



2. A complex number z is said to be unimodular if $|z| = 1$. Suppose z_1 and z_2 are complex numbers such that $\frac{z_1 - 2z_2}{2 - z_1\bar{z}_2}$ is unimodular and z_2 is not unimodular.

Then the point z_1 lies on a:

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| (1) straight line parallel to x-axis | (2) straight line parallel to y-axis |
| (3) circle of radius 2 | (4) circle of radius $\sqrt{2}$ |

Answer:

Given z is unimodular i.e. $|z| = 1$, therefore $|z|^2 = z\bar{z}$ we know that multiplying complex number by its conjugate it remains same. Therefore multiplying $\frac{z_1 - 2z_2}{2 - z_1\bar{z}_2}$ by its conjugate

$$\left(\frac{z_1 - 2z_2}{2 - z_1\bar{z}_2}\right)\left(\frac{\bar{z}_1 - 2\bar{z}_2}{2 - \bar{z}_1z_2}\right) = 1$$

$$\text{or } |z_1|^2 - 2z_1\bar{z}_2 - 2z_2\bar{z}_1 + 4z_2\bar{z}_2 = 4 - 2\bar{z}_1z_2 - 2z_1\bar{z}_2 + |z_1|^2|z_2|^2$$

$$\text{or } |z_1|^2 + 4|z_2|^2 - 4 - |z_1|^2|z_2|^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } |z_1|^2(1 - |z_2|^2) - 4(1 - |z_2|^2) = 0$$

$$\text{or } (1 - |z_2|^2)(|z_1|^2 - 4) = 0$$

since z_2 is not unimodular therefore $|z_2|^2 \neq 1$

hence $|z_1| = 2$, i.e. z_1 lies in a circle of radius 2.

Correct option is (3)