

Next topic: Second order ODEs  
"with constant coefficients".

In general we can in fact solve  
 $ay'' + by' + cy = 0$  where  
 $a, b, c$  are constants

Before delving into this topic  
we will review complex numbers.

### Complex numbers

Recall that the solutions to  
the eqn  $x^2 - 4 = 0$  are  $x = \pm 2$ .

Only working with real numbers  
makes it impossible to solve

$$x^2 + 4 = 0.$$

Imaginary unit:  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

Then

$$x^2 = -4 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{-4} = \pm 2i$$

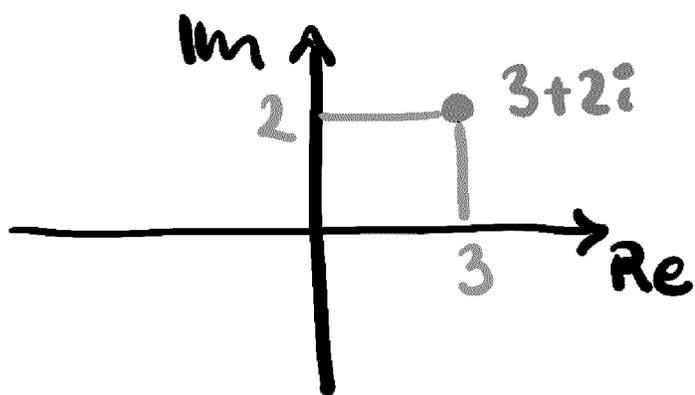
So it has solutions in the complex numbers.

The imaginary unit satisfies

$i^2 = -1$  so if  $x = 2i$  we get

$x^2 = (2i)^2 = 2^2 \cdot i^2 = -4$  and this is indeed a solution to  $x^2 + 4 = 0$ .

A general complex number is one of the form  $a + bi$



$a =$  real part

$b =$  imaginary part.

— Both  $a$  and  $b$  are real.

Operations: "Treat  $i$  as a variable"

- $(a+bi) + (c+di) = (a+c) + (b+d)i$
- $(a+bi) - (c+di) = (a-c) + (b-d)i$
- $(a+bi)(c+di) = ac + adi + bci + bdi^2$   
 $= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$

- $\frac{a+bi}{c+di} = \frac{(a+bi)(c-di)}{(c+di)(c-di)}$

$$= \frac{ac - adi + bci - bdi^2}{c^2 - d^2i^2}$$

$$= \frac{(ac + bd) + (bc - ad)i}{c^2 + d^2}$$

$$= \frac{ac + bd}{c^2 + d^2} + \frac{bc - ad}{c^2 + d^2}i$$

$z = a+bi$  then its conjugate

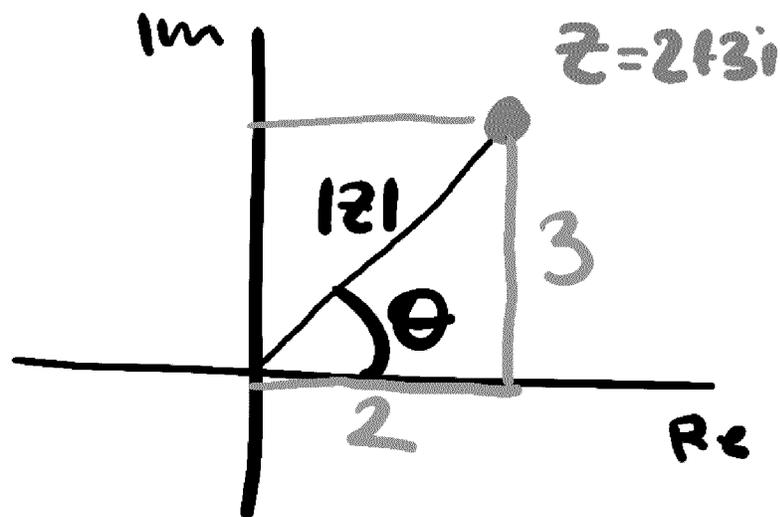
is  $\bar{z} = a-bi$

note that  $z\bar{z}$  is always a real number!

$$\begin{aligned}z\bar{z} &= (a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 - (bi)^2 \\ &= a^2 - b^2 i^2 = a^2 + b^2\end{aligned}$$

$z = a+bi$  then its modulus ("size") is

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



Can also measure the angle  $\theta$ : it's called the argument

$$\arg z = \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

Can describe complex numbers using polar coordinates consisting of its modulus and its argument!

$$z = a + bi, \quad r = |z|, \quad \theta = \arg z$$

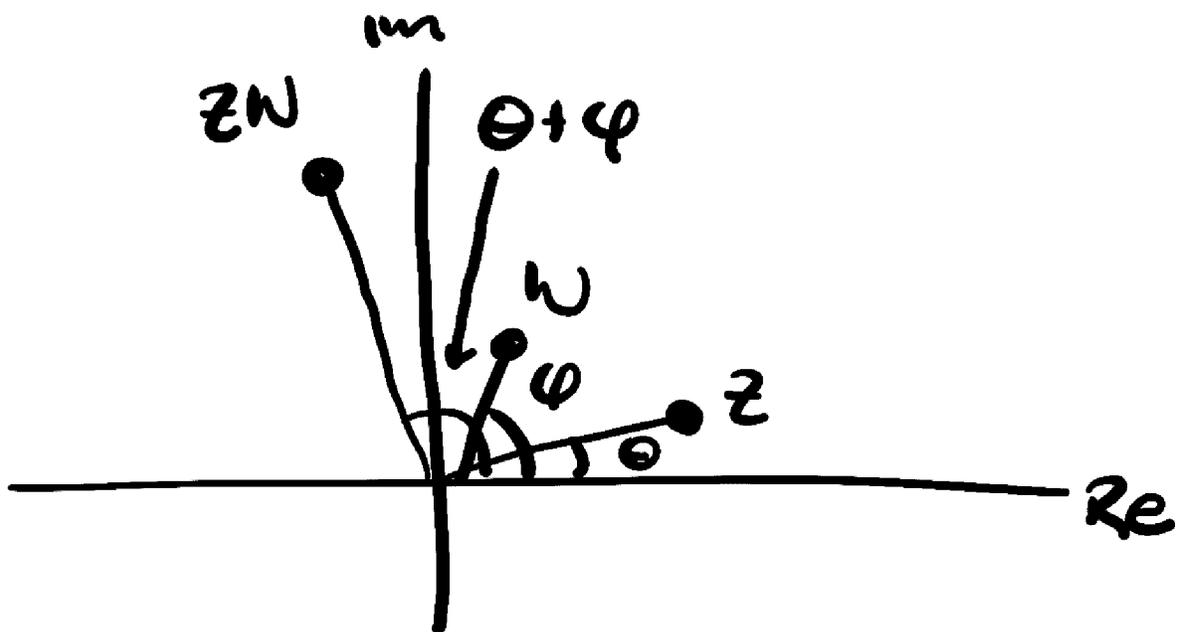
then

$$z = r e^{i\theta}$$

multiplication is easier:

$$z = r e^{i\theta}, \quad w = s e^{i\varphi} \quad \text{then}$$

$$zw = (r e^{i\theta})(s e^{i\varphi}) = rs e^{i(\theta + \varphi)}$$



Ex:  $i^2 = -1$ ,  $|i| = 1$ ,  $\arg i = \frac{\pi}{2}$

A diagram showing the powers of  $i$  on the imaginary axis:  $i^1 = i$  at the top,  $i^2 = -1$  at the bottom,  $i^3 = -i$  at the bottom, and  $i^4 = 1$  at the top. The angle between  $i$  and  $i^2$  is labeled  $\pi/2$ .

$i^2 = -1$ ,  $|i^2| = 1$ ,  $\arg i^2 = \pi$

$$i^3 = i \cdot i^2 = i \cdot (-1) = -i$$

$$\arg i^3 = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$i^4 = (i^2)^2 = (-1)^2 = 1$$

$$\arg i^4 = 0 \quad (\text{or } 2\pi)$$

$$\frac{1}{i} = \frac{-i}{i(-i)} = \frac{-i}{-i^2} = \frac{-i}{1} = -i$$

## Euler's formula

Remember

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Let's compute  $e^{ix}$ .

$$e^{ix} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(ix)^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{i^n x^n}{n!}$$

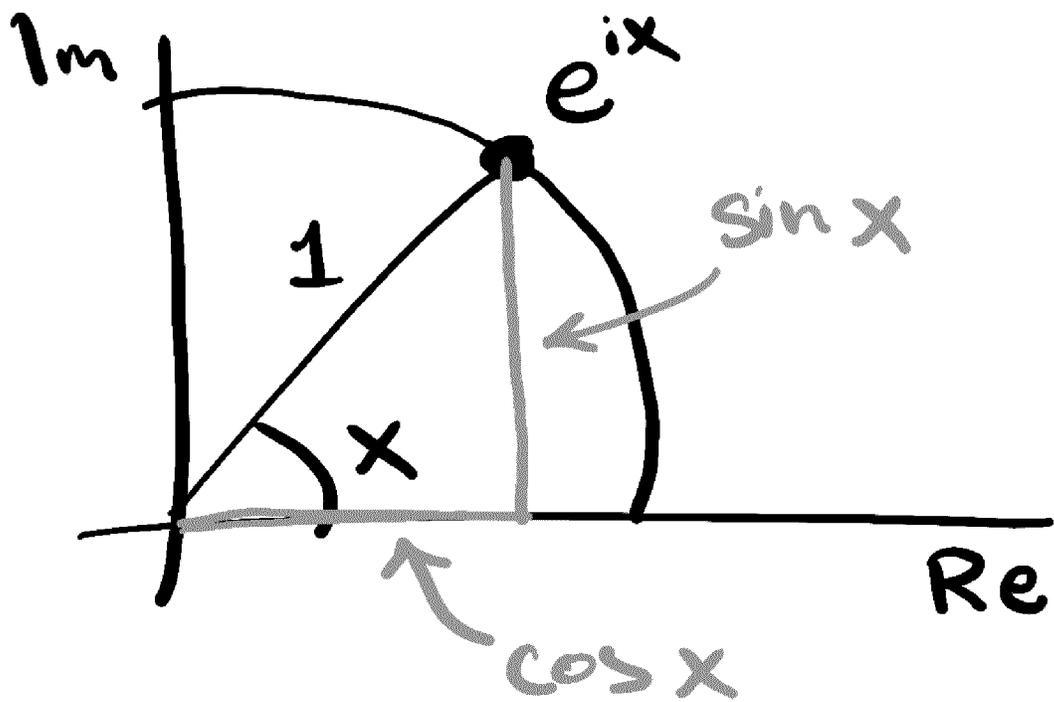
$$= 1 + ix + \frac{i^2 x^2}{2!} + \frac{i^3 x^3}{3!} + \frac{i^4 x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{i^5 x^5}{5!} + \dots \\
& = 1 + ix - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{i x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \\
& \quad + \frac{i x^5}{5!} + \dots \\
& = \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \right) \\
& \quad + i \left( x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \right) \\
& = \boxed{\cos x + i \sin x = e^{ix}}
\end{aligned}$$


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Geometric explanation

$$z = e^{ix}, \quad |z| = 1, \quad \arg z = x$$



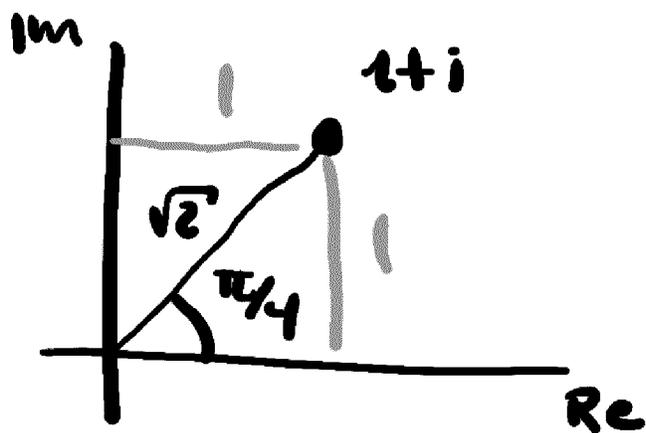
$$e^{ix} = a + bi, \text{ then } \begin{cases} a = \cos x \\ b = \sin x \end{cases}$$

EX: To compute  $(1+i)^{10}$  we first write  $1+i$  on the form  $re^{i\theta}$ .

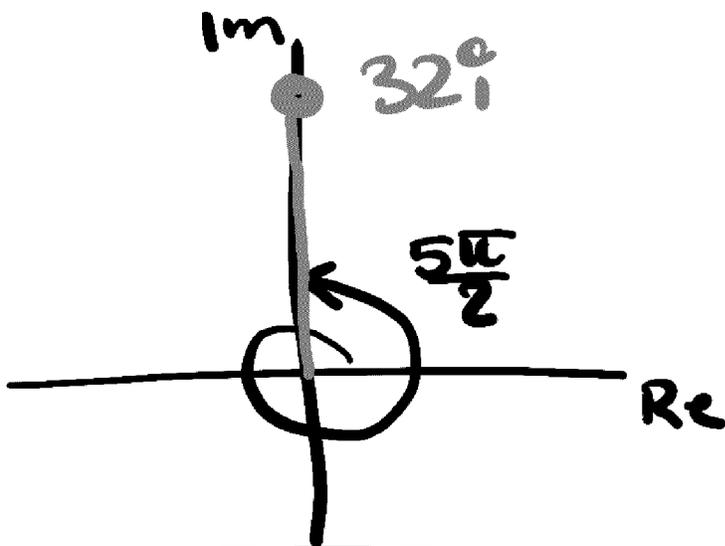
$$r = |1+i| = \sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\arg(1+i) = \arctan\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}, \text{ so}$$

$$1+i = \sqrt{2} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } (1+i)^{10} &= (\sqrt{2} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}})^{10} \\
 &= \sqrt{2}^{10} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot 10} \\
 &= (\sqrt{2}^2)^5 e^{i\frac{5\pi}{2}} = 2^5 e^{i(2\pi + \frac{\pi}{2})} \\
 &= 32 e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} = 32i
 \end{aligned}$$



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If  $z = re^{i\theta}$  then  $z^2 = (re^{i\theta})^2$   
 $= r^2 e^{2i\theta} = r^2 (\cos(2\theta) + i \sin(2\theta))$

can also multiply out:

$$(re^{i\theta})^2 = (r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta))^2$$

$$= r^2 (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^2$$

$$= r^2 ((\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) + 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta i)$$

so this derives the identities

$$\begin{cases} \cos(2\theta) = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ \sin(2\theta) = 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

In general we have  
de Moivre's theorem:

If  $z = r e^{i\theta}$ , then

$$\boxed{z^n = r^n (\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta))}$$

Note  $e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$

$$e^{-ix} = \cos(-x) + i \sin(-x)$$

$$= \cos x - i \sin x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(-x) &= \cos x \\ \sin(-x) &= -\sin x \end{aligned}$$

So

$$e^{ix} + e^{-ix} = (\cos x + i \sin x) + (\cos x - i \sin x) = 2 \cos x$$

$$\cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$$

Similarly:  $e^{ix} - e^{-ix} = 2i \sin x$

$$\sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$$