

There are no solutions in terms of real numbers.

Introduce:  $j = \sqrt{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow j^2 = -1 \quad j^3 = -j \quad j^4 = 1$$

Complex numbers are written in the form:  $z = x + jy$

Where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $j^2 = -1$   $j = \sqrt{-1}$

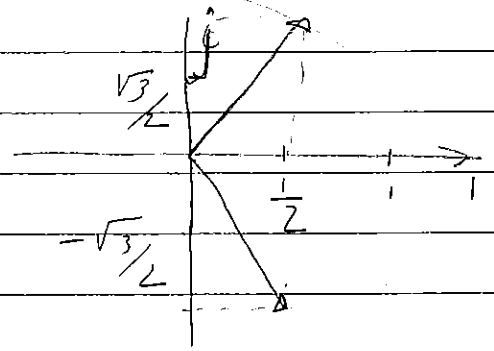
$$\text{Then } z^2 - z + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{2} \pm j \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

→ The complex plane

Complex numbers are made

of two components along

real and imaginary axes.



Real numbers → not algebraically closed

$$\text{eg. } z^2 - z + 1 = 0 \quad a_0, a_1, a_2 \text{ are real}$$

but there are no real solutions.

Complex numbers → algebraically closed

$$\text{i.e. } c_n z^n + c_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + c_0 = 0$$

with  $c_n, \dots, c_0 \rightarrow$  complex constants.

⇒  $n$ -complex solutions → always.

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## Basic definitions and properties

$$z = x + jy \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad j^2 = -1$$

$x \rightarrow$  real part  $y \rightarrow$  imaginary part,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$z_1 = a + jb \quad z_2 = c + jd.$$

$$z_1 = z_2 \Leftrightarrow a = c \ \& \ b = d.$$

The complex conjugate:

$$\text{if } z = x + jy \Rightarrow \bar{z} = x - jy$$

also  $z^* = x - jy$  ← another notation.

## Arithmetics with complex numbers

Given  $z_1 = x_1 + jy_1 \quad z_2 = x_2 + jy_2$

Then

Addition  $z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + j(y_1 + y_2).$

Subtraction  $z_1 - z_2 = (x_1 - x_2) + j(y_1 - y_2)$

Multiplication  $z_1 \cdot z_2 = (x_1 + jy_1)(x_2 + jy_2) =$   
 $= (x_1 x_2 + j^2 y_1 y_2) + j(x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2)$   
 $= (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + j(x_1 y_2 + y_1 x_2)$

Example  $z_1 = 2 + j \quad z_2 = 3 - 2j$

$$z_1 + z_2 = 5 - j$$

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$$(2+j) - (3-2j)$$

$$z_1 - z_2 = -1 + 3j$$

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = (2+j) \cdot (3-2j) = (2 \cdot 3 - (1 \cdot (-2))) + j(3 - 4) = 8 - j$$

Note that if  $z = x + jy$   $\bar{z} = x - jy$ .

then  $z + \bar{z} = 2x \in \mathbb{R}$  ;  $z - \bar{z} = 2j \operatorname{Im}(z)$

$$z - \bar{z} = j2y \quad ; \quad \bar{z} - z = 2(-j)y = -2jy$$

$$z \bar{z} = (x + jy)(x - jy) = x^2 - j^2 y^2 + j(yx - xy) = x^2 + y^2$$

$\Rightarrow z \bar{z} \in \mathbb{R}$  i.e. it is a real number.

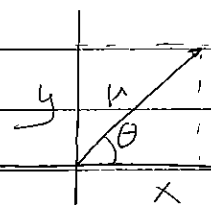
e.g.  $z = 2 + j$   $\bar{z} = 2 - j$   $z \bar{z} = 2^2 + 1^2 = 5$

we can write complex numbers using polar coordinates

$$z = x + jy \quad x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow z = r(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)$$

$$r > 0 \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$



$$\Rightarrow r = |z| = \operatorname{mod}(z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{z \bar{z}}$$

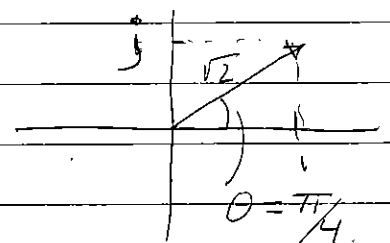
r 'modulus of z'

$$\theta = \arg(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

theta 'argument of z'

Example 1  $z = 1 + j \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$



We can use the fact that  $z\bar{z}$  is real to do divisions of complex numbers. : eg. if  $z = x + jy$

$$\text{Then } \Rightarrow \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{z}} = \frac{\bar{z}}{z\bar{z}} = \frac{x - jy}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} - j \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

Then if  $z_1 = x_1 + jy_1$        $z_2 = x_2 + jy_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \frac{z_2}{z_1} &= z_2 \cdot \frac{1}{z_1} = z_2 \cdot \frac{\bar{z}_1}{z_1 \bar{z}_1} = \frac{(x_2 + jy_2)(x_1 - jy_1)}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} = \\ &= \frac{(x_2 x_1 + y_2 y_1)}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} + j \frac{(y_2 x_1 - y_1 x_2)}{x_1^2 + y_1^2} \end{aligned}$$

Examples  $z_1 = 2 + j$        $z_2 = 3 - 2j$

$$\frac{z_2}{z_1} = \frac{3 - 2j}{2 + j} = \frac{(3 - 2j)(3 + 2j)}{(2 + j)(3 + 2j)} = \frac{(6 - 2) + (3 + 4)j}{13} = \frac{4}{13} + \frac{7}{13}j$$

Properties of conjugation (check!)

$$\overline{z_1 + z_2} = \bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2$$

$$\overline{z_1 - z_2} = \bar{z}_1 - \bar{z}_2$$

$$\overline{z_1 z_2} = \bar{z}_1 \cdot \bar{z}_2$$

$$\text{if } z_2 \neq 0 \quad \overline{\left( \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right)} = \frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_2}$$

Property of modulus

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

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note that complex numbers satisfy the usual rules:

i  $z_1 + z_2 = z_2 + z_1$

ii  $z_1 \cdot z_2 = z_2 \cdot z_1$

iii  $z_1(z_2 + z_3) = z_1 z_2 + z_1 z_3$

iv  $z_1(z_2 z_3) = (z_1 z_2) z_3$

Examples let  $z_1 = 2 - 5j$   $z_2 = -3 + 4j$   $\bar{z}_1 = 2 + 5j$   $\bar{z}_2 = -3 - 4j$

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = (2 - 5j)(-3 + 4j) = (-6 + 20) + j(15 + 8) = -14 + 23j$$

$$\bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2 = (2 + 5j)(-3 - 4j) = (-6 + 20) + j(-15 - 8) = -14 - 23j = \overline{z_1 z_2}$$

$$\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \frac{2 - 5j}{-3 + 4j} = \frac{(2 - 5j)(-3 - 4j)}{(-3 + 4j)(-3 - 4j)} = \frac{1 \cdot (-6 - 20) + j(15 - 8)}{25} = \frac{-26 + 7j}{25}$$

$$\frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_2} = \frac{2 + 5j}{-3 - 4j} = \frac{(2 + 5j)(-3 + 4j)}{(-3 - 4j)(-3 + 4j)} = \frac{1 \cdot (-6 - 20) + j(-15 + 8)}{25} = \frac{-26 - 7j}{25} = \overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)}$$

$$|z_1| = \sqrt{4 + 25} = \sqrt{29} \quad |z_2| = \sqrt{9 + 16} = 5$$

$$|z_1 z_2| = \sqrt{14^2 + 23^2} = \sqrt{196 + 529} = \sqrt{725} = \sqrt{25 \cdot 29} = 5\sqrt{29} = |z_1| |z_2|$$

EULER'S FORMULA and de Moivre's theorem.

Recall in polar coordinates:  $z = r(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)$

we can write this in a better way!

Recall  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$

$$\text{so } e^{j\theta} = 1 + (j\theta) + \frac{(j\theta)^2}{2!} + \frac{(j\theta)^3}{3!} + \frac{(j\theta)^4}{4!} + \frac{(j\theta)^5}{5!} + \dots$$

NOW:  $j^2 = -1, j^3 = -j, j^4 = j^2 \cdot j^2 = 1, j^5 = j, j^6 = j^2 = -1, \text{ etc...}$

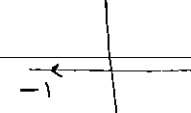
So,  $e^{j\theta} = 1 + j\theta - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} - j\frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} + j\frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} - j\frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \dots$

$$= \left( 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2!} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \dots \right) + j \left( \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \dots \right)$$
  
$$= \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$$

This is Euler's formula:  $e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta$ .

$\Rightarrow z = r e^{j\theta}$  ← the Polar form of  $z$ .

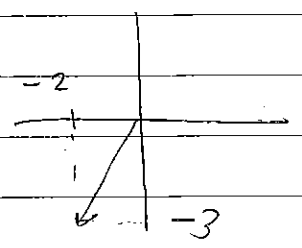
Examples Express the following complex numbers in polar form.

1.  $z = -1$    $r \cos \theta = -1$   
 $r \sin \theta = 0$

$|z| = 1 = r$

$\arg(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{0}{-1}\right) = \pi$

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

2.  $z = -2 - 3j$  

$|z| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{13}$

$\arg(z) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-3}{-2}\right) + \pi \approx 4.646$

$\Rightarrow -2 - 3j = \sqrt{13} e^{j4.646}$

In polar coordinates multiplication and division

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of complex numbers takes the form

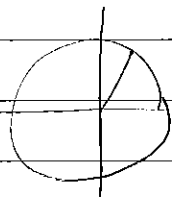
$$\text{if } z_1 = r_1 e^{j\theta_1} \quad z_2 = r_2 e^{j\theta_2}$$

$$\text{Then } z_1 z_2 = r_1 e^{j\theta_1} r_2 e^{j\theta_2} = (r_1 r_2) \cdot e^{j(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1 e^{j\theta_1}}{r_2 e^{j\theta_2}} = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right) \cdot e^{j(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

Remarks on Euler's formula

$e^{j\theta}$  is a complex number of magnitude 1.



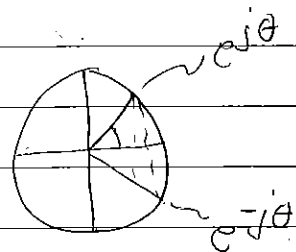
since  $\cos(\theta + 2\pi) = \cos(\theta)$  &  $\sin(\theta + 2\pi) = \sin(\theta)$

$$\Rightarrow e^{j\theta} = e^{j(\theta + 2\pi n)} = e^{j\theta} + j 2\pi n$$

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

$\Rightarrow$  The complex conjugate of  $e^{j\theta}$  is

$$\overline{e^{j\theta}} = e^{-j\theta}$$



Adding:  $e^{j\theta} = \cos\theta + j \sin\theta$

$$e^{-j\theta} = \cos\theta - j \sin\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta} = 2 \cos\theta$$

$$\text{OR } \cos\theta = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2}$$

subtracting  $e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}$  gives.

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

This shows the relation between trigonometric and hyperbolic functions

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

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{j} \sinh(j\theta) = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j}$$

### de Moivre's Theorem

we have,

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

$$\Rightarrow (\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)^n = (e^{j\theta})^n = e^{jn\theta} = \cos(n\theta) + j \sin(n\theta)$$

$$\text{i.e. } (\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + j \sin(n\theta)$$

This is de Moivre's theorem.

→ useful for deriving trigonometric identities

e.g. express  $\cos(n\theta)$  and  $\sin(n\theta)$  in terms

of  $\cos \theta$  and  $\sin \theta$  by expanding the RHS of

$$\cos n\theta + j \sin n\theta = (\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)^n$$



Examples

$$1. \cos(2\theta) + j \sin(2\theta) = (\cos\theta + j \sin\theta)^2 =$$

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

equating the real and imaginary part on both sides

$$\Rightarrow \cos(2\theta) = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$$

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta \cos\theta$$

$$2. \cos(3\theta) + j \sin(3\theta) = (\cos\theta + j \sin\theta)^3 =$$

$$= \cos^3\theta + 3\cos^2\theta(j\sin\theta) + 3\cos\theta(j\sin\theta)^2 + (j\sin\theta)^3$$

$$= \cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta \sin^2\theta + j(3\cos^2\theta \sin\theta - \sin^3\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(3\theta) = \cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta \sin^2\theta$$

$$\sin(3\theta) = 3\cos^2\theta \sin\theta - \sin^3\theta$$

$$3. \cos(5\theta) + j \sin(5\theta) = (\cos\theta + j \sin\theta)^5 =$$

$$= \cos^5\theta + 5\cos^4\theta(j\sin\theta) + 10\cos^3\theta(j\sin\theta)^2 + 10\cos^2\theta(j\sin\theta)^3 +$$

$$+ 5\cos\theta(j\sin\theta)^4 + (j\sin\theta)^5$$

$$= \cos^5\theta - 10\cos^3\theta \sin^2\theta + 5\cos\theta \sin^4\theta$$

$$+ j(5\cos^4\theta \sin\theta - 10\cos^2\theta \sin^3\theta + \sin^5\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(5\theta) = \cos^5\theta - 10\cos^3\theta \sin^2\theta + 5\cos\theta \sin^4\theta$$

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	5	10	10	5
1	4	6	4	1
1	3	3	1	
1	2	1		
1	1			

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$$\sin(5\theta) = 5\cos^4\theta\sin\theta - 10\cos^2\theta\sin^3\theta + \sin^5\theta$$

we can also write powers of  $\cos\theta$  and  $\sin\theta$  in terms of  $\cos(n\theta)$  and  $\sin(n\theta)$ .

write

$$z = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta = e^{j\theta}$$

then

$$z^n = \cos(n\theta) + j\sin(n\theta) \quad (*)$$

$$z^{-n} = \cos(n\theta) - j\sin(n\theta) \quad (**)$$

Adding gives

$$2\cos(n\theta) = z^n + z^{-n}$$

And subtracting

$$2j\sin(n\theta) = z^n - z^{-n}$$

To get an expression for  $\cos^h\theta$  we write

$$2\cos\theta = z + z^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n \cos^n\theta = (z + z^{-1})^n$$

and expand the RHS using the binomial theorem.

and use (\*) and (\*\*) to simplify.

Similarly for  $\sin^h\theta$  using  $2j\sin\theta = z - z^{-1}$

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### Examples

$$1. \quad 2^3 \cos^3 \theta = (z + z^{-1})^3 = z^3 + 3z^2 z^{-1} + 3z z^{-2} + z^{-3}$$

$$= (z^3 + z^{-3}) + 3(z + z^{-1})$$

$$= 2 \cos 3\theta + 3 \cdot 2 \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \cos^3 \theta = \cos(3\theta) + 3 \cos \theta$$

$$2. \quad (2j)^3 \sin^3 \theta = (z - z^{-1})^3 = z^3 - 3z^2 z^{-1} + 3z z^{-2} - z^{-3}$$

$$= (z^3 - z^{-3}) - 3(z - z^{-1})$$

$$= 2j \sin 3\theta - 3 \cdot 2j \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 8j^3 \sin^3 \theta = 2j \sin 3\theta - 6j \sin \theta$$

$$\text{OR, } 4 \sin^3 \theta = -\sin 3\theta + 3 \sin \theta$$

$$3. \quad (2j)^4 \sin^4 \theta = (z - z^{-1})^4$$

$$= z^4 - 4z^3 z^{-1} + 6z^2 z^{-2} - 4z z^{-3} + z^{-4}$$

$$= (z^4 + z^{-4}) - 4(z + z^{-2}) + 6$$

$$= 2 \cos(4\theta) - 8 \cos(2\theta) + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \sin^4 \theta = \cos(4\theta) - 4 \cos(2\theta) + 3$$

### Complex Roots

To solve  $w^k = z = r e^{j\theta}$

write  $w = |w|e^{j\alpha}$

$$w^k = |w|^k e^{jk\alpha} = r e^{-j\theta + j2\pi n}$$

$$\Rightarrow |w| = (r)^{1/k}$$

$$\arg(w) = \alpha = \frac{\theta + 2\pi n}{k} = \frac{\theta}{k} + \frac{2\pi n}{k}$$

The distinct roots are:  $r^{1/k} e^{j(\frac{\theta + 2\pi n}{k})}$

with  $0 \leq n < k$ .

Example 1.  $w^3 = 8 + 8j$

$$\Rightarrow |w| = \sqrt{8^2 + 8^2} = 8\sqrt{2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} 8/8 = \tan^{-1} 1 = \pi/4$$

$$\Rightarrow w^3 = (8\sqrt{2}) \cdot e^{j\pi/4} = 8 \cdot 2^{1/2} e^{j\pi/4} = r e^{j\pi/4 + j2\pi n}$$

$$\Rightarrow w = (8 \cdot 2^{1/2})^{1/3} = 2 \cdot 2^{1/6}$$

$$\alpha = (\pi/4 + 2\pi n) \cdot 1/3 = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi n}{3} \quad n = 0, 1, 2$$

$$\alpha_0 = \frac{\pi}{12}, \alpha_1 = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{9\pi}{12} = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \alpha_2 = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{4\pi}{3} = \frac{17\pi}{12}$$

Example 2.  $w^2 = -4j = 4e^{j3\pi/2}$

$$\Rightarrow |w| = 4^{1/2} = 2$$

$$\alpha = (\frac{3\pi}{2} + 2\pi n) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \pi n \quad n = 0, 1$$

$$\alpha_0 = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \alpha_1 = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \pi = \frac{7\pi}{4} \quad w = 2e^{j3\pi/4} \quad \text{or } w = 2e^{j7\pi/4}$$

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Adding up infinitely many different things.

e.g. Maclaurin series:

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

ie.  $e = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \dots \cong 2.718$

sometimes this makes sense.

→ The series converges.

sometimes it doesn't.

→ The series diverges.

we want to develop criteria that tells us whether a series converges or diverges

e.g.  $1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$

but  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - 1/2} = 2$

so the first series diverges whereas the second converges.

convergence and divergence.

Recall  $\sum_{k=0}^n a_k = a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n$

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n = a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots$$

Examples  $\sum_{n=0}^3 n^2 = 0^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 14$

$n=0$

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{137}{60}$$

$n=1$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x \quad \text{Maclaurin series of } e^x.$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots = \ln(1+x)$$

Maclaurin series of  $\ln(1+x)$ .

Note: When  $(-1)^n$  or  $(-1)^{n+1}$  appear in the sum,

The series is an alternating series.

i.e. the signs between the terms alternate.

→ important for convergence.

Finite series  $\sum_{n=1}^n a_n$  always make sense.

Infinite series may or may not make sense.

Given an infinite series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$$

define its partial sums by cutting it off after  $a_n$ .

$$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$$

we say: The series converges if the partial sums  $S_n$  get closer to some finite value  $L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

i.e. 
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n a_k = L$$

Otherwise we say that the series diverges.

### Examples

1. consider 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

$$S_0 = 1; S_1 = \frac{3}{2}; S_2 = \frac{7}{4}; S_3 = \frac{15}{8}; S_4 = \frac{31}{16}; S_5 = \frac{63}{32} \dots$$

we note: 
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = 2.$$

2. consider 
$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k = 1 - 1 + 1 - 1 + \dots$$

The partial sums are:  $1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots$

$\Rightarrow$  the series is divergent.

note: if  $\left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right)$  is convergent

$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$

However, the opposite is not true

i.e.  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$  does not imply that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = L$

i.e. it does not guarantee that the series is convergent.

Example  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots \rightarrow \text{diverges.}$

## Geometric Series

A geometric series is a series in which each term is a multiple of the previous term.

i.e.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots$

$a \rightarrow$  first term

$r \rightarrow$  the common ratio.

The sum of a geometric series is calculable.

Take the partial sums.

$$S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^n$$

multiply by  $r$ :  $rS_n = ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n+1}$

Take  $S_n - rS_n = a - ar^{n+1}$

Hence  $S_n(1-r) = a(1-r^{n+1})$

OR  $S_n = a \left( \frac{1-r^{n+1}}{1-r} \right)$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a \left( \frac{1-r^{n+1}}{1-r} \right)$



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$\Rightarrow$  if  $|r| < 1$  then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^{n+1} = 0$ .

Hence  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = \frac{a}{1-r}$  for  $-1 < r < 1$

and the series diverges if  $|r| > 1$ .

### convergence tests

In most cases it is impossible to calculate the partial sum.

All we can do is apply tests to decide if the series converges or diverges.

### The comparison test

We suppose that all terms  $a_n \geq 0$

if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges and

$$0 \leq a_n \leq b_n \text{ for all } n.$$

then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges as well,

if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges and

$$0 \leq b_n \leq a_n \text{ for all } n.$$

then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converges as well.

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## Examples

1. consider the factorial series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \dots$$

Each term is smaller or equal to the corresponding

term in:

$$1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} + \dots$$

The second series is a geometric series with

$$1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 3$$

Hence the first series converges as well.

2. Consider the harmonic series.

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots$$

We group the terms in the following way.

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{9} + \dots + \frac{1}{16}\right) + \dots$$

We see that the term in each bracket  $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ .

So the series is bigger than

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \dots \quad \text{which diverges.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges as well.

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consider the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{6^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \frac{1}{8^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{15^2}$$

$< 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{2} \quad < 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4^2} = \frac{1}{2} \quad < 8 \cdot \frac{1}{8^2} = \frac{1}{2^3}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{(2^{n+1}-1)^2} < 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n} = 2$$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  is convergent.

An alternative way: compare with the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n, \text{ where } a_1 = 1 \text{ and}$$

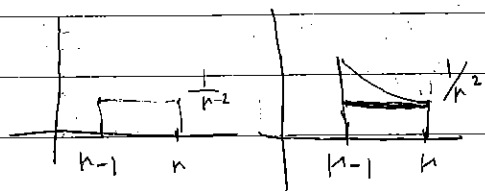
$$a_n = \int_{n-1}^n \frac{1}{x^2} dx \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

consider: Partial sums

$$S_n = 1 + \int_1^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \int_2^3 \frac{1}{x^2} dx + \dots + \int_{n-1}^n \frac{1}{x^2} dx =$$
$$= 1 + \int_1^n \frac{1}{x^2} dx = 1 + \left[ -\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^n = 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{n} + 1 \right) = 2 - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 2$$

Now  $a_n \geq \frac{1}{n^2}$  for all  $n$ .



So  $\frac{1}{n^2}$  converges by the comparison test.

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## The ratio test

$$\text{let } l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

if  $l < 1$  then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

if  $l > 1$  then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

if  $l = 1$  then the ratio test is not conclusive.

PROOF if  $l < 1$  choose  $r$  with  $l < r < 1$

then the series is smaller than  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$

which is a geometric series and converges.

Examples 1.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{3^n} \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{n^2}{3^n}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+1)^2 / 3^{n+1}}{n^2 / 3^n} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \frac{1}{3}$$

2.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  the ratio test is inconclusive.

## The alternating series test

Suppose that  $a_n \geq 0$ ;  $a_{n+1} < a_n$ ;  $a_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$

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Then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$$

converges.

Examples

The series:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$

converges.

Similarly

the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} e^{-n} = 1 - \frac{1}{e} + \frac{1}{e^2} - \frac{1}{e^3} + \dots$

converges.

### Power Series

Power series involve a variable  $x$ :

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

whether

they converge or diverge depend on the value of  $x$

Maclaurin series are examples of power series.

Let

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1} x^{n+1}}{a_n x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x| \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

by the ratio test the power series converges if  $L < 1$

$$\Rightarrow |x| < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$$

and diverges if  $L > 1 \Rightarrow |x| > \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$$

is called the radius of convergence of the power series.

Examples:

1. Consider the power series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!}$

we have  $a_k = \frac{1}{k!} \Rightarrow \frac{a_k}{a_{k+1}} = \frac{(k+1)!}{k!} = (k+1)$

$\Rightarrow R = \infty \rightarrow$  the series converges for all values of  $x$ .

2. Consider the power series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k}$

we have  $a_k = \frac{1}{k} \Rightarrow \frac{a_k}{a_{k+1}} = \frac{k+1}{k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 1$

$\Rightarrow R = 1 \rightarrow$  The power series converges for  $-1 < x < 1$   
and diverges for  $x > 1$  OR  $x < -1$

For  $x = \pm 1$  we have to check separately

if  $x = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \rightarrow$  diverges.

if  $x = -1 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k} \rightarrow$  converges by the alternating test.

$\Rightarrow$  the power series converges for  $-1 \leq x < 1$   
and diverges otherwise.

3. Consider the power series:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{n 2^n}$

we have  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n 2^n}$

$$\left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right| = \frac{(n+1) 2^{n+1}}{n 2^n} = \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot 2 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 2$$

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$$\Rightarrow R = 2$$

$\Rightarrow$  The power series converges if  $-2 < x < 2$

and diverges if  $x > 2$  OR  $x < -2$

For  $x=2 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$

which converges by the alternating series test.

For  $x=-2 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot (-1)^n \cdot 2^n}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$

which diverges.

Hence: The power series converges for  $-2 < x < 2$   
and diverges otherwise.