

ENEE2302
Signals and Systems

Complex Number Review

Complex Numbers

Complex numbers arise as roots of polynomials.

Definition of
imaginary # j
and some
resulting
properties:

$$\begin{aligned}j &= \sqrt{-1} \Rightarrow j^2 = -1 \\ \Rightarrow (-j)(j) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow (-j)(-j) &= -1\end{aligned}$$

Recall that the solution of
differential equations
involves finding roots of the
“characteristic polynomial”

So...differential equations
often involve complex
numbers

Rectangular form of a complex number:

$$z = a + jb \quad \begin{aligned}a &= \operatorname{Re}\{z\} \\ b &= \operatorname{Im}\{z\}\end{aligned}$$

↑ ↑
real numbers

The rules of addition and multiplication are straight-forward:

$$\textit{Add} : \quad (a + jb) + (c + jd) = (a + c) + j(b + d)$$

$$\textit{Multiply} : \quad (a + jb)(c + jd) = (ac - bd) + j(ad + bc)$$

Polar Form

$$z = r e^{j\theta} \quad r > 0$$

If r is negative then it is NOT in polar form!!!

Polar form... an alternate way to express a complex number...

Polar Form...

good for multiplication and division

Note: you may have learned polar form as $r \angle \theta$... we will NOT use that here!!

The advantage of the $r e^{j\theta}$ is that when it is manipulated using rules of exponentials and it behaves properly according to the rules of complex #s:

$$(a^x)(a^y) = a^{x+y} \quad a^x / a^y = a^{x-y}$$

Multiplying Using Polar Form

$$(r_1 e^{j\theta_1})(r_2 e^{j\theta_2}) = r_1 r_2 e^{j(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow |z_1 z_2| = |z_1| |z_2|$$

$$\angle\{z_1 z_2\} = \angle\{z_1\} + \angle\{z_2\}$$

$$z^n = (r e^{j\theta})^n = r^n e^{jn\theta}$$

$$z^{1/n} = r^{1/n} e^{j\theta/n}$$

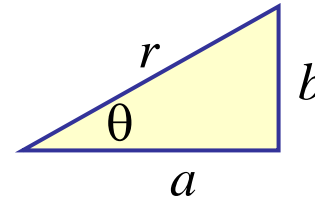
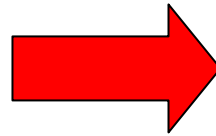
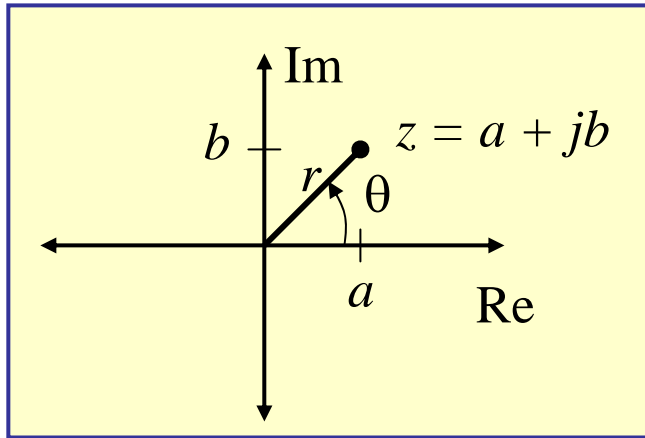
Dividing Using Polar Form

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

$$\frac{1}{z_2} = \frac{1}{r_2 e^{j\theta_2}} = \frac{1}{r_2} e^{-j\theta_2}$$

We need to be able convert between Rectangular and Polar Forms... this is made easy and obvious by looking at the geometry (and trigonometry) of complex #s:

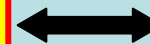
Geometry of Complex Numbers



Conversion Formulas

$$b = r \sin \theta$$

$$a = r \cos \theta$$



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

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

Complex Exponentials vs. Sines and Cosines

Euler's Equations:

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos(\theta) + j \sin(\theta) \quad (\text{A})$$

$$e^{-j\theta} = \cos(\theta) - j \sin(\theta) \quad (\text{B})$$

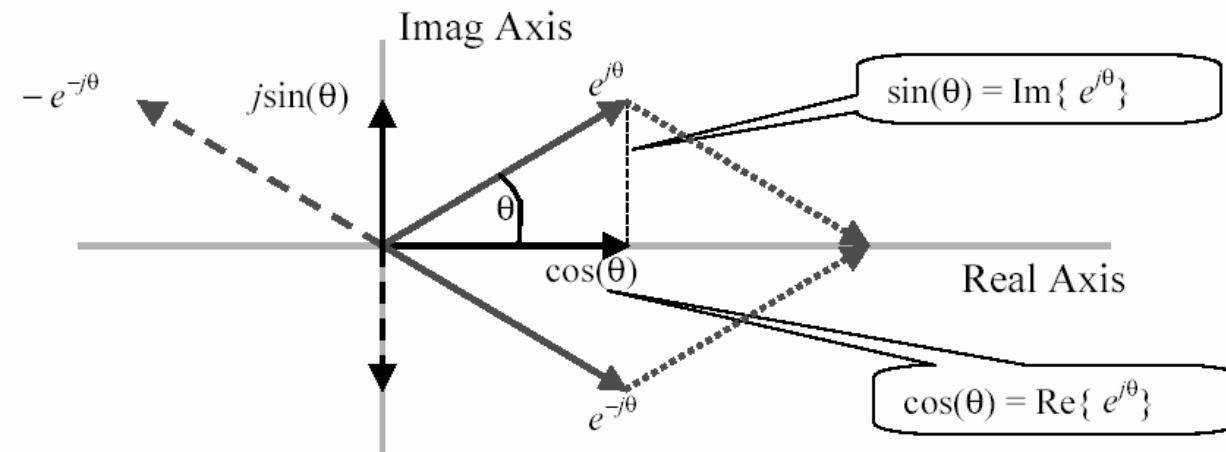
$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2} \quad (\text{C})$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j} \quad (\text{D})$$

Note: Eq. C = (Eq. A + Eq. B)/2 D = (A - B)/2

$$A = C + jD$$

$$B = C - jD$$



Summary of Rectangular & Polar Forms

Rect Form:

$$z = a + jb$$

$$\operatorname{Re}\{z\} = a = r \cos \theta$$

$$\operatorname{Im}\{z\} = b = r \sin \theta$$

Polar Form:

$$z = r e^{j\theta} \quad r \geq 0 \quad \theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$$

$$|z| = r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\angle z = \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

Warning: If you calculate the angle by first dividing b/a and then taking the inverse tangent... your calculator will give you the **wrong answer** whenever you have $a < 0$. In other words, for z values that lie in the II and III quadrants.

You can always fix this by either adding or subtracting π ... choose add or subtract in order to give an angle that lies between $-\pi$ and $+\pi$.

Use common sense... looking at the signs of a and b will tell you what quadrant z is in... make sure your angle agrees with that!!! (See the examples)

Conjugate of Z

Denoted as
 z^* or \bar{z}

$$z = a + jb \Rightarrow z^* = a - jb$$

$$z = re^{j\theta} \Rightarrow z^* = re^{-j\theta}$$

Properties of z^*

Imaginary parts cancel

$$1. z + z^* = 2 \operatorname{Re}\{z\}$$

$$2. z \times z^* = (a + jb)(a - jb) = a^2 + b^2 = |z|^2$$

Summary of General Results

Polar to Rect

$$\text{Given : } z = re^{j\theta}$$

$$\text{Convert : } z = r \cos \theta + jr \sin \theta$$

For Rect Form

$$\text{Add / Subtract : } (a + jb) \pm (c + jd) = (a \pm c) + j(b \pm d)$$

$$\text{Multiply : } (a + jb)(c + jd) = (ac - bd) + j(ad + bc)$$

Multiplying Using Polar Form

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$$z^n = (re^{j\theta})^n = r^n e^{jn\theta} \quad z^{1/n} = r^{1/n} e^{j\theta/n}$$

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Rect to Polar

$$\text{Given : } z = a + jb$$

$$\text{Convert : } z = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} e^{j \tan^{-1}(b/a)}$$

Warning: If $a < 0$
calculator may give
wrong angle...
 $\pm\pi$ to correct

Finding Magn/Angle of Rect

$$\text{Given : } z = a + jb$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad \angle z = \tan^{-1}(b/a)$$

Finding Magn/Angle of Products

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

$$\angle \{z_1 z_2\} = \angle \{z_1\} + \angle \{z_2\}$$

Finding Magn/Angle of Ratios

$$|z_1 / z_2| = |z_1| / |z_2|$$

$$\angle \{z_1 / z_2\} = \angle \{z_1\} - \angle \{z_2\}$$

A Few Tricks

$$\frac{1}{j} = -j$$

Proof: $\frac{1}{j} = \frac{1}{e^{j\pi/2}} = (1/1)e^{j(0-\pi/2)} = e^{-j\pi/2} = \cos(-\pi/2) + j\sin(\pi/2) = 0 - j$

$$-1 = e^{\pm j\pi}$$

Proof: $e^{\pm j\pi} = \cos(\pm\pi) + j\sin(\pm\pi) = -1 + j0$

$$1 = e^{j0}$$

Proof: $e^{j0} = \cos(0) + j\sin(0) = 1 + j0$

$$j = e^{j\pi/2}$$

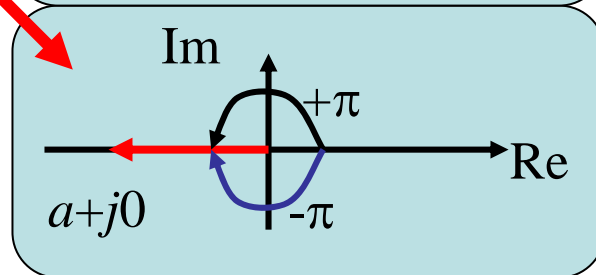
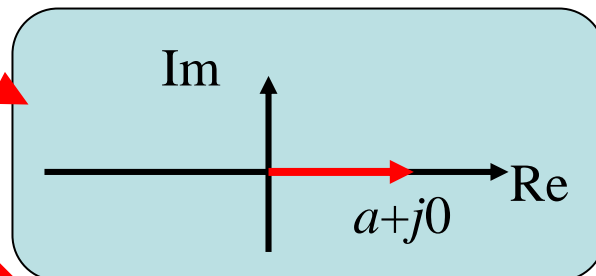
Proof: $e^{j\pi/2} = \cos(\pi/2) + j\sin(\pi/2) = 0 + j1$

$$-j = e^{-j\pi/2}$$

Proof: $e^{-j\pi/2} = \cos(-\pi/2) + j\sin(-\pi/2) = 0 + j(-1)$

$$\angle(a + j0) = \begin{cases} 0, & a > 0 \\ \pm\pi, & a < 0 \end{cases}$$

a is real #



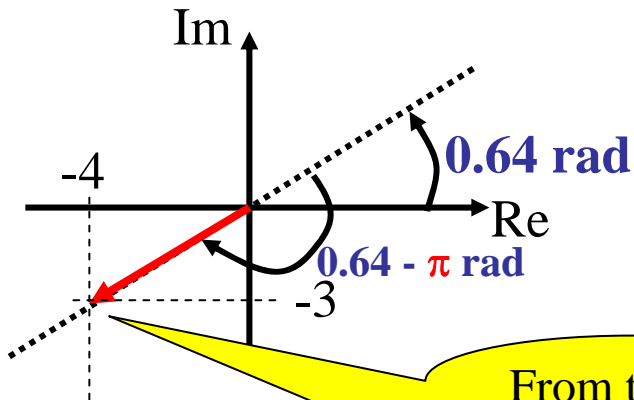
Example #1a: Given: $z = -4 - j3$ Convert to Polar Form

$$\text{Use: } z = |z| e^{j\angle z}$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{16 + 9} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$\angle z = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-3}{-4}\right) = \tan^{-1}(0.75) - \pi = 0.64 - \pi \approx -2.5 \text{ rad}$$

$$z = -4 - j3 \iff z = 5e^{-j2.5}$$



From this we see that z is in Quad III but our calculator gave us 0.64 which is in quadrant I. So if we subtract π we get an angle in Quad III and is between $-\pi$ and $+\pi$

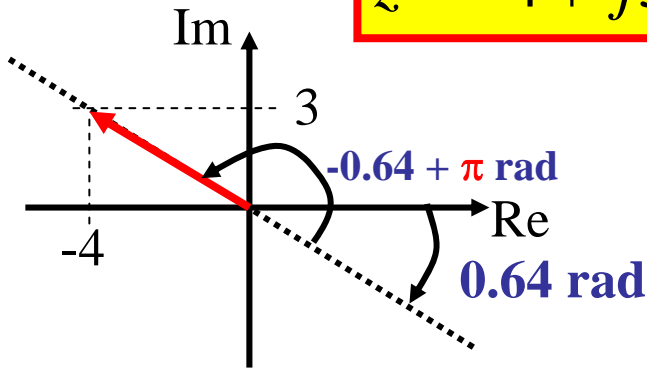
Example #1b: Given: $z = -4 + j3$ Convert to Polar Form

Use: $z = |z| e^{j\angle z}$

$$|z| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{16 + 9} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

$$\angle z = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{-4}\right) = \tan^{-1}(-0.75) + \pi = -0.64 + \pi \approx 2.5 \text{ rad}$$

$$z = -4 + j3 \iff z = 5e^{j2.5}$$



From this we see that z is in Quad II but our calculator gave us -0.64 which is in quadrant IV. So if we add π we get an angle in Quad II and is between $-\pi$ and $+\pi$

Comparing Ex. 1a and 1b we see that they are conjugates of each other... note how conjugation just changes the sign in front of j for both rect form and polar form!!!

Example #2: Given: $z = 3e^{j\pi/4}$ Convert to Rect Form

Use: $z = |z| \cos(\angle z) + j |z| \sin(\angle z)$

By Inspection: $|z| = 3$ $\angle z = \pi/4$

$$\cos(\pi/4) = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

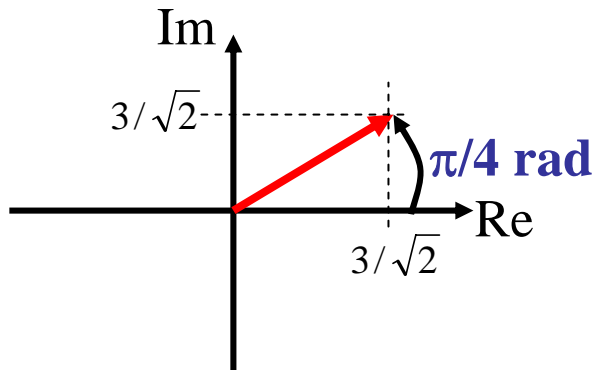
$$\sin(\pi/4) = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

Your calculator will give 0.707
but more precisely it is $1/\sqrt{2}$

$$z = 3e^{j\pi/4}$$



$$z = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} + j \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$



Example #3: Given: $z = je^{-j\pi/2}$ Write it in Polar Form

Isn't it **ALREADY** in polar form!!!!?? **NO!!!!!!!!!!**

View it as a product of two complex numbers... and note that the first is in rect form: $0 + j$

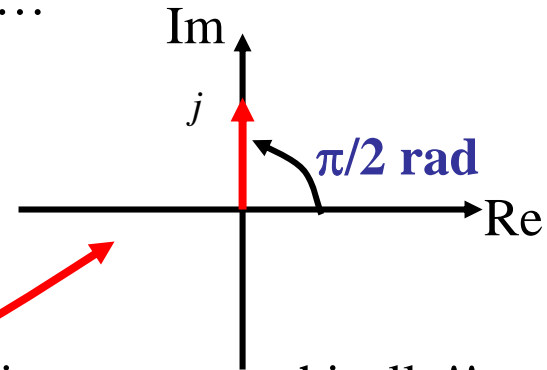
$$z = \underbrace{[j]}_{z_1} \underbrace{[e^{-j\pi/2}]}_{z_2}$$

Since multiplication is easier with polar form... convert the rect form # into polar form

$$|j| = \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2} = 1$$

$$\angle j = \tan^{-1}(1/0) = \pi/2$$

Easier to see graphically!!



$$z = je^{-j\pi/2} = [e^{j\pi/2}][e^{-j\pi/2}] = e^{j(\pi/2 - \pi/2)} = e^{j0} = 1$$

$$\boxed{z = je^{-j\pi/2}} \longleftrightarrow \boxed{z = 1}$$

Example #4: Given: $z = \frac{2 + j3}{-3 + j2}$ Find magnitude and angle

Use: $|z_1 / z_2| = |z_1| / |z_2|$
 $\angle\{z_1 / z_2\} = \angle\{z_1\} - \angle\{z_2\}$

$$\left| \frac{2 + j3}{-3 + j2} \right| = \frac{|2 + j3|}{|-3 + j2|} = \frac{\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2}}{\sqrt{(-3)^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{\sqrt{13}} = 1$$

$$\angle\left\{ \frac{2 + j3}{-3 + j2} \right\} = \angle\{2 + j3\} - \angle\{-3 + j2\} \approx 0.983 - (-0.588 + \pi) = 1.57 \text{ rad}$$

$$\left| \frac{2 + j3}{-3 + j2} \right| = 1$$

Correcting for case when real part is negative (i.e., quads II & III)

$$\angle\left\{ \frac{2 + j3}{-3 + j2} \right\} \approx 1.57 \text{ rad}$$

Exact value is $\pi/2$

Example #5a:

Given: $z = \frac{R_1 + 1/jC}{R_2 + jL}$ Find magnitude and angle

First some common manipulations:

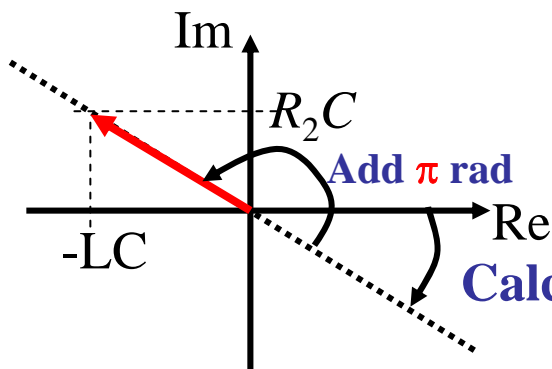
$$z = \frac{R_1 + 1/jC}{R_2 + jL} = \frac{jC (R_1 + 1/jC)}{jC (R_2 + jL)} = \frac{jR_1C + jC/jC}{jR_2C + jCjL} = \frac{1 + jR_1C}{-LC + jR_2C}$$

Now to find magnitude:

$$|z| = \frac{|1 + jR_1C|}{|-LC + jR_2C|} = \frac{\sqrt{1^2 + (R_1C)^2}}{\sqrt{(-LC)^2 + (R_2C)^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{1 + (R_1C)^2}}{\sqrt{(LC)^2 + (R_2C)^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{1 + (R_1C)^2}}{C\sqrt{L^2 + R_2^2}}$$

Now to find angle:

$$\begin{aligned}\angle z &= \angle\{1 + jR_1C\} - \angle\{-LC + jR_2C\} \\ &= \tan^{-1}\{R_1C\} - [\tan^{-1}\{-R_2/L\} + \pi]\end{aligned}$$



Example #5b:

Given: $z = \frac{R_1 + 1/jC}{R_2 + jL}$ Find magnitude and angle

A slightly different way to do it:

$$z = \frac{R_1 + 1/jC}{R_2 + jL} = \frac{R_1 - j/C}{R_2 + jL}$$

Now to find magnitude:

$$|z| = \frac{|R_1 - j/C|}{|R_2 + jL|} = \frac{\sqrt{R_1^2 + (-1/C)^2}}{\sqrt{R_2^2 + L^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{R_1^2 + 1/C^2}}{\sqrt{R_2^2 + L^2}}$$

Now to find angle:

$$\begin{aligned}\angle z &= \angle\{R_1 - j/C\} - \angle\{R_2 + jL\} \\ &= \tan^{-1}\left\{\frac{-1/C}{R_1}\right\} - \tan^{-1}\{L/R_2\} \\ &= \tan^{-1}\left\{\frac{-1}{R_1 C}\right\} - \tan^{-1}\{L/R_2\}\end{aligned}$$

Even though these have a different form than the Ex 5a results they give the exact same numerical values!!!

Example #6:

Given: $z = \frac{-1}{R_2 + jL}$ Find magnitude and angle

Find magnitude:

$$|z| = \frac{|-1|}{|R_2 + jL|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{R_2^2 + L^2}}$$

Now to find angle:

$$\begin{aligned}\angle z &= \angle\{-1\} - \angle\{R_2 + jL\} \\ &= \pm\pi - \tan^{-1}\{L/R_2\}\end{aligned}$$