

CS7GV2: Mathematics of Light and Sound, M.Sc. in Computer Science.

Lecture #5: Phasors

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Mathematical
object

Integers
Reals

wave amplitude
wave phase

2 real numbers

Object

e.g.

Array of numbers

1-D

2-D

string string int

Dog	Source	2
Cats	Furry	1

data
structures

Complex Numbers

Cardano 1600s

A complex number is expressed as the sum of a real part and an imaginary part,

$$(a) + (b)j \in \mathbb{C} \quad \text{for } a, b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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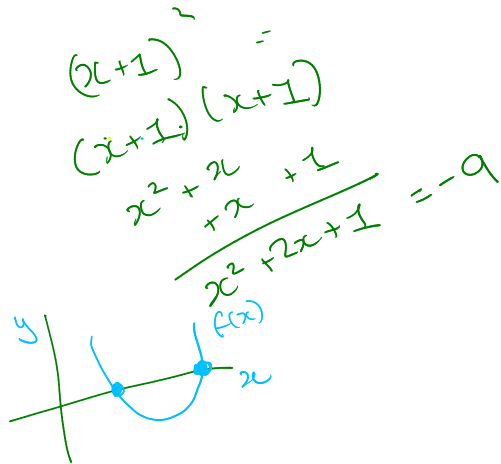
$$j^2 = -1 \quad \text{so } j = \pm\sqrt{-1}.$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} a + bj \\ \bullet \\ \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline 7.1 & 6.3 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array}$$

lateral?

Complex Numbers



They allow expressions that wouldn't be possible otherwise, e.g. roots of $(x+1)^2 = -9$ are at $x = -1 \pm 3j$.

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$$\begin{aligned}x &= -1 + 3j \\x &= -1 - 3j\end{aligned}$$

Complex Numbers

data structure
program object

A 2-D point
coordinate (x, y)
is an example of
keeping 2 numbers
together for
practical
reasons.

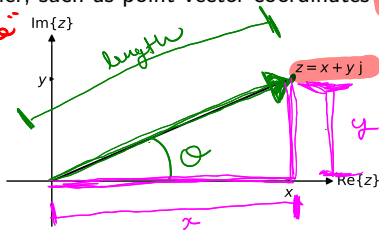
$$C^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\text{length} = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\text{length} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

They can be used to associate numbers that go together, such as point vector coordinates (x, y) .

"Complex plane"



(x, y)
 $(7, 16)$
an ordered pair

$$Z = x + yj$$

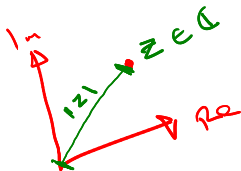
$$Z \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\text{Re}\{Z\} \rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Im}\{Z\} \rightarrow y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Also vectors length + direction

Complex Numbers



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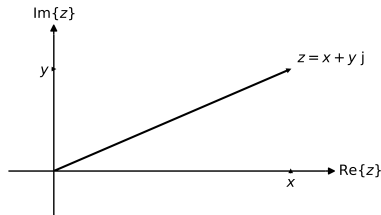
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Swiss

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$$\downarrow \quad e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta. \quad \downarrow$$

LHS RHS

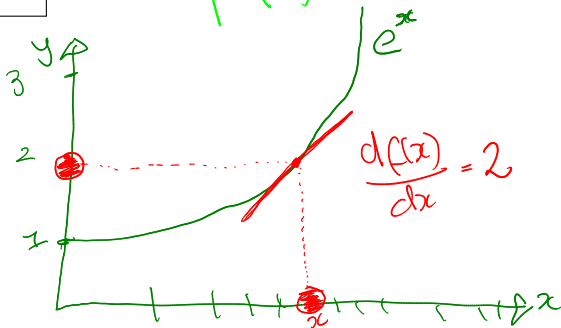
$$\begin{aligned} & \boxed{x+iy} \\ & \boxed{x+jy} \\ & 0 + \boxed{jy} \\ & = \boxed{jy} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}$$
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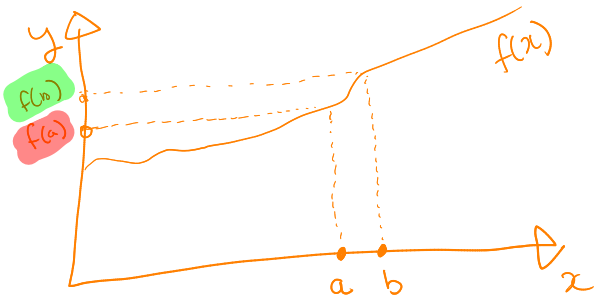
$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = e^x$$

$$f'(x) = e^x$$



Euler's Formula



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

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

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$$e^b = e^0 +$$

Euler's Formula

$$\cos \theta = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} \theta^{2n} = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \dots$$

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Euler's Formula

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Phasors

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:

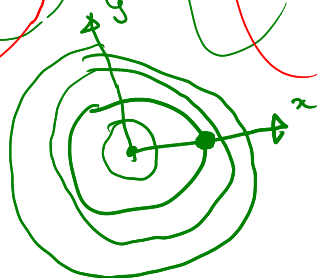
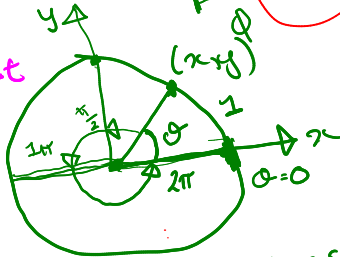
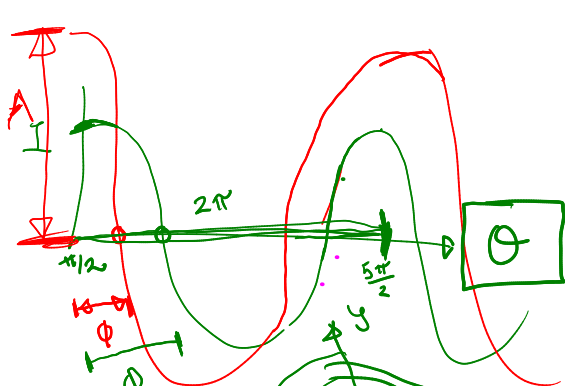
- amplitude A

- phase ϕ

2π x periods per unit time
Hz
number of wave periods per unit time
 ω omega
 ν nu
 ϕ phi

How can physical waves be different from one another?

* Amplitude A
* frequency
* phase ϕ



360 degrees or 2π radians

Phasors

$$a^x \times a^y = a^{(x+y)}$$

A phasor is used to encode the constants,

A, ϕ

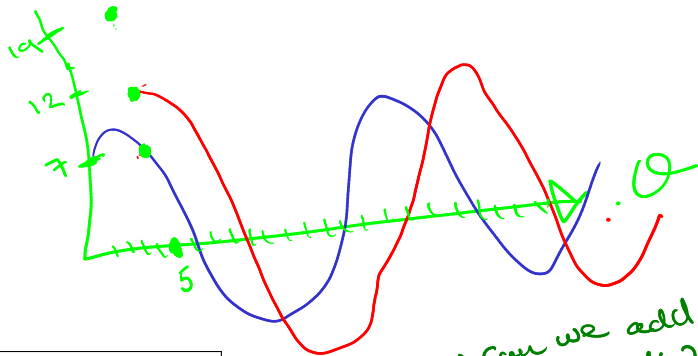
$$A e^{j\phi} = A (\cos \phi + j \sin \phi).$$

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

Phasors



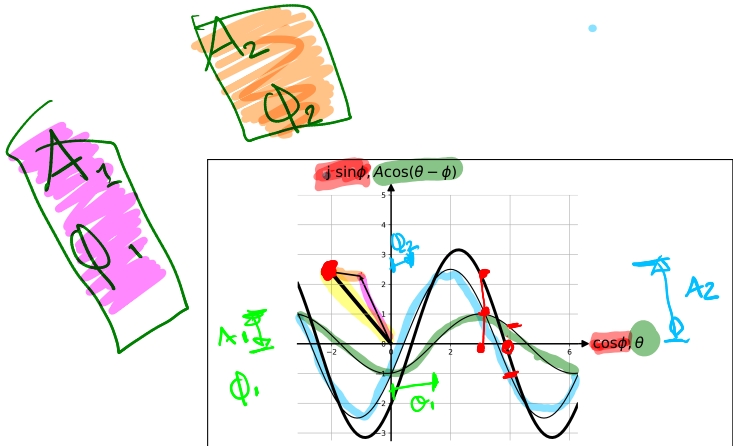
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How can we add
two sinusoids??
Numerically?

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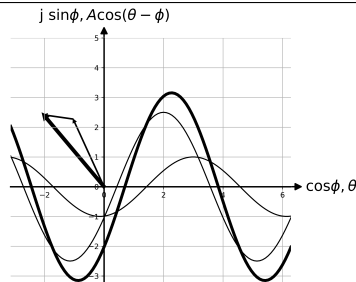
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since $j = 0 + j1 = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + j \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = e^{j\pi/2}$.

Phasor calculus

To differentiate: multiply by $j\omega = \omega e^{j\pi/2}$.

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