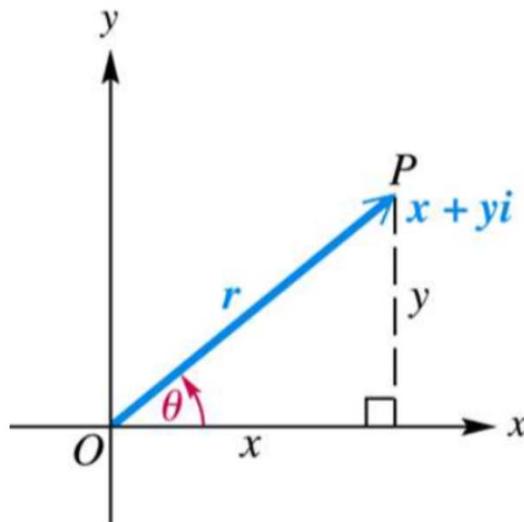


Complex Number Review

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Converting complex numbers back and forth between rectangular and polar representation



Rectangular to Polar

$$|x + yi| = r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}, x \neq 0$$

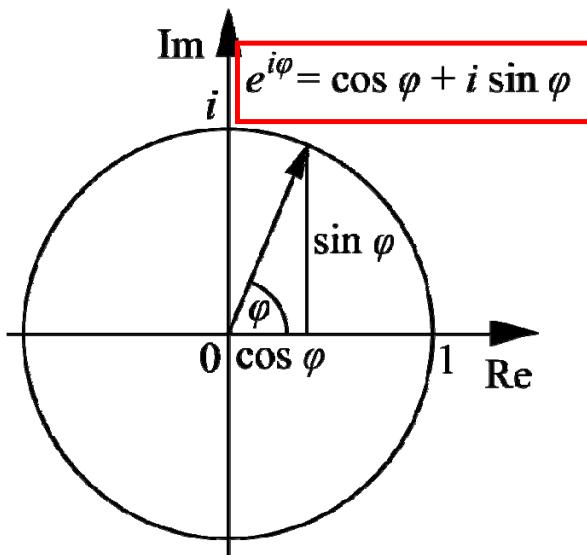
Polar to Rectangular

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

This is just trigonometry!

Euler's formula, named after Leonhard **Euler**, is a mathematical **formula** in complex analysis that establishes the fundamental relationship between the trigonometric functions and the complex exponential function.



using this definition, I can write:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= x + iy = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) \\ &= re^{i\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Some Review of Complex Numbers

Equality:

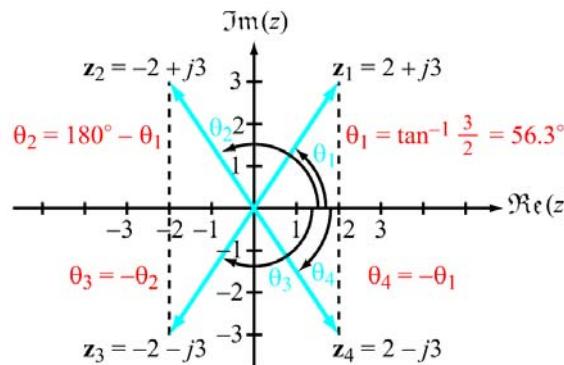
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Do you see why I can write it this way???

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = x_2 + jy_2 = |\mathbf{z}_2| e^{j\theta_2}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = x_1 + jy_1 = |\mathbf{z}_1| e^{j\theta_1}$$

then $\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{z}_2$ if and only if $x_1 = x_2$ and $y_1 = y_2$ or $|\mathbf{z}_1| = |\mathbf{z}_2|$ and $\theta_1 = \theta_2$



For complex numbers \mathbf{z}_1 through \mathbf{z}_4

Complex numbers \mathbf{z}_1 to \mathbf{z}_4 have the same magnitude but their polar angles depend on the polarities of their real and imaginary components.

Addition:

if two complex numbers, \mathbf{z}_1 and \mathbf{z}_2 are given by:

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = x_2 + jy_2 = |\mathbf{z}_2| e^{j\theta_2}$$

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = x_1 + jy_1 = |\mathbf{z}_1| e^{j\theta_1}$$

$$\text{then } \mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2 = x_1 + x_2 + j(y_1 + y_2)$$

Multiplication:

$$\mathbf{z}_1 \mathbf{z}_2 = (x_1 + jy_1) (x_2 + jy_2) = (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + j(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1)$$

or

$$\mathbf{z}_1 \mathbf{z}_2 = |\mathbf{z}_1| e^{j\theta_1} \cdot |\mathbf{z}_2| e^{j\theta_2} = |\mathbf{z}_1| |\mathbf{z}_2| e^{j(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

Division:

For \mathbf{z}_2 not equal to 0

$$\frac{\mathbf{z}_1}{\mathbf{z}_2} = \frac{|\mathbf{z}_1|e^{j\theta_1}}{|\mathbf{z}_2|e^{j\theta_2}} = \frac{|\mathbf{z}_1|}{|\mathbf{z}_2|} e^{j(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathbf{z}_1}{\mathbf{z}_2} &= \frac{x_1 + jy_1}{x_2 + jy_2} = \frac{x_1 + jy_1}{x_2 + jy_2} \cdot \frac{x_2 - jy_2}{x_2 - jy_2} \\ &= \frac{(x_1x_2 + y_1y_2) + j(x_2y_1 - x_1y_2)}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}\end{aligned}$$

This is a useful
trick for dividing
two complex
numbers
..multiply the
numerator and
denominator by
the complex
conjugate of the
denominator

Exponentiation:

For any positive integer, n,

$$\mathbf{z}^n = (\left| \mathbf{z} \right| e^{j\theta})^n = \left| \mathbf{z} \right|^n e^{jn\theta} = \left| \mathbf{z} \right|^n (\cos n\theta + j \sin n\theta)$$

Multiplication and division of complex numbers are sometimes facilitated by converting to polar representation – but it's not absolutely necessary.

For example:

$$\begin{aligned}(8 + j10)(5 - j4) \\ = 40 - j32 + j50 + 40 \\ = 80 + j18 \\ = 82e^{12.68^\circ}\end{aligned}$$

..... and after a little trig

do you see how I got this?

If we had converted the two complex numbers immediately to polar representation:

$$\begin{aligned}(8 + j10)(5 - j4) &= (12.81\angle 51.34^\circ)(6.40\angle -38.66^\circ) \\ &= 82\angle 12.68^\circ \quad \text{I get the product by multiplying the amplitudes and adding the polar angles.} \\ &= 80 + j18\end{aligned}$$

When dividing complex numbers in the rectangular representation, the following trick is often useful as we saw previously:

If, for example,

$$\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{6 + j3}{3 - j1}$$

Multiply the numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator ---- this gets all the imaginary stuff in the numerator:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{n_1}{n_2} &= \frac{6 + j3}{3 - j1} = \frac{6 + j3(3 + j1)}{3 - j1(3 + j1)} = \frac{18 + j6 + j9 - 3}{9 + 1} \\ &= \frac{15 + j15}{10} = 1.5 + j1.5\end{aligned}$$

You could have also done this by first converting to polar coordinates:

$$\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{6+j3}{3-j1} = \frac{6.71\angle 26.57^\circ}{3.16\angle -18.43^\circ}$$

$= 2.12\angle 45^\circ$ The solution is obtained by dividing the amplitudes and subtracting the polar angles.

$$= 2.12 \sin(45^\circ) + j2.12 \cos(45^\circ) = 1.5 + j1.5$$

Converting back to Cartesian representation

Like we saw before

How you do it comes down to whether you'd rather do trigonometry or algebra!

..or maybe you just press REC → POL on your calculator

Here are some exercises with complex numbers:

(a.) show $(-1+j)^7 = -8(1+j)$

(b.) show $(5j)/(2+j) = 1 + 2j$

(c.) show that $j(1 - j\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3} + j) = 2 + 2j\sqrt{3}$

What would be a good first step be in each of these exercises?

Review of Complex Numbers in a Single Chart

Table 7-2: Properties of complex numbers.

Euler's Identity: $e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$	
$\sin \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j}$	$\cos \theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2}$
$\mathbf{z} = x + jy = \mathbf{z} e^{j\theta}$	$\mathbf{z}^* = x - jy = \mathbf{z} e^{-j\theta}$
$x = \Re(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z} \cos \theta$	$ \mathbf{z} = \sqrt[+]{\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^*} = \sqrt[+]{x^2 + y^2}$
$y = \Im(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z} \sin \theta$	$\theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$
$\mathbf{z}^n = \mathbf{z} ^n e^{jn\theta}$	$\mathbf{z}^{1/2} = \pm \mathbf{z} ^{1/2} e^{j\theta/2}$
$\mathbf{z}_1 = x_1 + jy_1$	$\mathbf{z}_2 = x_2 + jy_2$
$\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{z}_2$ iff $x_1 = x_2$ and $y_1 = y_2$	$\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + j(y_1 + y_2)$
$\mathbf{z}_1 \mathbf{z}_2 = \mathbf{z}_1 \mathbf{z}_2 e^{j(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$	$\frac{\mathbf{z}_1}{\mathbf{z}_2} = \frac{ \mathbf{z}_1 }{ \mathbf{z}_2 } e^{j(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$
$-1 = e^{j\pi} = e^{-j\pi} = 1 \angle \pm 180^\circ$	
$j = e^{j\pi/2} = 1 \angle 90^\circ$	$-j = e^{-j\pi/2} = 1 \angle -90^\circ$
$\sqrt{j} = \pm e^{j\pi/4} = \pm \frac{(1+j)}{\sqrt{2}}$	$\sqrt{-j} = \pm e^{-j\pi/4} = \pm \frac{(1-j)}{\sqrt{2}}$