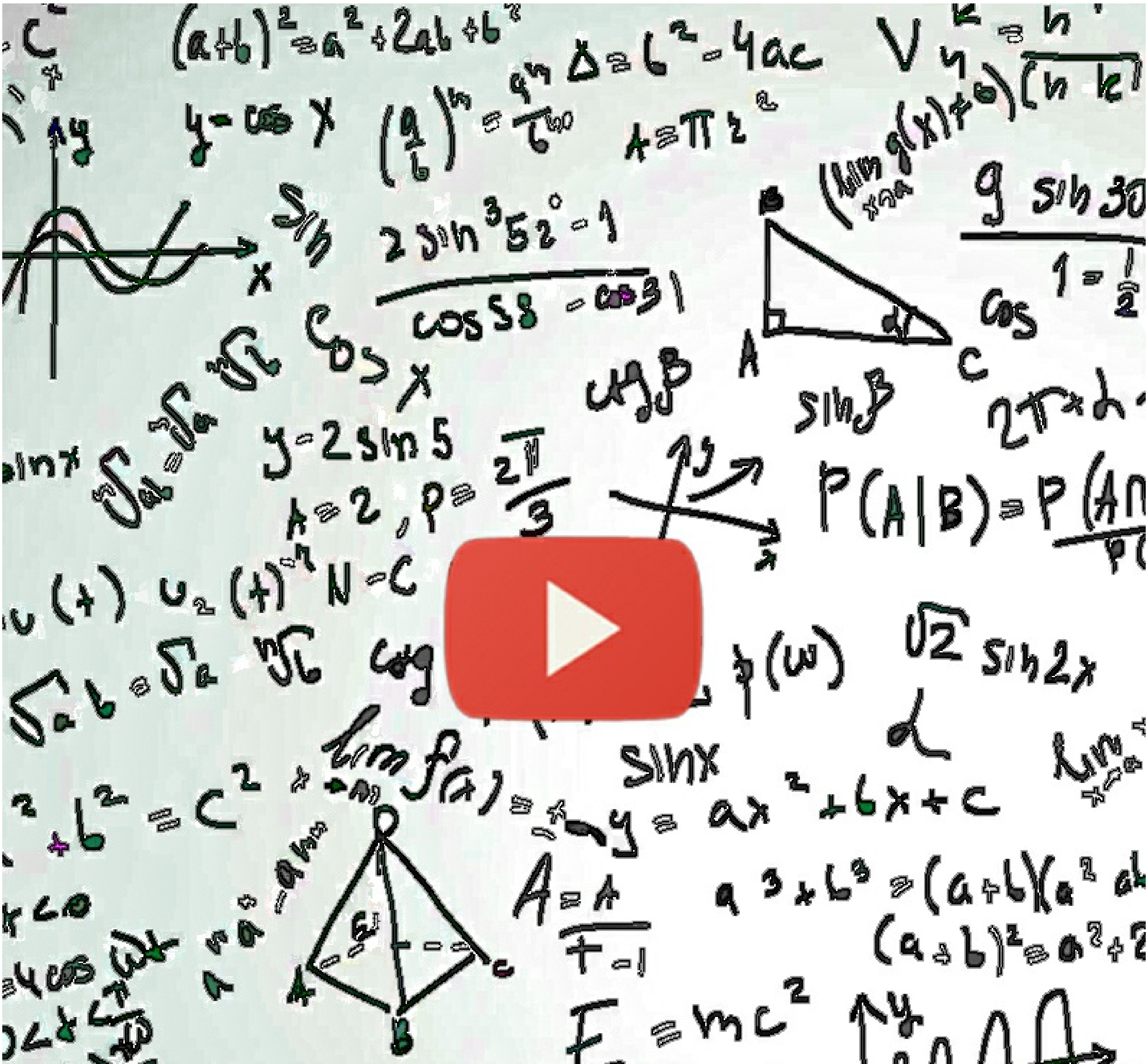

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# 1 What is a complex number?

## 1.1 Video 1: Complex numbers are AWESOME

### 1.1.1 Where are we going?

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- We will learn about a new kind of number known as a "complex number".
- We will discover the basic properties of complex numbers and investigate some of their mathematical applications.

Complex numbers rest on the idea of the "imaginary unit" $i$, which is dened via

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

with $i$ satisfying the equation

$$i^2 = -1.$$

Even though the thought of $i$ may seem crazy, we will see that is a really useful idea.

### 1.1.2 Why are complex numbers AWESOME?

There are at least two reasons why complex numbers are AWESOME:-

1. their real-world applications;
2. their ability to SIMPLIFY mathematics.

For example, *i* arises in the solutions

$$x(t) = e^{i\sqrt{k/m}\ t} \text{ and } x(t) = e^{-i\sqrt{k/m}\ t}.$$

to a basic spring-mass dierential equation

$$m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx = 0$$

where: $x = x(t)$ is the position of the mass at time $t$; $m > 0$ is the mass; and $k > 0$ is the stiffness of the spring.

Also, *i* appears in Fourier transform techniques, which are important for solving partial dierential equations from science and engineering.

Complex numbers are AWESOME because they provide a SIMPLER framework from which we can view and do mathematics.

As a result, applying methods involving complex numbers can simplify calculations, removing a lot of the boring and tedious parts of mathematical work.

For example, complex numbers provides a quick alternative to integration by parts for something like

$$\int e^{-t}\cos t\ dt$$

and gives easy ways of constructing trig formulae, for example

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(x+y) &= \sin x\cos y + \cos x\sin y \\ \cos 2\theta &= \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta \end{aligned}$$

so you might never have to remember another trig formula ever again!

### 1.1.3 What is a complex number?

Here are some examples of complex numbers:

$$
\begin{aligned}
3+2i, &\qquad -7+3i,\\
6-i, &\qquad 2i,\\
-1-4i, &\qquad -2-2i.
\end{aligned}
$$

**Important idea** (What is a complex number? (Cartesian form)).

The Cartesian form of a complex number *z* is

$$x+yi \quad \text{or} \quad x+iy$$

where $x$ and $y$ are both real numbers and *i* is known as the imaginary unit $i=\sqrt{-1}$ and satises $i^2=-1$. The number $x$ is called the "real part of *z*"; while $y$ is called the "imaginary part of *z*".

### 1.1.4 How to graphically represent complex numbers?

Complex numbers can be represented in the "complex plane" via what is known as an Argand diagram, which features:

- a “real” (horizontal) axis;
- an “imaginary” (vertical) axis.

# 2 Basic operations involving complex numbers

## 2.1 Video 2: How to add/subtract two complex numbers

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To add/subtract two complex numbers just add/subtract their corresponding components.

**Example.**

If $z = 1 + 3i$ and $w = 2 + i$ then

$$\begin{aligned} z + w &= (1 + 3i) + (2 + i) \\ &= (1 + 2) + (3i + i) \\ &= 3 + 4i \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} z - w &= (1 + 3i) - (2 + i) \\ &= (1 - 2) + (3i - i) \\ &= -1 + 2i. \end{aligned}$$

A geometric interpretation of addition is seen through a simple parallelogram or triangle law.

## 2.2 Video 3: How to multiply a real number with a complex number

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Multiplication of a real number with a complex number involves multiplying each component in a natural distributive fashion.

**Example.**

If $z = 2 + 3i$ then

$$\begin{aligned} 2z &= 2(2+3i) \\ &= (2*2)+(2*3i) \\ &= 4+6i \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} -4z &= -4(2+3i) \\ &= (-4*2)+(-4*3i) \\ &= -8-12i. \end{aligned}$$

A geometric interpretation of (scalar) multiplication is seen through a stretching principle.

## 2.3 Video 4: How to multiply complex numbers together

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Multiplication of two complex numbers involves natural distribution (and remembering $i^2 = -1$).

**Example.**

If $z = 2 + i$ and $w = 1 + i$ then

$$\begin{aligned} zw &= (2+i)(1+i) \\ &= (2*1+i*i)+(2*i+i*1) \\ &= (2-1)+3i \\ &= 1+3i. \end{aligned}$$

The geometric interpretation of multiplication is seen through rotation and stretching/compression.

### 2.3.1 What is the geometric explanation of multiplication?

**Example.**

Let us consider $z = 2i$ and $w = 1 + i$ in the complex plane.
If we compute the distances from $z$ and $w$ to the origin (using Pythagoras) then we see that

$$|z| = 2, \quad |w| = \sqrt{2}.$$

Now consider the line segments joining $z$ and $w$ to the origin. If we compute the angles $\theta_1,\ \theta_2$ to the postive real axis (using trig) with $-\pi < \theta_k \leq \pi$ then we see

$$\theta_1 = \pi/2, \quad \theta_2 = \pi/4.$$

Now consider $zw = -2 + 2i$. We have

$$|zw| = 2\sqrt{2}, \quad \theta_3 = 3\pi/4.$$

We thus see that $|zw| = |z|\ |w|$ and $\theta_3 = \theta_1 + \theta_2$.

## 2.4 Video 5: How to divide complex numbers

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### 2.4.1 How to divide by a complex number

Division of two complex numbers involves multiplying through by a "factor of one" that turns the denominator into a real number. To do this, we use the "conjugate" of the denominator.

**Example.**

If $z = 2 + i$ and $w = 3 + 2i$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z}{w} &= \frac{2+i}{3+2i} \\ &= \frac{2+i}{3+2i} * \frac{3-2i}{3-2i} \\ &= \frac{(6-2i^2)+(3i-4i)}{(9-4i^2)+(6i-6i)} \\ &= \frac{8-i}{13} = \frac{8}{13} - i\frac{1}{13}. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that the denominator is now real and we can (say) easily plot the complex number $z/w$.

If we interpret division as a kind of multiplication, then the geometric interpretation of division can also be seen through rotation/stretching.

### 2.4.2 Basic operations with complex numbers

**Example.**

If $z = -2 + 3i$ then calculate $z^2$.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} z^2 &= (-2+3i)*(-2+3i) \\ &= (4+9i^2) - 6i - 6i \\ &= -5 - 12i. \end{aligned}$$

Independent learning exercise: plot $z$ and $z^2$. Can you see a relationship between their lengths to the origin?

## 2.5 Video 6: Complex numbers: Quadratic formula

**Applying the quadratic formula for complex solutions**

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**Example.**

Solve the quadratic equation

$$13z^2 - 6z + 1 = 0,$$

writing the solutions in the Cartesian form $x + yi$.

# 3 What is the complex conjugate?

## 3.1 Video 7: What is the complex conjugate?

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As we saw when performing division of complex numbers, an idea called the conjugate was applied to simplify the denominator. Let us look at this idea a bit further.

**Important idea** (Complex conjugate).

For a complex number $z = x + yi$ we dene and denote the "complex conjugate of $z$" by

$$\bar{z} = x - yi.$$

If $z = 3 + i$ then $\bar{z} = 3 - i$. If $w = 1 - 2i$ then $\bar{w} = 1 + 2i$. If $u = -1 - i$ then $\bar{u} = -1 + i$.

For any point $z$ in the complex plane, we can geometrically determine $\bar{z}$ by re ecting the position of $z$ through the real axis.

### 3.1.1 What are the properties of the conjugate?

**Important idea** (Conjugate properties).

Let $z = a + bi$ and $w = c + di$. Some basic properties of the conjugate are:-

$$
\begin{aligned}
z\bar{z} &= (a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 + b^2, \text{ real and non\{neg number;} \\
\bar{\bar{z}} &= z; \\
\overline{z+w} &= \bar{z} + \bar{w} = (a+c) - (b+d)i; \\
\overline{z-w} &= \bar{z} - \bar{w} = (a-c) + (d-b)i; \\
\overline{zw} &= \bar{z}\bar{w}; \\
\overline{z/w} &= \bar{z}/\bar{w}; \\
\overline{z^n} &= \bar{z}^n; \\
\frac{z+\bar{z}}{2} &= a = \Re(z); \\
\frac{z-\bar{z}}{2} &= b = \Im(z).
\end{aligned}
$$

### 3.1.2 Basic operations with the conjugate

**Example.**

If $z = -2 + 3i$ then calculate the following: a) $\bar{z}$; b) $z + \bar{z}$.
By denition,

$$\bar{z} = -2 - 3i.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} z + \bar{z} &= (-2 + 3i) + (-2 - 3i) \\ &= -4 + 0i \\ &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

## 3.2 Video 8: Calculations with the complex conjugate

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**Example.**

If $z = 4 - 3i$ and $w = 1 + 4i$ then calculate the following in Cartesian form $x + yi$:

a) $25/z$; b) $iw(\bar{z} - 4)$

### 3.2.1 Simplifying complex numbers with the conjugate

**Example.**

Simplify

$$\frac{2-7i}{3-i}$$

into the Cartesian form $x + yi$.

We multiply by a factor of one that involves the conjugate of the denominator, namely

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2-7i}{3-i} &= \frac{2-7i}{3-i} * \frac{3+i}{3+i} \\ &= \frac{(6-7i^2)+2i-21i}{(9-i^2)+3i-3i} \\ &= 13/10 - 19i/10.\end{aligned}$$

## 3.3 Video 9: How to show a number is purely imaginary

### 3.3.1 Using the conjugate to show a number is purely imaginary

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**Example.**

Let

$$\Im\left(\frac{z+i}{z-i}\right) = 0$$

with $z \neq i$. Show $\Re(z) = 0$.

## 3.4 Video 10: How to prove the real part of a complex number is zero

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**Example.**

Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|z| = 1$. Show

$$\Re\left(\frac{z-1}{z+1}\right) = 0.$$

## 3.5 Video 11: Complex conjuage and linear systems

### 3.5.1 Solving systems of equations with the conjugate

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**Example.**

Solve the following system for complex numbers $z$ and $w$:

$$\begin{aligned} 2z + 3w &= 1 + 5i, \\ 3\bar{z} - \bar{w} &= 4 + 3i. \end{aligned}$$

## 3.6 Video 12: When are the squares of *z* and its conjugate equal?

### 3.6.1 Showing real or imag parts are zero via the conjugate

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**Example.**

Prove the following: For all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ we have

$$z^2 = \bar{z}^2$$

if and only if

$$\Re(z) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \Im(z) = 0.$$

## 3.7 Video 13: Conjugate of products is product of conjugates

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**Example.**

Prove, for all complex numbers $z$ and $w$:

$$\overline{zw} = \bar{z}\ \bar{w}.$$

## 3.8 Video 14: Why complex solutions appear in conjugate pairs

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**Example.**

Let $z = \alpha + \beta i$ satisfy

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0.$$

Show that $\bar{z}$ is also a solution.

# 4 How big are complex numbers?

## 4.1 Video 15: How big are complex numbers?

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To measure how "big" certain complex numbers are, we introduce a way of measuring their size, known as the modulus or the magnitude.

**Important idea** (Modulus/magnitude of a complex number).

For a complex number $z = x + yi$ we dene the modulus or magnitude of $z$ by

$$|z| := \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

Geometrically, $|z|$ represents the length $r$ of the line segment connecting $z$ to the origin.

### 4.1.1 Properties of the modulus/magnitude

**Important idea.**

Let $z = a + bi$ and $w = c + di$. Some basic properties of the modulus are:-

$$\begin{aligned}
|z| &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \geq 0; \\
|z| &= 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad z = 0; \\
|z^2| &= |z|^2; \\
|z + w| &\leq |z| + |w|; \\
|\alpha z| &= |\alpha||z| \text{ where } \alpha \text{ is a real number;} \\
|zw| &= |z||w|; \\
z\bar{z} &= |z|^2.
\end{aligned}$$

**Example.**

If $z = 7 + i$ and $w = 3 - i$ then calculate:

$$|z + iw|.$$

**Example.**

If $w = 1 + 4i$ then calculate the following in Cartesian form $x + yi$:

$$|w + 2|.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
|w + 2| &= |3 + 4i| \\
&= \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} \\
&= 5.
\end{aligned}$$

## 4.2 Video 16: Modulus of a product is the product of moduli

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**Example.**

Prove, for all complex numbers $z$ and $w$:

$$|zw| = |z|\ |w|.$$

## 4.3 Video 17: Square roots of complex numbers

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**Example.**

Solve

$$z^2 = (x + yi)^2 = -24 - 10i$$

for $z \in \mathbb{C}$ by computing the real numbers $x$ and $y$. Hence write down the square roots of $-24 - 10i$.

## 4.4 Video 18: Quadratic equations with complex coefcients

### 4.4.1 Square roots of complex numbers

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**Example.**

i) Solve

$$z^2 = (x + yi)^2 = 15 + 8i$$

for $z \in \mathbb{C}$ by computing $x$ and $y$ which are assumed to be integers.
Hence write down the square roots of $15 + 8i$.

ii) Hence solve, in $x + yi$ form,

$$z^2 - (2 + 3i)z - 5 + i = 0.$$

## 4.5 Video 19: Show real part of complex number is zero

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**Example.**

Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $z \neq i$. If $|z| = 1$ then show

$$\Re\left(\frac{z+i}{z-i}\right) = 0.$$

# 5 Polar trig form

## 5.1 Video 20: Polar trig form of complex number

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Instead of the Cartesian $x + yi$ form, sometimes it is convenient to express complex numbers in other equivalent forms.

Using trigonometry in the complex plane we see that we can express any (non-zero) complex number $z$ in the form

$$z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$$

where $r$ is the distance to the origin and $\theta$ is the angle to the pos. real axis.

**Important idea** (Formulae for polar trig form).

For $z = x + yi$ a polar trig form is $z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$ where:

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

$$x = r\cos\theta, \quad y = r\sin\theta, \quad \tan\theta = y/x.$$

We denote the angle $\theta$ by $\arg(z)$ and call $\arg(z)$ "an argument of $z$".

Because $\cos\theta = \cos(\theta + 2k\pi)$ and $\sin\theta = \sin(\theta + 2k\pi)$ for all integers $k$, the angle $\theta$ associated with a complex number is not unique.

For example, if $z = 1 + i$ then we may represent $z$ in polar trig form via

$$z = \sqrt{2}(\cos(\pi/4) + i\sin(\pi/4))$$

and

$$z = \sqrt{2}(\cos(9\pi/4) + i\sin(9\pi/4)).$$

Thus, $\theta = \arg(z)$ is not uniquely determined by $z$.

To provide some deniteness, we dene what is known as the principal argument of $z$.

**Important idea** (arg($z$) versus Arg($z$)).

For any complex number $z = x + yi$ with $\theta = \arg(z)$ we can always choose an integer $k$ such that $-\pi < \arg(z) - 2k\pi \leq \pi$. We denote this special angle by Arg($z$) and call Arg($z$) "the principal argument of $z$".

# 6 Polar exponential form

## 6.1 Video 21: Polar exponential form of a complex number

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Instead of the Cartesian form $z = x + yi$ or the polar trig form $z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$ sometimes it is convenient for multiplication and solving polynomials to express complex numbers in yet another equivalent form

$$z = re^{i\theta}.$$

**Important idea** (Formula for polar exponential form $z = re^{i\theta}$).

For $z = x + yi$ a polar exponential form is $z = re^{i\theta}$ where:

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ and } \tan\theta = y/x.$$

If we combine the polar exponential form with the polar trig form then we obtain a special identity called "Euler's formula"

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

and if $\theta = \pi$ then we obtain the famous formula

$$e^{\pi i} = -1.$$

Because $\cos\theta = \cos(\theta + 2k\pi)$ and $\sin\theta = \sin(\theta + 2k\pi)$ for all integers $k$, the angle $\theta$ associated with a complex number is not unique.

For example, if $z = 1 + i$ then we may represent $z$ in polar trig and polar exp. form via

$$z = \sqrt{2}(\cos(\pi/4) + i\sin(\pi/4)) = \sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4}$$

and

$$z = \sqrt{2}(\cos(9\pi/4) + i\sin(9\pi/4)) = \sqrt{2}e^{i9\pi/4}.$$

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## 6.2 Revision Video 22: Intro to complex numbers + basic operations

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**Example.**

Let $z := 2e^{i\pi/6}$. Calculate: $z^3$; $z^{-1}$; and $-3z$. In addition, plot your calculated complex numbers on the same Argand diagram.

## 6.3 Revision Video 23: Complex numbers and calculations

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**Example.**

Dene the complex numbers $z$ and $w$ by $z := 2 - 5i$ and $w = 1 + 2i$. Calculate:

$$\frac{1+7i}{w}; \quad 4\bar{z}w; \quad \mathrm{Arg}(w - 3i).$$

## 6.4 Video 24: Powers of complex numbers via polar forms

### 6.4.1 Calculations with the polar exponential form

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**Example.**

If $z = 2e^{5\pi i/6}$ then compute $z^2,\ 1/z$ and $\Im(z)$. Plot $z,\ z^2$ and $1/z$ in the same complex plane.

# 7 Powers of complex numbers

## 7.1 Video 25: Powers of complex numbers

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**Example.**

Powers of complex numbers If $z = -1 + i\sqrt{3}$ then:

a) Calculate a polar exponential form of $z$;
b) Hence determine $\text{Arg}(z^{23})$ and write $z^{23}$ in Cartesian form.

## 7.2 Video 26: What is the power of a complex number?

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**Example.**

Suppose $z = 1 + i$, $w = 1 - i\sqrt{3}$. If. If

$$q := z^6/w^5$$

then:

a) Calculate $|q|$;

b) Determine $\mathrm{Arg}(q)$.

## 7.3 Video 27: Roots of comples numbers

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**Example.**

Solve

$$z^5 = 16(1 - i\sqrt{3})$$

leaving your answers in simplied polar exponential form.

## 7.4 Video 28: Complex numbers solutions to polynomial equations

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**Example.**

Determine all of the (complex) fourth roots of $8(-1+\sqrt{3}i)$. You may leave your answer is polar form.

## 7.5 Video 29: Complex numbers and tan (π/12)

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**Example.**

If $z = -2 + 2i$ and $w = -1 - i\sqrt{3}$ then:

a) Compute $zw$ in Cartesian form;

b) Rewrite $z$ and $w$ in polar exponential form and thus calculate $zw$ in polar exponential form;

c) Hence determine a precise value for $\tan(\pi/12)$.

## 7.6 Video 30: Euler's formula: A cool proof

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**Important idea** (Euler's formla).

We prove

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta.$$

Let $f(\theta) := \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$. Thus, $f(0) = 1$. Dierentiating $f$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\theta) &= -\sin\theta + i\cos\theta \\ &= i^2\sin\theta + i\cos\theta \\ &= i(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta) \\ &= if(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

We have formed a dierential equation/initial value problem. Note that $g(\theta) := e^{i\theta}$ also satises the IVP. By uniqueness of solutions, $f \equiv g$, that is,

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta.$$

This also means that the polar exponential form $re^{i\theta}$ is an accurate representation of any complex number $z$.

# 8 De Moivre's formula

## 8.1 Video 31: De Moivre's formula: A cool proof

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De Moivre's formula is useful for simplifying computations involving powers of complex numbers.

**Important idea** (De Moivre's formula).

For each integer $n$ and all real $\theta$ we have

$$(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n = (\cos n\theta + i\sin n\theta).$$

The proof utilizes Euler's formula

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta.$$

We have,

$$\begin{aligned}(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n &= (e^{i\theta})^n \\ &= e^{in\theta} \\ &= (\cos n\theta + i\sin n\theta)\end{aligned}$$

and thus we have proven the result.

## 8.2 Video 32: Trig identities from De Moivre's theorem

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**Example.**

Write $\cos 5\theta$ in terms of $\cos\theta$ by applying De Moivre's theorem.

## 8.3 Video 33: Trig identities: De Moivre's formula

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**Example.**

Write $\sin 4\theta$ in terms of $\cos\theta$ and $\sin 4\theta$ by applying De Moivre's theorem. Hence, write $\sin 4\theta$ $\cos\theta$ as a function of $\sin 4\theta$.

# 9 Connecting sin, cos with *e*

## 9.1 Video 34: Trig identities and Euler's formula

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### 9.1.1 More connections between $\sin\theta$, $\cos\theta$, $e^{i\theta}$

Euler's formula

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

can be manipulated to obtain the following identities

**Important idea** (Trig functions in terms of exponentials).

$$\cos\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}.$$

For example, consider

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

and so $e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta} = 2\cos\theta$, which rearranges to the first identity.

### 9.1.2 Trig identities from Euler's formula

**Example.**

Apply the identity

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

to express $\sin^4\theta$ in terms of $\cos\theta,\ \cos 2\theta, \cdots$.

## 9.2 Video 35: Trig identities from Euler's formula

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**Example.**

Apply the identity

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

to express $\sin^5\theta$ in terms of $\sin\theta$, $\sin 2\theta, \cdots$.

## 9.3 Video 36: How to prove trig identities WITHOUT trig!

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**Example.**

Prove

$$\sin(x+y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y.$$

## 9.4 Revision Video 37: Complex numbers + trig identities

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The problem for this video is similar to Video 35.

# 10 Regions in the complex plane

## 10.1 Video 38: How to determine regions in the complex plane

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### 10.1.1 Regions in the complex plane

We can use equations or inequalities to represent regions within two-dimensional space.

With a bit of care, we can also represent regions in the complex plane via similar techniques.

We know that the modulus $|z|$ of any complex number $z$ is the length of the line segment joining $z$ to the origin. Thus, the set

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 3\}$$

is the set of all complex numbers, whose distance to the origin is less than three units. This is an open disc, centred at the origin, with radius three.

Similarly, the set

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - (2 + i)| < 3\}$$

is the set of all complex numbers, whose distance to $2 + i$ is less than three units. This is an open disc, centred at the $2 + i$, with radius three.

Similarly, the set

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - i| = 3\}$$

is the set of all complex numbers, whose distance to $i$ is exactly three units. This is a circle, centered at the $i$, with radius three.

The set

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 2| = |z - 4|\}$$

is the set of all complex numbers, whose distance to 2 and 4 are equal. This is a vertical line, passing through 3.

Also

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 \leq \mathrm{Arg}(z) \leq \pi/2\}$$

is the set of all complex numbers, whose principal argument is between zero and $\pi/2$. This is all those points that lie in the rst quadrant, covered by a quarter-turn in the anticlockwise direction about the origin.

### 10.1.2 Regions in the complex plane

**Example.**

Determine and sketch the set of points satisfying

$$\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z+4| = 2|z-i|\}.$$

## 10.2 Video 39: Circular sector in the complex plane

### 10.2.1 Regions in the complex plane

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**Example.**

Determine and sketch the set of points satisfying

$$|z - 1 - i| < 3, \quad 0 < \ \text{Arg}(z) < \pi/4.$$

## 10.3 Video 40: Circle in the complex plane

### 10.3.1 Regions in the complex plane

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**Example.**

Determine and sketch the set of points satisfying

$$|z + 3| = 2|z - 6i|.$$

## 10.4 Video 41: How to sketch regions in the complex plane

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**Example.**

Sketch the region in the complex plane dened by all those complex numbers $z$ such that

$$|z - 2i| < 1, \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \text{Arg}(z - 2i) \leq \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

# 11 Complex polynomials

## 11.1 Video 42: How to factor complex polynomials

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**Important idea.**

The basic theory for complex polynomials of degree $n$

$$p(z) := a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0$$

may be summarized as follows:-

- Every polynomial $p(z)$ of degree $n$ has at least one root over $\mathbb{C}$. That is, there is at least one $\alpha$ such that $p(\alpha) = 0$.
- The roots of complex polynomials with **real** coecients appear in conjugate pairs.
- If $p(\alpha) = 0$ for some number $\alpha$ then $(z - \alpha)$ is a factor of $p(z)$.
- Every polynomial of degree $n$ can be factored into $n$ linear parts. That is

  $$p(z) = a_n(z - \alpha_1)(z - \alpha_2) \cdots (z - \alpha_n)$$

  where the $\alpha_i$ are the roots of $p(z)$.

### 11.1.1 Complex polynomials with real coecients

**Example.**

a) Solve $p(z) := z^6 + 64 = 0$.

b) Hence factorize $p(z)$ into linear factors.

## 11.2 Video 43: Factorizing complex polynomials

### 11.2.1 Complex polynomials with real coecients

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**Example.**

If $p(z) := 2z^4 - 5z^3 + 5z^2 - 20z - 12$ then:

a) Show $p(2i) = 0$;
b) Illustrate that $z^2 + 4$ is a factor of $p(z)$ (without division) and also find the other quadratic factor;
c) Thus, factorize $p(z)$ into quadratic factors.

## 11.3 Video 44: Factor polynomials into linear parts

### 11.3.1 Complex polynomials with real coefficients

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**Example.**

a) Solve $p(z) := z^7 + 3^7 = 0$.
b) Hence factorize $p(z)$ into linear factors.

## 11.4 Video 45: Complex linear factors

### 11.4.1 Complex polynomials with real coefficients

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**Example.**

If $p(z) := z^5 + 4z^3 - 8z^2 - 32$ then:

a) Show $p(2i) = 0$;

b) Illustrate that $z^2 + 4$ is a factor of $p(z)$ (without division) and also find the other quadratic factor;

c) Thus, factorize $p(z)$ into complex linear factors.

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