

Complex roots of unity & polynomial equations

Exercise 3.10

Find all solutions to the equation $z^5 = 2 - 2i$, rounded to three digits.

Solution Exercise 3.10

$$z^5 = 2 - 2i$$

$$z^5 = \sqrt{8}e^{-\frac{3}{4}\pi i + k2\pi i}$$

$$z = 8^{\frac{1}{5}}e^{-\frac{3}{20}\pi i + k\frac{2}{5}\pi i}$$

$$z = -0.870 + 0.870i$$

$$\vee z = 0.192 - 1.216i$$

$$\vee z = 0.559 + 1.097i$$

$$\vee z = 1.216 - 0.192i$$

$$\vee z = -1.097 - 0.559i$$