

if  $x = a + b$ ,  $y = \alpha a + \beta b$  and  $z = a\beta + b\alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are complex cube-roots of unity, then  $xyz =$

**A**  $a + b$

**B**  $a^2 + b^2$

**C**  $a^3 + b^3$

**D**  $0$

$$x = a + b$$

$$y = \alpha a + \beta b$$

$$z = \beta a + \alpha b$$

Now,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are complex cube roots of unity.

So,

$$\alpha = \omega$$

$$\beta = \omega^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}xyz &= (a + b) (\omega a + \omega^2 b) (\omega^2 a + \omega b) \\&= (a + b) \left\{ \omega^3 a^2 + \omega^2 ab + \omega^4 ab + \omega^3 b^2 \right\} \\&= (a + b) \left\{ \omega^3 a^2 + \omega^2 ab + \omega^1 ab + \omega^3 b^2 \right\} \\&= (a + b) \left\{ a^2 - ab + b^2 \right\} \\&= a^3 + b^3\end{aligned}$$