

Response to Complex Exponential

Complex numbers are going to come in to this lecture. We are going to solve the problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dt} &= ay + \cos \omega t + i \sin \omega t \\ &= ey + e^{i\omega t}\end{aligned}$$

We assume the solution is like

$$y(t) = Ye^{i\omega t}$$

we will find the Y by substituting this into the equation.

$$i\omega Ye^{i\omega t} = aYe^{i\omega t} + e^{i\omega t}$$

we divide everything by $e^{i\omega t}$. We get

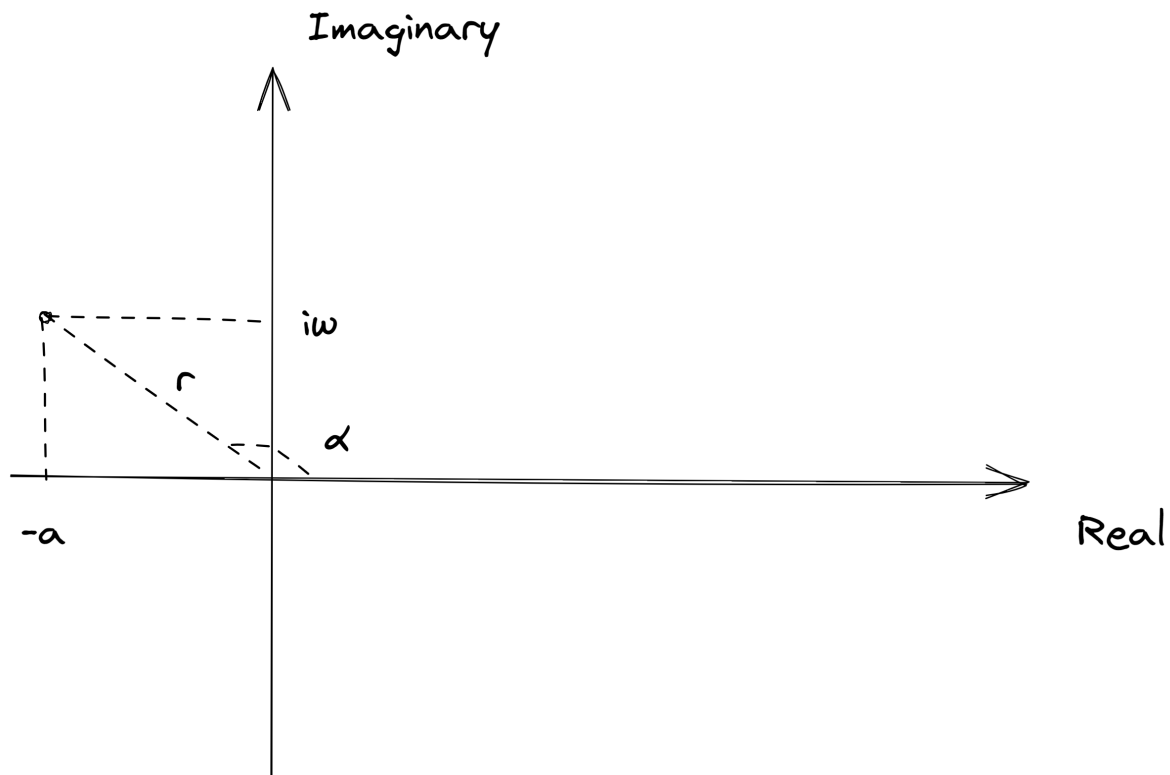
$$Y = \frac{1}{i\omega - a}$$

our idea is to use this complex solution to find two real solution.

We will take the real part of this complex solution and the imaginary part of this solution.

Note that $Y = \frac{1}{i\omega - a}$ is a really a awkward quantity that we have to get into a good form -- **polar form**

$$i\omega - a = re^{i\alpha}$$



That is called putting the number into its polar form.

$$r = \sqrt{a^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + \omega^2}} e^{-i\alpha} e^{i\omega t} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + \omega^2}} e^{i(\omega t - \alpha)}$$

Now we are ready to take the real part and the imaginary part.

Using the Euler's formula, we get the real part is

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + \omega^2}} \cos(\omega t - \alpha)$$

that is exactly what we get in the previous lecture. And the Imaginary part is substitute cos with sin.