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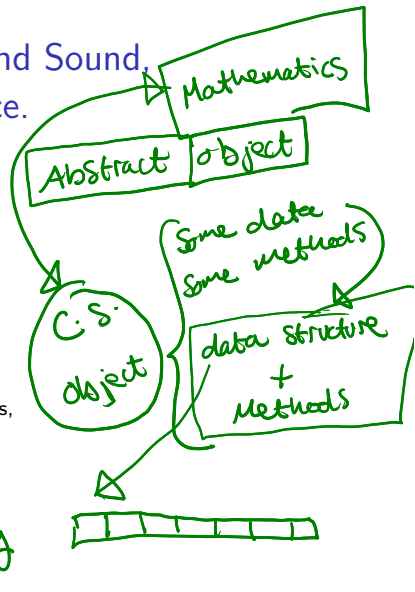
Lecture #5: Phasors

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e.g. Array
list



Complex Numbers

A kind of mathematical object!

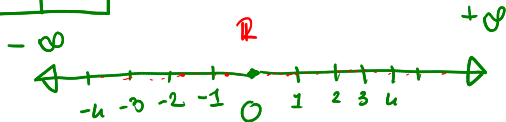
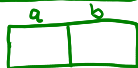
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i

$$j = -i$$

$a + bj$
 $a + bi$
 $x + yi$
 $x + yj$

$\sqrt{-1}$

doesn't exist!

Cardano

denoted it by symbol j
and considered it "imaginary".

$a + jb$
 $a + ib$

Complex Numbers

$$(xy)^2 = x^2 y^2$$

original use

$$(x+1)^2 = -9$$

$$\sqrt{(x+1)^2} = \pm \sqrt{-9}$$

$$(x+1) = \pm \sqrt{-9}$$

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$$x = -1 \pm 3j$$

$$(-1 \pm 3j + 1)^2 =$$

$$(\pm 3j)^2 = (\pm 3)^2 j^2 =$$

$$(9) j^2 \text{ and } (-9) j^2 =$$

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LHS = RHS

$$x = -1 + 3j$$

and

$$x = -1 - 3j$$

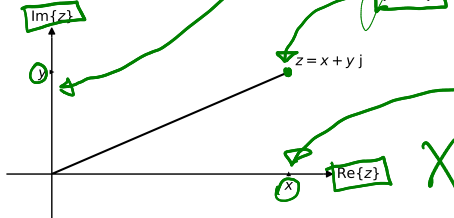
$$-9 = -9$$

Complex Numbers

used as a data structure to keep relevant data together

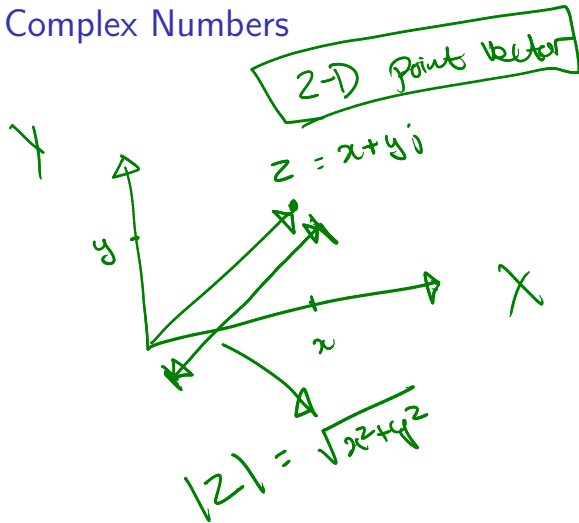
$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Re}\{z\} &= x \\ \operatorname{Im}\{z\} &= y\end{aligned}$$
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Complex Numbers



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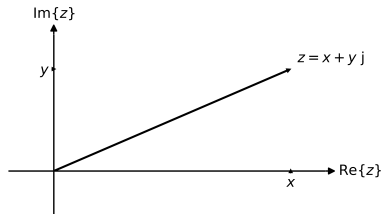
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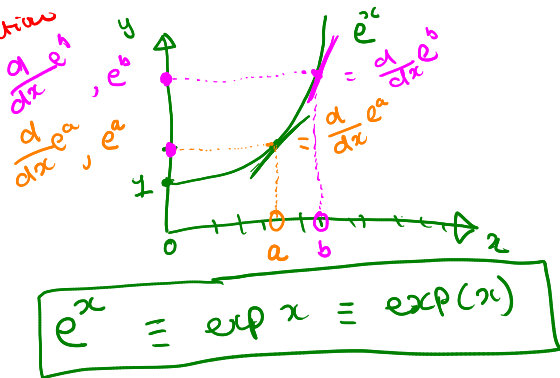
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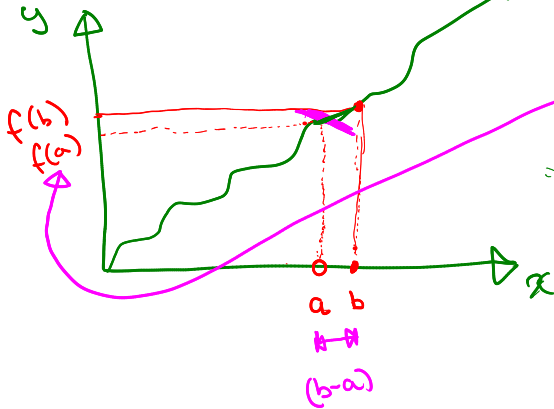
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Euler's Formula



$$2! = 2 \times 1 \quad 3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 \quad n! = n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times \dots \times 1$$

The value of any smooth function f at point b in the neighbourhood of point a can be expressed through the **Taylor Series**,

$$f(b) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(b-a)^1 + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(b-a)^2 + \dots$$

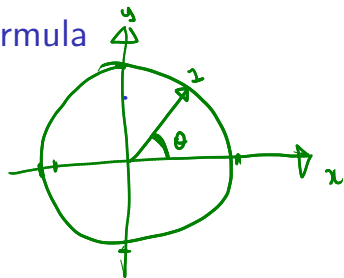
At $x=a=0$, $\frac{d}{dx}e^x = e^x = e^0 = 1$, $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}e^x = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{d}{dx}e^x = \frac{d}{dx}e^x = e^0 = 1$, etc.,

$$\text{so, } \exp(b) = \exp(0) + \frac{b^1}{1!} + \frac{b^2}{2!} + \frac{b^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$f'(a) = \frac{d}{dx} f(a)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \theta^{2n} = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \dots \\ \sin \theta &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)!} \theta^{2n+1} \\ &= \frac{\theta^1}{1!} - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots\end{aligned}$$

Euler's Formula

instead of b in the
Taylor series
expansion,
write $j\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{j\theta} = \exp(j\theta) &= 1 + \frac{(j\theta)^1}{1!} + \frac{(j\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(j\theta)^3}{3!} \dots \\ &= 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \dots + j \left(\frac{\theta^1}{1!} - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots \right) \\ &= \cos \theta + j \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Handwritten notes:
- A bracket above the first three terms of the first line.
- A bracket around the terms $1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \dots$ with the label "Real terms".
- A bracket around the terms $+ j (\frac{\theta^1}{1!} - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \dots)$ with the label "imaginary terms".
- A green arrow points from the $\cos \theta$ term in the final result to the "Real terms" bracket.
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(Hence the expression $e^{j\pi} - 1 = 0$.)

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a neat equation including all important

Phasors → Another Mathematical

object used to describe a concept → in this case, a wave

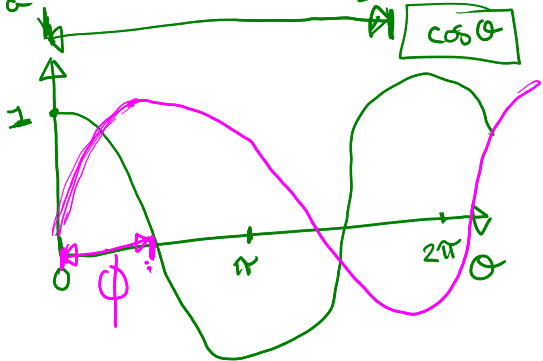
A sinusoid can be described as $A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$ in terms that are variable:

- time t , $-\infty < t < +\infty$
- angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi\nu$
- temporal frequency ν

and constant:

- amplitude A
- phase ϕ

$\nu \equiv$ the number of wave periods per unit time
 $\omega \equiv$ angular number of radians per unit time



Phasors

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$$A e^{j\phi} = A (\cos \phi + j \sin \phi).$$

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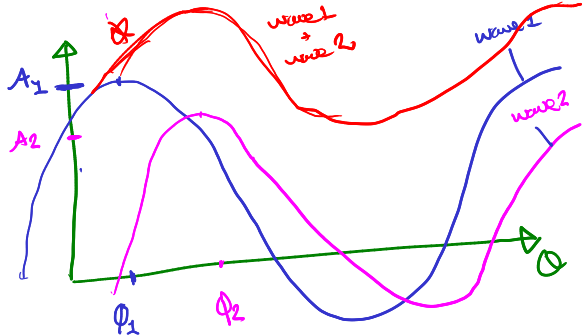
$$A e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega t} = A e^{j(\phi + \omega t)}.$$

$$A \operatorname{Re}\{e^{j(\phi + \omega t)}\} = A \cos(\omega t + \phi).$$

Sinusoid

Phasors

Allow us to sum (add) waves in a (relatively) easy way



Sum of two sinusoids with the same ang. freq. ω ,

$$A_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi_1) + A_2 \cos(\omega t + \phi_2) =$$

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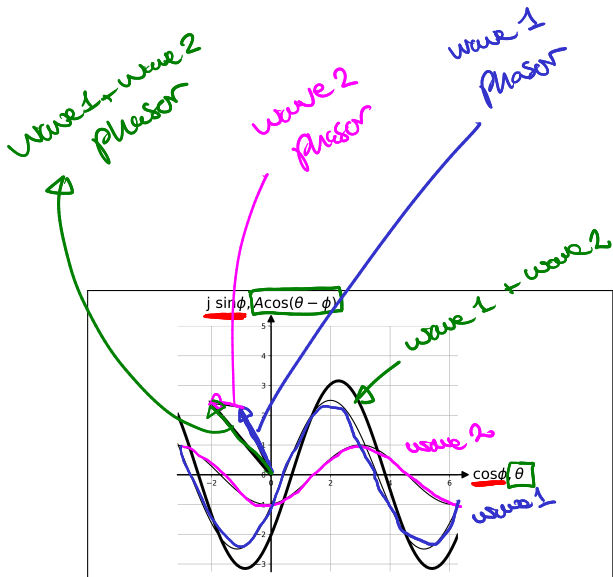
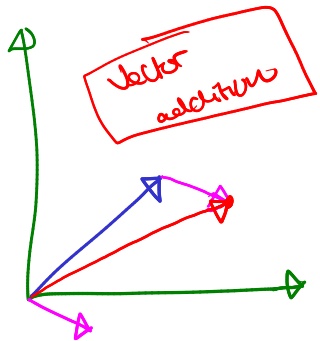
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Sum of Sinusoids
Sum of Sinusoids expressed using Euler's formula

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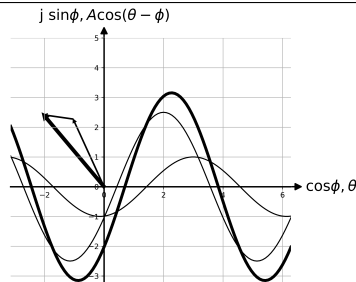
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→ we will use some of these results in later analysis!

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