n} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + i \\ 1 - i \end{bmatrix} = \vec{u}$ . For the limit of a sequence of vectors, take the limit of the sequences of components. If  $\vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$ , compute  $|a + b + w|^2$ .
- (A) 2                      (B) 5                      (C) 8                      (D) 10                      (E) NOTA
26. Determine which quadrant of the complex plane the complex number  $e^{ii}$  lies in.
- (A) I                      (B) II                      (C) III                      (D) IV                      (E) NOTA
27. The locus of points  $z$  in the complex plane for which  $|z - 2025 - 2025i| = \frac{|\Re(z)|}{2025} \times |2025 - \tan(\arg(z))|$  is in what shape?
- (A) Ellipse                      (B) Hyperbola                      (C) Parabola                      (D) Two lines                      (E) NOTA
28. The largest possible value of  $|1 + z|^2$ , for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $|1 + z^2| \leq \sqrt{3}$ , can be written as  $m + \sqrt{n}$ , for positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ . Find  $m + n$ .
- (A) 5                      (B) 6                      (C) 7                      (D) 8                      (E) NOTA

29. Which of the following is equivalent to  $\sum_{n=0}^{90} \sum_{m=0}^n \sin((m+n)^\circ)$ ? Hint: this is a complex numbers test.

(A)  $\frac{2 \cot(1^\circ) + 2 \cot(0.5^\circ) + \cot^2(0.5^\circ)}{4}$

(B)  $\frac{2 \csc(1^\circ) + 2 \cot(0.5^\circ) + \cot^2(0.5^\circ)}{4}$

(C)  $\frac{2 \cot(1^\circ) + 2 \cot(0.5^\circ) + \csc^2(0.5^\circ)}{4}$

(D)  $\frac{2 \csc(1^\circ) + 2 \cot(0.5^\circ) + \csc^2(0.5^\circ)}{4}$

(E) NOTA

30. Evaluate  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Re \left( \ln \left( 1 + \frac{i^{2k+1}}{k} \right) \right)$ . You may find the following information useful:

For positive integers  $n$ ,  $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ . For complex numbers  $z \notin \mathbb{Z}_{\leq 1}$ ,  $\Gamma(z) = \frac{1}{z} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^z}{1 + \frac{z}{n}} = (z-1)\Gamma(z-1)$ , and if  $z$  is not an integer,  $\Gamma(z)\Gamma(1-z) = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi z)}$ .

(A)  $\frac{\ln(e^{2\pi} - 1) - \ln(2\pi) - \pi}{2}$

(C)  $\ln(e^{2\pi} - 1) - \ln(\pi)$

(E) NOTA

(B)  $\frac{\ln(e^{2\pi} + 1) - \ln(2\pi) - \pi}{2}$

(D)  $\ln(e^{2\pi} + 1) - \ln(\pi)$