

# MA $\Theta$ Competition Team Problem Set 6

Anders Christensen, Hannah Kim, Russell Jin

November 14, 2025

**Problem 1.** What is  $(34 + 33i)(\overline{34 + 33i})$ ?

**Problem 2.** Find  $\left| \frac{7 - 24i}{4 + 3i} \right|$ .

**Problem 3.** There are 24 different complex numbers  $z$  such that  $z^{24} = 1$ . For how many of these is  $z^6$  a real number?

**Problem 4.** Define a sequence of complex numbers by  $z_1 = 0$ ,  $z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + i$  for  $n \geq 1$ . How far away from the origin is  $z_{111}$ ?

**Problem 5.** Suppose that  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are complex numbers such that  $xy = -80 - 320i$ ,  $yz = 60$ , and  $zx = -96 + 24i$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . Then there are real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $x + y + z = a + bi$ . Find  $a^2 + b^2$ .

**Problem 6 (Challenge).** Write  $\cos 5\theta$  as a function of  $\cos \theta$ .

**Problem 7 (Challenge).** Find all ordered pairs of real numbers  $(a, b)$  such that  $a + \frac{a + 8b}{a^2 + b^2} = 2$  and  $b + \frac{8a - b}{a^2 + b^2} = 0$ .