

**Solution** (#72) Let  $p = m/n$  be a rational in lowest form and  $z, w$  be non-zero complex numbers. If  $\alpha \in z^p$  and  $\beta \in w^p$  then  $\alpha^n = z^m$  and  $\beta^n = w^m$  and so

$$(\alpha\beta)^n = \alpha^n \beta^n = z^m w^m = (zw)^m$$

showing  $\alpha\beta \in (zw)^p$ , i.e.  $z^p w^p \subseteq (zw)^p$ . Conversely say  $\gamma \in (zw)^p$  and take any  $\alpha \in z^p$ . Then we need to show  $\gamma/\alpha \in w^p$ . We have

$$(\gamma/\alpha)^n = \gamma^n / \alpha^n = (zw)^m / z^m = z^m w^m / z^m = w^m.$$

Hence  $\gamma/\alpha \in w^p$  and  $(zw)^p \subseteq z^p w^p$  completing the proof.