

Topic 4: Complex numbers (day 1 of 2)
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1 Agenda

- Complex numbers: terminology, arithmetic, Euler's formula

2 Terminology

Define i by $i^2 = -1$. (imaginary i).

Complex numbers are of the form $z = x + iy$, where x and y are real numbers.

\mathbf{C} = set of all complex numbers.

If $z = x + iy$:

$\operatorname{Re}(z) = x =$ 'real part of z '

$\operatorname{Im}(z) = y =$ 'imaginary part of z ' (No i in $\operatorname{Im}(z)$.)

$\bar{z} = x - iy =$ 'complex conjugate of $z =$ 'z bar'

$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} =$ magnitude of z (also: modulus, norm absolute value)

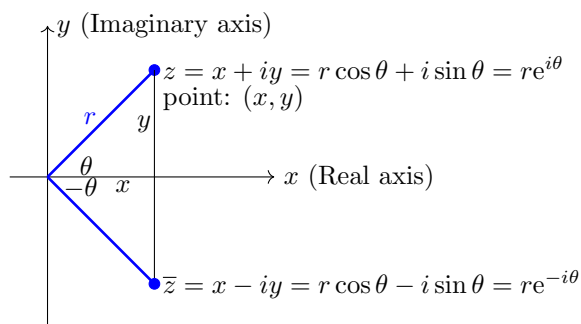
Note: no i on the y .

Example 1. $\operatorname{Re}(2 + 3i) = 2$, $\operatorname{Im}(2 + 3i) = 3$, $|2 + 3i| = \sqrt{13}$, $\overline{2 + 3i} = 2 - 3i$.

3 Arithmetic

Uses $i^2 = -1$. Practice with problems.

4 Complex plane



$r, \theta =$ usual polar coordinates: $r = |z|$, $\theta = \operatorname{Arg}(z)$.

5 Euler's formula

Euler's formula for complex exponentials is

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \text{*** Important ***}$$

In the figure above we have

$$z = \underbrace{x + iy}_{\text{rectangular form}} = r \cos \theta + ir \sin \theta = \underbrace{re^{i\theta}}_{\text{polar form}}.$$

The second equation is simple trigonometry. The third is Euler's formula.

For $z = re^{i\theta}$: magnitude $|z| = r$, argument = $\text{Arg}(z) = \theta$.

5.1 Verify e^{it} behaves like an exponential

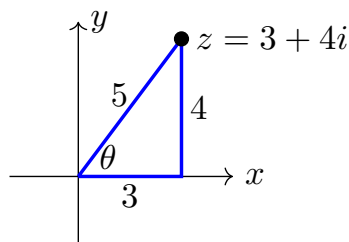
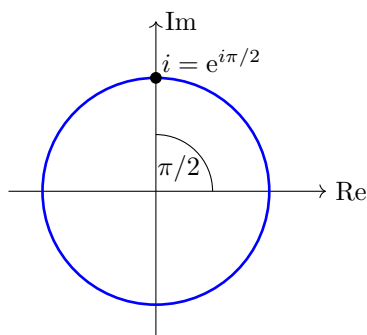
1. $e^{i0} = \cos(0) + i \sin(0) = 1 \quad \checkmark$
2. $\frac{d}{dt}e^{it} = \frac{d}{dt}(\cos t + i \sin t) = -\sin t + i \cos t = i(\cos t + i \sin t) = ie^{it} \quad \checkmark$
3. $e^{i\alpha+i\beta} = e^{i\alpha}e^{i\beta}$ (Trig identities. See Topic 4 notes) \checkmark
4. Taylor series \checkmark

Key facts: $|e^{i\theta}| = 1$, $e^{i2\pi} = 1$, $e^{i\pi/2} = i$.

Argument: Can always add multiples of 2π to θ .

Example 2. $|z|$ and $\text{Arg}(z)$:

$$\begin{array}{lll} z = 2 & |z| = 2 & \text{Arg}(z) = 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, \dots, 2n\pi, n \text{ any integer} \\ z = i & |z| = 1 & \text{Arg}(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi \text{ (See figure below)} \\ z = 3 + 4i & |z| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5 & \text{Arg}(z) = \tan^{-1}(4/3) \text{ in Q1. (See figure below.)} \end{array}$$



Example 3. Complex replacement

Compute $I = \int e^{2x} \cos(3x) dx$.

- In 1803 we don't really care about this integral.
- We do really care about the following technique used to compute it. (We'll use the same technique to solve important DEs in a few days.)

Solution: Short form of the solution. Reasons below and in Topic 4 notes.

Replace $\cos(3x)$ by e^{3ix} . Note, $\cos(3x) = \operatorname{Re}(e^{3ix})$.

So, $I = \int e^{2x} \cos(3x) dx$ becomes

$$I_c = \int e^{2x} e^{3ix} dx = \int e^{(2+3i)x} dx, \quad I = \operatorname{Re}(I_c).$$

Integrating: $I_c = \frac{e^{(2+3i)x}}{2+3i}$.

We need the real part of I_c . In 1803 we almost always use the [polar form](#).

$$|2+3i| = \sqrt{13}, \quad \boxed{\phi = \operatorname{Arg}(2+3i) = \tan^{-1}(3/2) \text{ in Q1.}}$$

Thus, $2+3i = \sqrt{13} e^{i\phi}$. So, $I_c = \frac{e^{2x} e^{3ix}}{\sqrt{13} e^{i\phi}} = \frac{e^{2x}}{\sqrt{13}} e^{i(3x-\phi)} = \frac{e^{2x}}{\sqrt{13}} (\cos(3x-\phi) + i \sin(3x-\phi))$.

So, $\boxed{I = \operatorname{Re}(I_c) = \frac{e^{2x}}{\sqrt{13}} \cos(3x-\phi)}$.

Justification of complex replacement. The trick comes by cleverly adding a new integral to I as follows. Let $J = \int e^{2x} \sin(3x) dx$. Then we let

$$I_c = I + iJ = \int e^{2x} (\cos(3x) + i \sin(3x)) dx = \int e^{2x} e^{3ix} dx.$$

Clearly, $\operatorname{Re}(I_c) = I$ as claimed above.

6 Next time

[Fundamental Theorem of Algebra](#): A polynomial of degree n has **exactly** n complex roots.

[Finding roots of a polynomial](#): Uses Euler's formula.

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