

Answer on Question #86079 – Math – Algebra

Question

Find the polynomial equation over \mathbb{R} of lowest degree which is satisfied by $(1-i)$ and $(3+2i)$.

Solution

When the polynomial equation over \mathbb{R} has an integrated root, then the conjugate number to the root is also the root. So $(1+i)$ and $(3-2i)$ are the roots of the equation.

Since we have 4 roots, the polynomial equation over \mathbb{R} of lowest degree is of the fourth degree. Then

$$(x - (1 - i))(x - (1 + i))(x - (3 + 2i))(x - (3 - 2i)) = 0,$$

$$(x^2 - (1 + i)x - (1 - i)x + (1 - i)(1 + i))(x^2 - (3 - 2i)x - (3 + 2i)x + (3 + 2i)(3 - 2i)) = 0,$$

$$(x^2 - 2x + 1 - i^2)(x^2 - 6x + 9 - 4i^2) = 0,$$

$$(x^2 - 2x + 2)(x^2 - 6x + 13) = 0,$$

$$x^4 - 6x^3 + 13x^2 - 2x^3 + 12x^2 - 26x + 2x^2 - 12x + 26 = 0,$$

$$x^4 - 8x^3 + 27x^2 - 38x + 26 = 0.$$

Answer: $x^4 - 8x^3 + 27x^2 - 38x + 26 = 0$ is a polynomial equation over \mathbb{R} of the lowest degree which is satisfied by $(1-i)$ and $(3+2i)$.