

# 1 Introduction

## Recommended Problems

### P1.1

Evaluate each of the following expressions for the complex number  $z = \frac{1}{2}e^{j\pi/4}$ .

- (a)  $Re\{z\}$
- (b)  $Im\{z\}$
- (c)  $|z|$
- (d)  $\angle z$
- (e)  $z^*$  (\* denotes complex conjugation)
- (f)  $z + z^*$

### P1.2

Let  $z$  be an arbitrary complex number.

- (a) Show that

$$Re\{z\} = \frac{z + z^*}{2}$$

- (b) Show that

$$jIm\{z\} = \frac{z - z^*}{2}$$

### P1.3

Using Euler's formula,  $e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$ , derive the following relations:

- (a)  $\cos \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2}$
- (b)  $\sin \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j}$

### P1.4

- (a) Let  $z = re^{j\theta}$ . Express in polar form (i.e., determine the magnitude and angle for) the following functions of  $z$ :

- (i)  $z^*$
- (ii)  $z^2$
- (iii)  $jz$
- (iv)  $zz^*$
- (v)  $\frac{z}{z^*}$
- (vi)  $\frac{1}{z}$

- (b) Plot in the complex plane the vectors corresponding to your answers to Problem P1.4a(i)–(vi) for  $r = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\theta = \pi/6$ .

**P1.5**

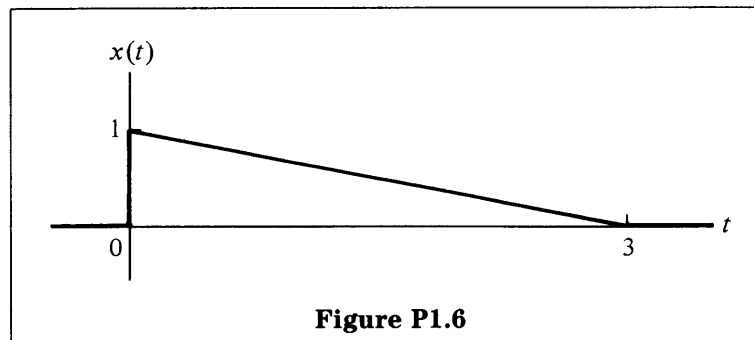
Show that

$$(1 - e^{j\alpha}) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) e^{j[(\alpha - \pi)/2]}$$

**P1.6**

For  $x(t)$  indicated in Figure P1.6, sketch the following:

- (a)  $x(-t)$
- (b)  $x(t + 2)$
- (c)  $x(2t + 2)$
- (d)  $x(1 - 3t)$



**P1.7**

Evaluate the following definite integrals:

- (a)  $\int_0^a e^{-2t} dt$
- (b)  $\int_2^\infty e^{-3t} dt$

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## Solutions to Recommended Problems

### S1.1

(a) Using Euler's formula,

$$e^{j\pi/4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + j \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + j \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Since  $z = \frac{1}{2}e^{j\pi/4}$ ,

$$\operatorname{Re}\{z\} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + j \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right\} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

(b) Similarly,

$$\operatorname{Im}\{z\} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + j \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right\} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

(c) The magnitude of  $z$  is the product of the magnitudes of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $e^{j\pi/4}$ . However,  $|\frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$ , while  $|e^{j\theta}| = 1$  for all  $\theta$ . Thus,

$$|z| = |\frac{1}{2}e^{j\pi/4}| = |\frac{1}{2}| |e^{j\pi/4}| = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

(d) The argument of  $z$  is the sum of the arguments of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $e^{j\pi/4}$ . Since  $\angle \frac{1}{2} = 0$  and  $\angle e^{j\theta} = \theta$  for all  $\theta$ ,

$$\angle z = \angle \left( \frac{1}{2} e^{j\pi/4} \right) = \angle \frac{1}{2} + \angle e^{j\pi/4} = 0 + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

(e) The complex conjugate of  $z$  is the product of the complex conjugates of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $e^{j\pi/4}$ . Since  $\frac{1}{2}^* = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $(e^{j\theta})^* = e^{-j\theta}$  for all  $\theta$ ,

$$z^* = (\frac{1}{2}e^{j\pi/4})^* = \frac{1}{2}(e^{j\pi/4})^* = \frac{1}{2}e^{-j\pi/4}$$

(f)  $z + z^*$  is given by

$$z + z^* = \frac{1}{2}e^{j\pi/4} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-j\pi/4} = \frac{e^{j\pi/4} + e^{-j\pi/4}}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Alternatively,

$$\operatorname{Re}\{z\} = \frac{z + z^*}{2}, \quad \text{or} \quad z + z^* = 2\operatorname{Re}\{z\} = 2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

### S1.2

(a) Express  $z$  as  $z = \sigma + j\Omega$ , where  $\operatorname{Re}\{z\} = \sigma$  and  $\operatorname{Im}\{z\} = \Omega$ . Recall that  $z^*$  is the complex conjugate of  $z$ , or  $z^* = \sigma - j\Omega$ . Then

$$\frac{z + z^*}{2} = \frac{(\sigma + j\Omega) + (\sigma - j\Omega)}{2} = \frac{2\sigma + 0}{2} = \sigma$$

(b) Similarly,

$$\frac{z - z^*}{2} = \frac{(\sigma + j\Omega) - (\sigma - j\Omega)}{2} = \frac{0 + 2j\Omega}{2} = j\Omega$$

### S1.3

- (a) Euler's relation states that  $e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$ . Therefore,  $e^{-j\theta} = \cos(-\theta) + j \sin(-\theta)$ . But,  $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$  and  $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$ . Thus,  $e^{-j\theta} = \cos \theta - j \sin \theta$ . Substituting,

$$\frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2} = \frac{(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta) + (\cos \theta - j \sin \theta)}{2} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{2} = \cos \theta$$

- (b) Similarly,

$$\frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j} = \frac{(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta) - (\cos \theta - j \sin \theta)}{2j} = \frac{2j \sin \theta}{2j} = \sin \theta$$

### S1.4

- (a) (i) We first find the complex conjugate of  $z = re^{j\theta}$ . From Euler's relation,  $re^{j\theta} = r \cos \theta + jr \sin \theta = z$ . Thus,

$$z^* = r \cos \theta - jr \sin \theta = r \cos \theta + jr(-\sin \theta)$$

But  $\cos \theta = \cos(-\theta)$  and  $-\sin \theta = \sin(-\theta)$ . Thus,

$$z^* = r \cos(-\theta) + jr \sin(-\theta) = re^{-j\theta}$$

$$(ii) \quad z^2 = (re^{j\theta})^2 = r^2(e^{j\theta})^2 = r^2e^{j2\theta}$$

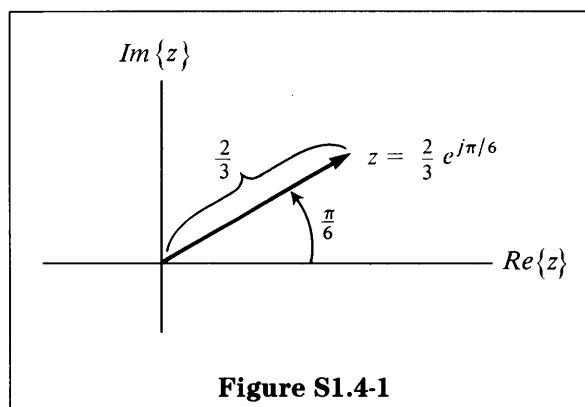
$$(iii) \quad jz = e^{j\pi/2}re^{j\theta} = re^{j[\theta + (\pi/2)]}$$

$$(iv) \quad zz^* = (re^{j\theta})(re^{-j\theta}) = r^2e^{j(\theta-\theta)} = r^2 \cdot 1$$

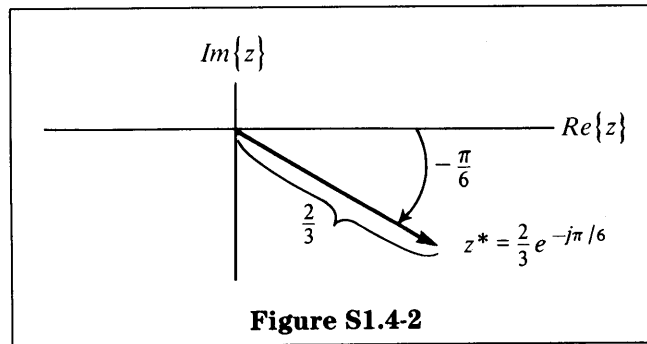
$$(v) \quad \frac{z}{z^*} = \frac{re^{j\theta}}{re^{-j\theta}} = e^{j(\theta+\theta)} = e^{j2\theta}$$

$$(vi) \quad \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{re^{j\theta}} = \frac{1}{r}e^{-j\theta}$$

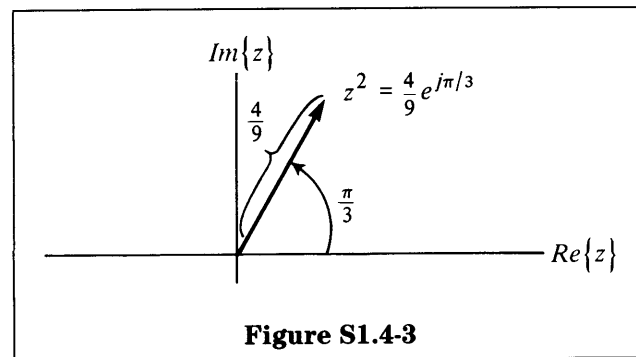
- (b) From part (a), we directly plot the result in Figure S1.4-1, noting that for  $z = re^{j\theta}$ ,  $r$  is the radial distance to the origin and  $\theta$  is the angle counterclockwise subtended by the vector with the positive real axis.



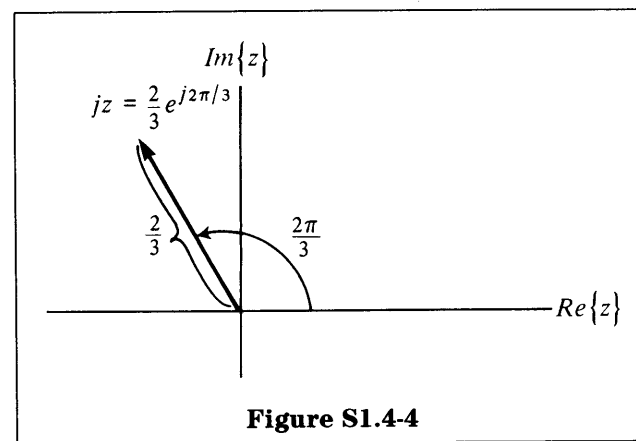
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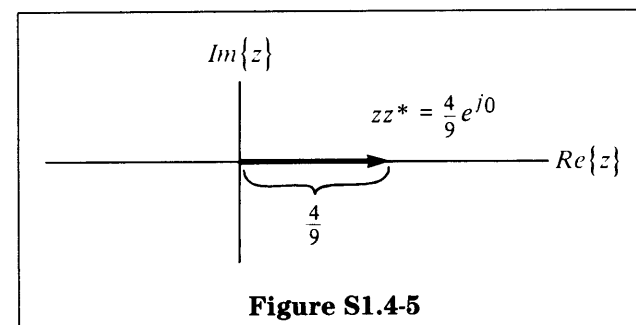
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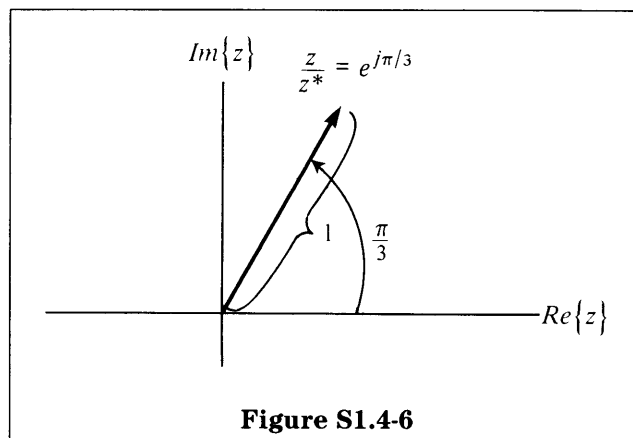
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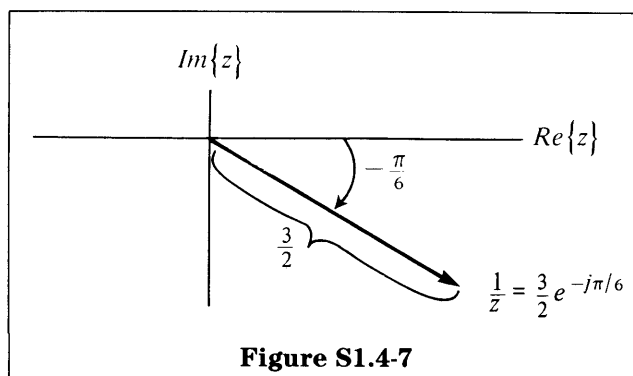
(iv)



(v)



(vi)



## S1.5

This problem shows a useful manipulation. Multiply by  $e^{+j\alpha/2}e^{-j\alpha/2} = 1$ , yielding

$$e^{+j\alpha/2}e^{-j\alpha/2}(1 - e^{j\alpha}) = e^{j\alpha/2}(e^{-j\alpha/2} - e^{j\alpha/2})$$

Now we note that  $2j \sin(-x) = -2j \sin x = e^{-x} - e^x$ . Therefore,

$$1 - e^{j\alpha} = e^{j\alpha/2} \left( -2j \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)$$

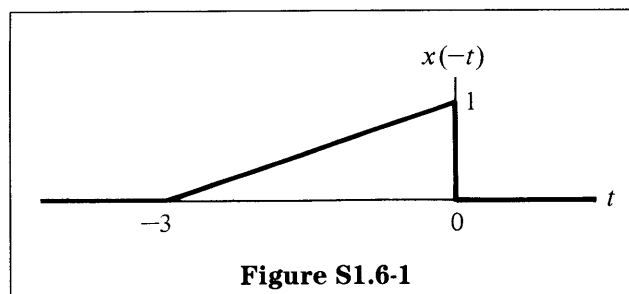
Finally, we convert  $-j$  to complex exponential notation,  $-j = e^{-j\pi/2}$ . Thus,

$$1 - e^{j\alpha} = e^{j\alpha/2} \left( 2e^{-j\pi/2} \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} e^{j[(\alpha - \pi)/2]}$$

## S1.6

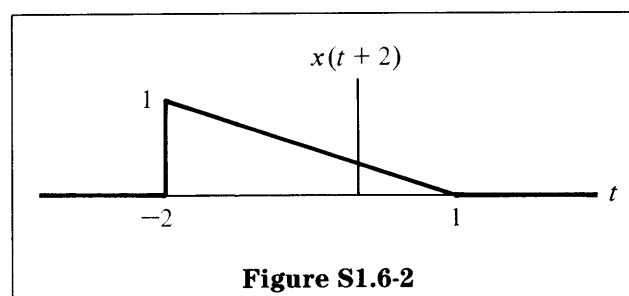
There are three things a linear scaling of the form  $x(at + b)$  can do: (i) reverse direction  $\Rightarrow a$  is negative; (ii) stretch or compress the time axis  $\Rightarrow |a| \neq 1$ ; (iii) time shifting  $\Rightarrow b \neq 0$ .

(a) This is just a time reversal.

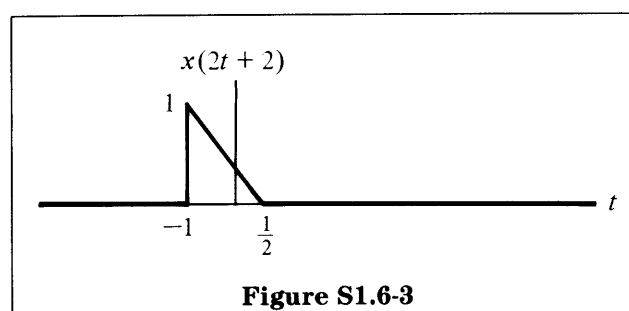


*Note:* Amplitude remains the same. Also, reversal occurs about  $t = 0$ .

(b) This is a shift in time. At  $t = -2$ , the vertical portion occurs.

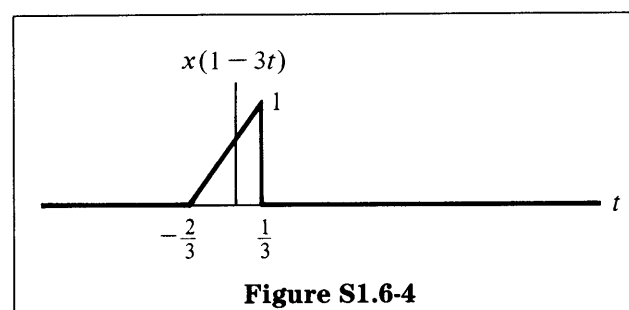


(c) A scaling by a factor of 2 occurs as well as a time shift.



*Note:*  $a > 1$  induces a compression.

(d) All three effects are combined in this linear scaling.





**S1.7**

This should be a review of calculus.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \int_0^a e^{-2t} dt &= \left. -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} \right|_0^a = -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2a} - \left[ -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2(0)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-2a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(b)} \quad \int_2^\infty e^{-3t} dt = \left. -\frac{1}{3}e^{-3t} \right|_2^\infty = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{3}e^{-3t} \right) + \frac{1}{3}e^{-3(2)}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_2^\infty e^{-3t} dt = 0 + \frac{1}{3}e^{-6} = \frac{1}{3}e^{-6}$$

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