

Supplement: Complex Numbers

- The complex numbers consist of numbers of the form $z = x + iy$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $i^2 = -1$
 - the real part of z is x : $\operatorname{Re}(z) = x$
 - the imaginary part is y : $\operatorname{Im}(z) = y$

• We define the complex conjugate of $z = x + iy$
 $\bar{z} = x - iy$

So $\operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}$, $\operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$

• Note $\overline{z_1 + z_2} = \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2$ and $\overline{z_1 z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2$

• If $z \neq 0$, $\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{x + iy} = \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2}$ is its inverse

e.g.) $\frac{1}{i} = \frac{-i}{(i)(-i)} = -i$

• We define the magnitude of z to be $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
or $|z| = \sqrt{z \bar{z}}$

• The theory of sequences & series carries over with minor changes: $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_k = z$ if $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |z - z_k| = 0$

• A series $\sum a_k$ converges if the sequence $\left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ does, and converges absolutely if $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k| < \infty$.

- One famous absolutely convergent series is the power series

$$e^z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k / k!$$

which converges for all z . By splitting real & imaginary parts,

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

This yields natural polar representation
 $z = r e^{i\theta}$

- We can use this power series to derive common properties

$$e^{z+w} = e^z e^w$$

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos(\alpha)\cos(\beta) - \sin(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin(\alpha)\cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha)\sin(\beta)$$

• ex.) $\frac{d}{dx} e^{ax} = \frac{d}{dx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^k x^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^k \frac{d}{dx} x^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^k k x^{k-1}}{k!}$

By absolute convergence

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a \cdot \frac{a^{k-1} x^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = a e^{ax}$$