

(i) Show, with working, that

$$x^3 - (1 + \cos \theta + \sin \theta) x^2 + (\cos \theta \sin \theta + \cos \theta + \sin \theta) x - \sin \theta \cos \theta, \quad (1)$$

equals

$$(x - 1) (x^2 - (\cos \theta + \sin \theta) x + \cos \theta \sin \theta)$$

Deduce that the cubic in (1) has roots

$$1, \quad \cos \theta, \quad \sin \theta.$$

(ii) Give the roots when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

(iii) Find all values of  $\theta$  in the range  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$  such that two of the three roots are equal.

(iv) What is the greatest possible difference between two of the roots, and for what values of  $\theta$  in the range  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$  does this greatest difference occur?

Show that for each such  $\theta$  the cubic (1) is the same.