

**Advanced Higher Maths**  
**SQA 2016 Specimen**  
**Question 17**

- (a) Given  $z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ , use de Moivre's theorem and the binomial theorem to show that:

$$\cos 4\theta = \cos^4 \theta - 6\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta + \sin^4 \theta$$

and

$$\sin 4\theta = 4\cos^3 \theta \sin \theta - 4\cos \theta \sin^3 \theta.$$

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- (b) Hence show that  $\tan 4\theta = \frac{4\tan\theta - 4\tan^3\theta}{1 - 6\tan^2\theta + \tan^4\theta}$ .

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- (c) Find algebraically the solutions to the equation

$$\tan^4 \theta + 4\tan^3 \theta - 6\tan^2 \theta - 4\tan \theta + 1 = 0$$

in the interval  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

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Answers:

(a) Proof. See marking instructions.

(b) Proof. See marking instructions.

(c)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{16}$  and  $\frac{5\pi}{16}$