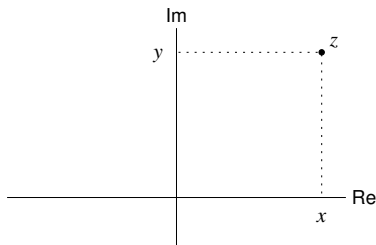


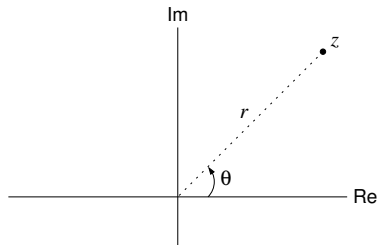
# Geometric Interpretation of Cartesian and Polar Forms



*Cartesian form:*

$$z = x + jy$$

where  $x = \operatorname{Re} z$  and  $y = \operatorname{Im} z$



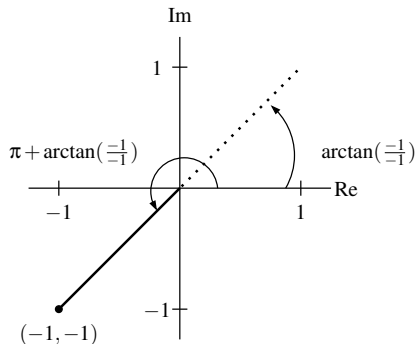
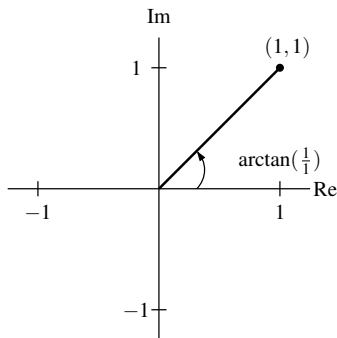
*Polar form:*

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

where  $r = |z|$  and  $\theta = \arg z$

# The arctan Function

- The range of the arctan function is  $-\pi/2$  (exclusive) to  $\pi/2$  (exclusive).
- Consequently, the arctan function always yields an angle in either the first or fourth quadrant.



# The atan2 Function

- The angle  $\theta$  that a vector from the origin to the point  $(x, y)$  makes with the positive  $x$  axis is given by  $\theta = \text{atan2}(y, x)$ , where

$$\text{atan2}(y, x) \triangleq \begin{cases} \arctan(y/x) & x > 0 \\ \pi/2 & x = 0 \text{ and } y > 0 \\ -\pi/2 & x = 0 \text{ and } y < 0 \\ \arctan(y/x) + \pi & x < 0 \text{ and } y \geq 0 \\ \arctan(y/x) - \pi & x < 0 \text{ and } y < 0. \end{cases}$$

- The range of the atan2 function is from  $-\pi$  (exclusive) to  $\pi$  (inclusive).
- For the complex number  $z$  expressed in Cartesian form  $x + jy$ ,  $\text{Arg } z = \text{atan2}(y, x)$ .
- Although the atan2 function is quite useful for computing the principal argument (or argument) of a complex number, it is *not advisable to memorize* the definition of this function. It is better to simply understand what this function is doing (namely, intelligently applying the arctan function).

# Conversion Between Cartesian and Polar Form

- Let  $z$  be a complex number with the Cartesian and polar form representations given respectively by

$$z = x + jy \quad \text{and} \quad z = re^{j\theta}.$$

- To convert from *polar to Cartesian* form, we use the following identities:

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad y = r \sin \theta.$$

- To convert from *Cartesian to polar* form, we use the following identities:

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \text{atan2}(y, x) + 2\pi k,$$

where  $k$  is an arbitrary integer.

- Since the `atan2` function simply amounts to the intelligent application of the `arctan` function, instead of memorizing the definition of the `atan2` function, one should simply *understand* how to use the `arctan` function to achieve the same result.

# Properties of Complex Numbers

- For complex numbers, addition and multiplication are *commutative*. That is, for any two complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ ,

$$z_1 + z_2 = z_2 + z_1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$z_1 z_2 = z_2 z_1.$$

- For complex numbers, addition and multiplication are *associative*. That is, for any three complex numbers  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$ , and  $z_3$ ,

$$(z_1 + z_2) + z_3 = z_1 + (z_2 + z_3) \quad \text{and}$$

$$(z_1 z_2) z_3 = z_1 (z_2 z_3).$$

- For complex numbers, the *distributive* property holds. That is, for any three complex numbers  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$ , and  $z_3$ ,

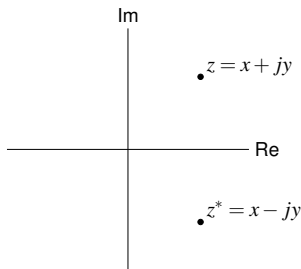
$$z_1(z_2 + z_3) = z_1 z_2 + z_1 z_3.$$

# Conjugation

- The **conjugate** of the complex number  $z = x + jy$  is denoted as  $z^*$  and defined as

$$z^* = x - jy.$$

- Geometrically, the conjugation operation reflects a point in the complex plane about the real axis.
- The geometric interpretation of the conjugate is illustrated below.



- For every complex number  $z$ , the following identities hold:

$$|z^*| = |z|,$$

$$\arg z^* = -\arg z,$$

$$zz^* = |z|^2,$$

$$\operatorname{Re} z = \frac{1}{2}(z + z^*), \quad \text{and}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} z = \frac{1}{2j}(z - z^*).$$

- For all complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , the following identities hold:

$$(z_1 + z_2)^* = z_1^* + z_2^*,$$

$$(z_1 z_2)^* = z_1^* z_2^*, \quad \text{and}$$

$$(z_1 / z_2)^* = z_1^* / z_2^*.$$

- **Cartesian form:** Let  $z_1 = x_1 + jy_1$  and  $z_2 = x_2 + jy_2$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 + z_2 &= (x_1 + jy_1) + (x_2 + jy_2) \\&= (x_1 + x_2) + j(y_1 + y_2).\end{aligned}$$

- That is, to add complex numbers expressed in Cartesian form, we simply add their real parts and add their imaginary parts.
- **Polar form:** Let  $z_1 = r_1 e^{j\theta_1}$  and  $z_2 = r_2 e^{j\theta_2}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 + z_2 &= r_1 e^{j\theta_1} + r_2 e^{j\theta_2} \\&= (r_1 \cos \theta_1 + jr_1 \sin \theta_1) + (r_2 \cos \theta_2 + jr_2 \sin \theta_2) \\&= (r_1 \cos \theta_1 + r_2 \cos \theta_2) + j(r_1 \sin \theta_1 + r_2 \sin \theta_2).\end{aligned}$$

- That is, to add complex numbers expressed in polar form, we first rewrite them in Cartesian form, and then add their real parts and add their imaginary parts.
- For the purposes of addition, it is easier to work with complex numbers expressed in Cartesian form.



- **Cartesian form:** Let  $z_1 = x_1 + jy_1$  and  $z_2 = x_2 + jy_2$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 z_2 &= (x_1 + jy_1)(x_2 + jy_2) \\&= x_1 x_2 + jx_1 y_2 + jx_2 y_1 - y_1 y_2 \\&= (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + j(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1).\end{aligned}$$

- That is, to multiply two complex numbers expressed in Cartesian form, we use the distributive law along with the fact that  $j^2 = -1$ .
- **Polar form:** Let  $z_1 = r_1 e^{j\theta_1}$  and  $z_2 = r_2 e^{j\theta_2}$ . Then,

$$z_1 z_2 = \left(r_1 e^{j\theta_1}\right) \left(r_2 e^{j\theta_2}\right) = r_1 r_2 e^{j(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}.$$

- That is, to multiply two complex numbers expressed in polar form, we use exponent rules.
- For the purposes of multiplication, it is easier to work with complex numbers expressed in polar form.

- **Cartesian form:** Let  $z_1 = x_1 + jy_1$  and  $z_2 = x_2 + jy_2$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{z_1 z_2^*}{z_2 z_2^*} = \frac{z_1 z_2^*}{|z_2|^2} = \frac{(x_1 + jy_1)(x_2 - jy_2)}{x_2^2 + y_2^2} \\ &= \frac{x_1 x_2 - jx_1 y_2 + jx_2 y_1 + y_1 y_2}{x_2^2 + y_2^2} = \frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + j(x_2 y_1 - x_1 y_2)}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}.\end{aligned}$$

- That is, to compute the quotient of two complex numbers expressed in Cartesian form, we convert the problem into one of division by a real number.
- **Polar form:** Let  $z_1 = r_1 e^{j\theta_1}$  and  $z_2 = r_2 e^{j\theta_2}$ . Then,

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1 e^{j\theta_1}}{r_2 e^{j\theta_2}} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{j(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}.$$

- That is, to compute the quotient of two complex numbers expressed in polar form, we use exponent rules.
- For the purposes of division, it is easier to work with complex numbers expressed in polar form.

# Properties of the Magnitude and Argument

- For any complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , the following identities hold:

$$|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|,$$

$$\left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|} \quad \text{for } z_2 \neq 0,$$

$$\arg z_1 z_2 = \arg z_1 + \arg z_2, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\arg \left( \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right) = \arg z_1 - \arg z_2 \quad \text{for } z_2 \neq 0.$$

- The above properties trivially follow from the polar representation of complex numbers.

- **Euler's relation.** For all real  $\theta$ ,

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

- From Euler's relation, we can deduce the following useful identities:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}) \quad \text{and} \\ \sin \theta &= \frac{1}{2j}(e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}).\end{aligned}$$

- **De Moivre's theorem.** For all real  $\theta$  and all *integer*  $n$ ,

$$e^{jn\theta} = \left(e^{j\theta}\right)^n.$$

[Note: This relationship does not necessarily hold for *real*  $n$ .]

- Every complex number  $z = re^{j\theta}$  (where  $r = |z|$  and  $\theta = \arg z$ ) has  $n$  distinct *nth roots* given by

$$\sqrt[n]{r}e^{j(\theta+2\pi k)/n} \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1.$$

- For example, 1 has the two distinct square roots 1 and  $-1$ .

- Consider the equation

$$az^2 + bz + c = 0,$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are real,  $z$  is complex, and  $a \neq 0$ .

- The roots of this equation are given by

$$z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

- This formula is often useful in factoring quadratic polynomials.
- The quadratic  $az^2 + bz + c$  can be factored as  $a(z - z_0)(z - z_1)$ , where

$$z_0 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \text{and} \quad z_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

- A **complex function** maps complex numbers to complex numbers. For example, the function  $F(z) = z^2 + 2z + 1$ , where  $z$  is complex, is a complex function.
- A complex **polynomial function** is a mapping of the form

$$F(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \cdots + a_nz^n,$$

where  $z, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are complex.

- A complex **rational function** is a mapping of the form

$$F(z) = \frac{a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \cdots + a_nz^n}{b_0 + b_1z + b_2z^2 + \cdots + b_mz^m},$$

where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, b_0, b_1, \dots, b_m$  and  $z$  are complex.

- Observe that a polynomial function is a special case of a rational function.
- Herein, we will mostly focus our attention on polynomial and rational functions.

- A function  $F$  is said to be **continuous at a point**  $z_0$  if  $F(z_0)$  is defined and given by

$$F(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} F(z).$$

- A function that is continuous at every point in its domain is said to be **continuous**.
- Polynomial functions are continuous everywhere.
- Rational functions are continuous everywhere except at points where the denominator polynomial becomes zero.



- A function  $F$  is said to be **differentiable at a point**  $z = z_0$  if the limit

$$F'(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{F(z) - F(z_0)}{z - z_0}$$

exists. This limit is called the **derivative** of  $F$  at the point  $z = z_0$ .

- A function is said to be **differentiable** if it is differentiable at every point in its domain.
- The rules for differentiating sums, products, and quotients are the same for complex functions as for real functions. If  $F'(z_0)$  and  $G'(z_0)$  exist, then
  - 1  $(aF)'(z_0) = aF'(z_0)$  for any complex constant  $a$ ;
  - 2  $(F + G)'(z_0) = F'(z_0) + G'(z_0)$ ;
  - 3  $(FG)'(z_0) = F'(z_0)G(z_0) + F(z_0)G'(z_0)$ ;
  - 4  $(F/G)'(z_0) = \frac{G(z_0)F'(z_0) - F(z_0)G'(z_0)}{G(z_0)^2}$ ; and
  - 5 if  $z_0 = G(w_0)$  and  $G'(w_0)$  exists, then the derivative of  $F(G(z))$  at  $w_0$  is  $F'(z_0)G'(w_0)$  (i.e., the chain rule).
- A polynomial function is differentiable everywhere.
- A rational function is differentiable everywhere except at the points where its denominator polynomial becomes zero.

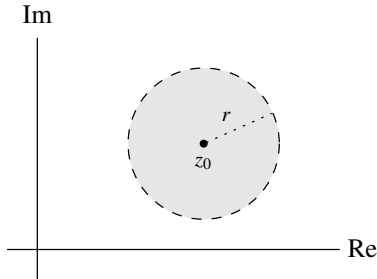
# Open Disks

- An **open disk** in the complex plane with center  $z_0$  and radius  $r$  is the set of complex numbers  $z$  satisfying

$$|z - z_0| < r,$$

where  $r$  is a strictly positive real number.

- A plot of an open disk is shown below.



- A function is said to be **analytic at a point**  $z_0$  if it is differentiable at every point in an open disk about  $z_0$ .
- A function is said to be **analytic** if it is analytic at every point in its domain.
- A polynomial function is analytic everywhere.
- A rational function is analytic everywhere, except at the points where its denominator polynomial becomes zero.

# Zeros and Singularities

- If a function  $F$  is zero at the point  $z_0$  (i.e.,  $F(z_0) = 0$ ),  $F$  is said to have a **zero** at  $z_0$ .
- If a function  $F$  is such that  $F(z_0) = 0, F^{(1)}(z_0) = 0, \dots, F^{(n-1)}(z_0) = 0$  (where  $F^{(k)}$  denotes the  $k$ th order derivative of  $F$ ),  $F$  is said to have an  **$n$ th order zero** at  $z_0$ .
- A point at which a function fails to be analytic is called a **singularity**.
- Polynomials do not have singularities.
- Rational functions can have a type of singularity called a pole.
- If a function  $F$  is such that  $G(z) = 1/F(z)$  has an  $n$ th order zero at  $z_0$ ,  $F$  is said to have an  **$n$ th order pole** at  $z_0$ .
- A pole of first order is said to be **simple**, whereas a pole of order two or greater is said to be **repeated**. A similar terminology can also be applied to zeros (i.e., **simple zero** and **repeated zero**).

# Zeros and Poles of a Rational Function

- Given a rational function  $F$ , we can always express  $F$  in factored form as

$$F(z) = \frac{K(z-a_1)^{\alpha_1}(z-a_2)^{\alpha_2}\cdots(z-a_M)^{\alpha_M}}{(z-b_1)^{\beta_1}(z-b_2)^{\beta_2}\cdots(z-b_N)^{\beta_N}},$$

where  $K$  is complex,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_M, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_N$  are distinct complex numbers, and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_M$  and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_N$  are strictly positive integers.

- One can show that  $F$  has **poles** at  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_N$  and **zeros** at  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_M$ .
- Furthermore, the  $k$ th pole (i.e.,  $b_k$ ) is of **order**  $\beta_k$ , and the  $k$ th zero (i.e.,  $a_k$ ) is of **order**  $\alpha_k$ .
- When plotting zeros and poles in the complex plane, the symbols “o” and “x” are used to denote zeros and poles, respectively.

## Part 9

### Partial Fraction Expansions (PFEs)

- Sometimes it is beneficial to be able to express a rational function as a sum of *lower-order* rational functions.
- This can be accomplished using a type of decomposition known as a partial fraction expansion.
- Partial fraction expansions are often useful in the calculation of inverse Laplace transforms, inverse  $z$  transforms, and inverse CT/DT Fourier transforms.

- Consider a rational function

$$F(v) = \frac{\alpha_m v^m + \alpha_{m-1} v^{m-1} + \dots + \alpha_1 v + \alpha_0}{\beta_n v^n + \beta_{n-1} v^{n-1} + \dots + \beta_1 v + \beta_0}.$$

- The function  $F$  is said to be **strictly proper** if  $m < n$  (i.e., the order of the numerator polynomial is strictly less than the order of the denominator polynomial).
- Through polynomial long division, any rational function can be written as the sum of a polynomial and a strictly-proper rational function.
- A *strictly-proper* rational function can be expressed as a sum of lower-order rational functions, with such an expression being called a partial fraction expansion.



## Section 9.1

### **PFEs for First Form of Rational Functions**