

Ex: $y' = x^2 y$. It's separable, so we can solve it that way, but let's use power series.

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n$$

$$y' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n C_n x^{n-1} \stackrel{\text{shift } n}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) C_{n+1} x^n$$

$$x^2 y = x^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n \stackrel{\text{multiply}}{=} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^{n+2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} C_{n-2} x^n$$

$$y' - x^2 y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) C_{n+1} x^n$$

$$- \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} C_{n-2} x^n \quad (*)$$

To gather the terms we need

the series to start at the same index. To "fix" it, we write out the first two terms in the former series.

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &= C_1 x + 2C_2 x^2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+1)C_{n+1} x^n \\ &\quad - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} C_{n-2} x^n \\ &= \underbrace{C_1}_{=0} + \underbrace{2C_2 x}_{=0} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+1)C_{n+1} - C_{n-2}] x^n \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Immediately get $C_1 = 0, C_2 = 0.$

Then $(n+1)C_{n+1} - C_{n-2} = 0 \quad n \geq 2$

$$C_{n+1} = \frac{C_{n-2}}{n+1} \quad n \geq 2$$

$$\underline{n=2} \quad C_3 = \frac{C_0}{3}$$

$$\underline{n=3} \quad C_4 = \frac{C_1}{4} = 0$$

$$\underline{n=4} \quad C_5 = \frac{C_2}{5} = 0$$

$$\underline{n=6} \quad C_6 = \frac{C_3}{6} = \frac{C_0}{6 \cdot 3} = \frac{C_0}{3^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = \frac{C_0}{3^2 \cdot 2!}$$

$$\underline{n=7} \quad C_7 = \frac{C_4}{7} = 0$$

$$\underline{n=8} \quad C_8 = \frac{C_5}{8} = 0$$

$$\underline{n=9} \quad C_9 = \frac{C_6}{9} = \frac{C_0}{9 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 2!} = \frac{C_0}{3^3 \cdot 3!}$$

Pattern seems to be

$$C_{3n} = \frac{C_0}{3^n \cdot n!} \quad \text{and } C_n = 0$$

for n not a multiple of 3.

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n x^n = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + C_3 x^3 +$$

$$C_4 x^4 + C_5 x^5 + C_6 x^6 + \dots$$

$$= C_0 + C_3 x^3 + C_6 x^6 + C_9 x^9 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= C_0 \left(1 + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 1!} + \frac{x^6}{3^2 \cdot 2!} + \frac{x^9}{3^3 \cdot 3!} + \dots \right) \\
&= C_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{3n}}{3^n n!} = C_0 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^n}{n!} \\
&= C_0 e^{\frac{x^3}{3}}
\end{aligned}$$

This is also the solution obtained via separation of variables!

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

In general we can in fact solve a $y'' + by' + cy = 0$ 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.

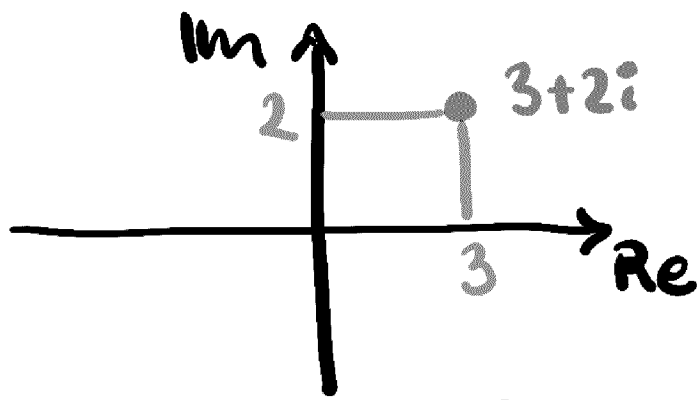
The imaginary unit satisfies

$$\boxed{i^2 = -1}$$

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"

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

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

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

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

$z = a + bi$ then its conjugate

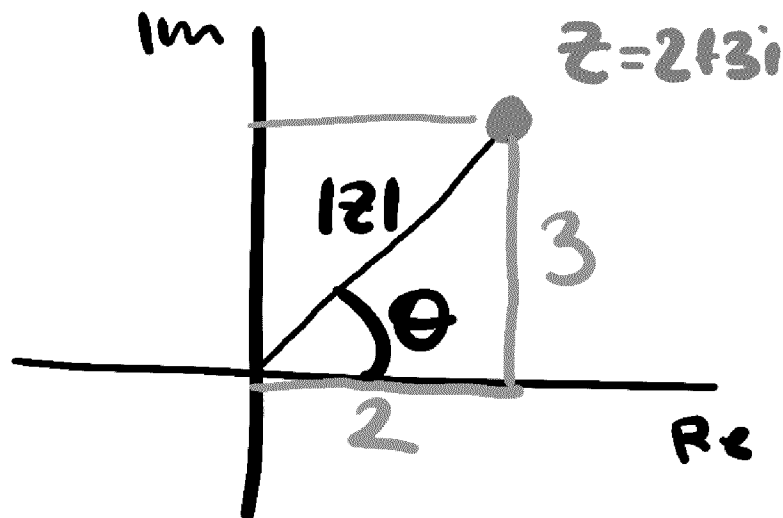
is $\bar{z} = a - bi$

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
 θ : it's called the argument

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

[Note: This \uparrow formula is true
when z belongs to the 1st quadrant.]

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

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

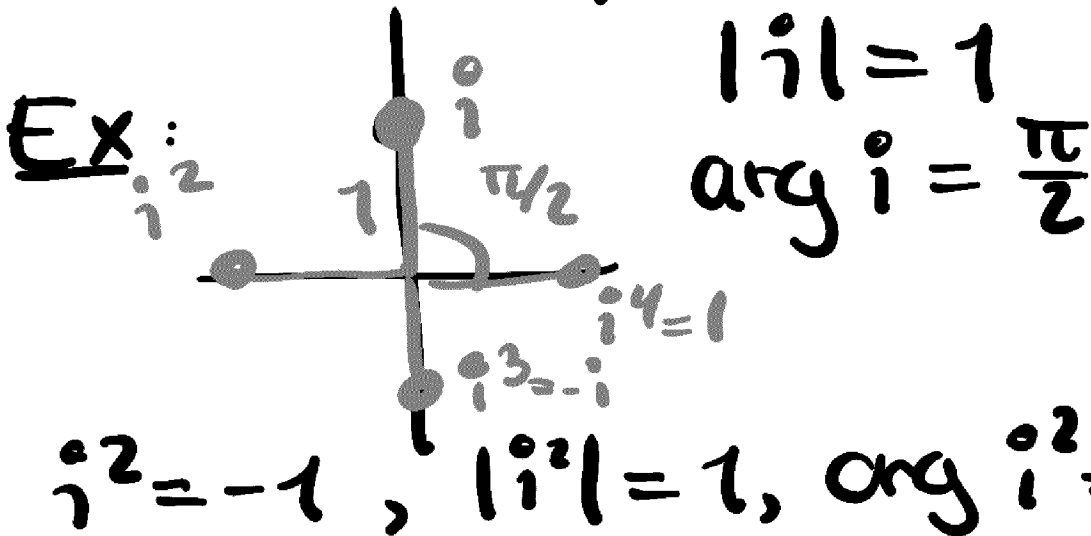
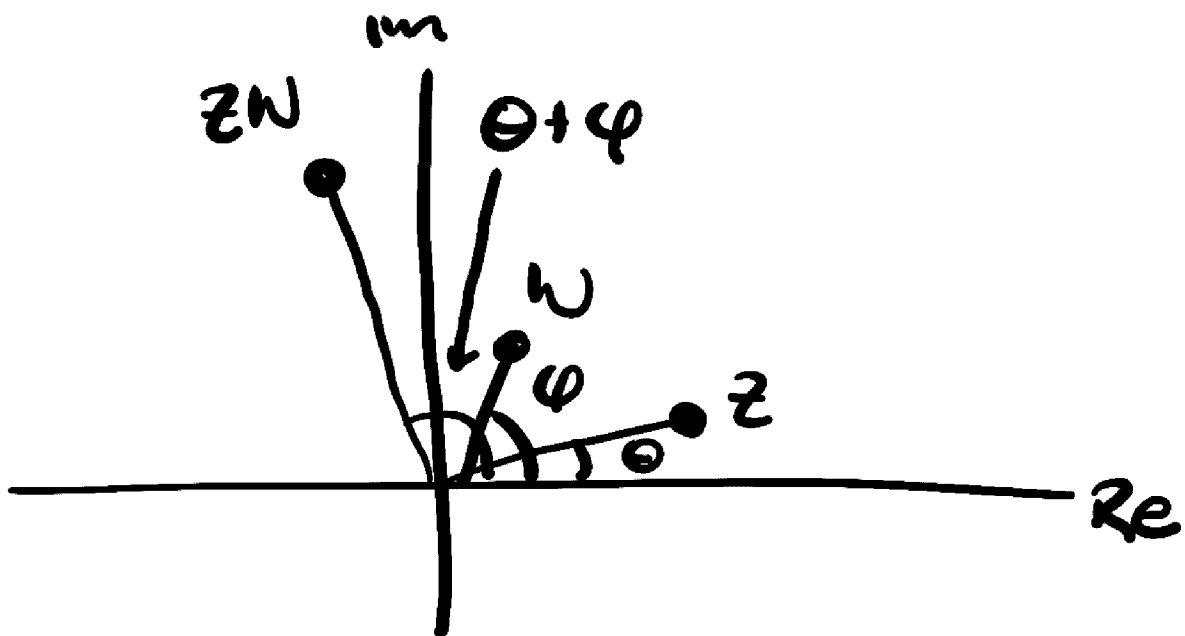
then

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

multiplication is easier:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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