

Solutions to Complex Arithmetic Practice Problems

Rectangular to polar problem set:

To convert to polar form, must find magnitude and phase.

$$1. \text{ mag.} = \sqrt{(18)^2 + (15)^2} = 23.4 \quad \text{phase} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{15}{18}\right) = 0.695 \text{ rad}$$

$$\rightarrow 18 + j15 = 23.4e^{j0.695} = 23.4\angle 39.8^\circ$$

$$2. \text{ mag.} = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-21)^2} = 21.2 \quad \text{phase} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-21}{-3}\right) = 1.43 + \pi = 4.57 \text{ rad}$$

(Note that some calculators don't place the result of the inverse tangent function in the correct quadrant when the real part is negative.)

$$\rightarrow -3 - j21 = 21.2e^{j4.57} = 21.2\angle -98^\circ$$

$$3. \text{ mag.} = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (21)^2} = 21.2 \quad \text{phase} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{21}{-3}\right) = -1.43 + \pi = 1.71 \text{ rad}$$

$$\rightarrow -3 + j21 = 21.2e^{j1.71} = 21.2\angle 98^\circ$$

$$4. \text{ mag.} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \quad \text{phase} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

$$\rightarrow a + jb = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} e^{\tan^{-1}(b/a)} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \angle \tan^{-1}(b/a)$$

$$5. \text{ mag.} = \sqrt{\cos^2 \omega t + \sin^2 \omega t} = 1 \quad \text{phase} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sin \omega t}{\cos \omega t}\right) = \tan^{-1}(\tan \omega t) = \omega t$$

$$\rightarrow \cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t = e^{j\omega t} \text{ (Euler's formula!)}$$

$$6. \text{ mag.} = \sqrt{\sin^2 \omega t + \cos^2 \omega t} = 1$$

$$\text{phase} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\cos \omega t}{\sin \omega t}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\cos(-\omega t)}{\sin(\omega t)}\right] = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\sin(-\omega t + \pi/2)}{\cos(\omega t - \pi/2)}\right] = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\sin(\pi/2 - \omega t)}{\cos(\pi/2 - \omega t)}\right]$$

$$= \tan^{-1}[\tan(\pi/2 - \omega t)] = \pi/2 - \omega t$$

$$\rightarrow \sin \omega t + j \cos \omega t = e^{j(\pi/2 - \omega t)} = 1\angle\left(90^\circ - \omega t \frac{360^\circ}{2\pi}\right) \text{ (this is correct phasor form)}$$

$$\text{this is also equal to } e^{j(\pi/2 - \omega t)} = e^{j\pi/2} e^{-j\omega t} = j e^{-j\omega t}$$

$$7. \text{ mag.} = \sqrt{9^2 \cos^2 \omega t + 3^2 \sin^2 \omega t} = \sqrt{81 (1 - \sin^2 \omega t) + 9 \sin^2 \omega t} = \sqrt{81 - 72 \sin^2 \omega t}$$

(magnitude varies between 3 and 9, depending on the time t)

$$\text{phase} = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3 \sin \omega t}{9 \cos \omega t} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{3} \tan \omega t \right) \neq \frac{1}{3} \omega t$$

(phase angle does not vary linearly with time as in the case of $e^{j\omega t}$)

Polar to rectangular problem set:

$$1. 8e^{-j0.12} = 8 [\cos(-0.12) + j \sin(-0.12)] = 8 [\cos(0.12) - j \sin(0.12)] = 7.94 - j0.096$$

$$2. 14 \angle 132^\circ = 14 [\cos(132^\circ) + j \sin(132^\circ)] = -9.37 + j10.4$$

$$3. -6 \angle -85^\circ = -6 [\cos(-85^\circ) + j \sin(-85^\circ)] = -6 [\cos(85^\circ) - j \sin(85^\circ)] = -0.523 + j5.98$$

$$4. Ae^{j\omega t} = A (\cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t) = A \cos \omega t + jA \sin \omega t$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5. Be^{-j(\omega t + \pi/6)} &= B [\cos(-\omega t - \pi/6) + j \sin(-\omega t - \pi/6)] \\ &= B [\cos(\omega t + \pi/6) - j \sin(\omega t + \pi/6)] = B \cos(\omega t + \pi/6) - jB \sin(\omega t + \pi/6) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6. 15e^{j(\omega t - \pi/2)} &= 15e^{-j\pi/2} e^{j\omega t} = -j15e^{j\omega t} = -j15(\cos \omega t + j \sin \omega t) \\ &= -j15 \cos \omega t - j^2 15 \sin \omega t = 15 \sin \omega t - j15 \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

$$7. e^{-j3\pi/2} = \cos\left(\frac{-3\pi}{2}\right) + j \sin\left(\frac{-3\pi}{2}\right) = 0 + j = j$$

Express in proper polar form:

Proper polar form requires a complex number to be expressed in terms of a positive magnitude and a phase angle (phase can be expressed either in exponential form or in angular form; that is, either “mag $e^{j\text{Phase}}$ ” or “mag \angle phase”).

$$\begin{aligned} 1. -10e^{-j3\pi/2} &= 10(-1)e^{-j3\pi/2} = 10e^{j\pi} e^{-j3\pi/2} = 10e^{j(\pi - 3\pi/2)} = 10e^{-j\pi/2} \\ &\text{or } 10e^{-j\pi} e^{-j3\pi/2} = 10e^{j(-\pi - 3\pi/2)} = 10e^{-j5\pi/2} = 10e^{-j2\pi} e^{-j\pi/2} = 10e^{-j\pi/2} \end{aligned}$$

The usual practice is to give phase values in the range $-\pi$ to π .

Note that $e^{j\pi} = \cos(\pi) + j \sin(\pi) = -1 + j0 = -1$ and that

$$e^{-j\pi} = \cos(-\pi) + j \sin(-\pi) = \cos(\pi) - j \sin(\pi) = -1 \quad (\pi \text{ rad} = 180^\circ).$$

Also note that $e^{j2\pi} = e^{-j2\pi} = 1$.

$$2. \quad Be^{-j\omega t - \alpha t} = Be^{-j\omega t}e^{-\alpha t} = Be^{-\alpha t}e^{-j\omega t}$$

Note that $-j\omega t - \alpha t$ does not represent a phase angle because it contains a real part ($-\alpha t$).

The magnitude in this case ($Be^{-\alpha t}$) is time-varying, which is okay.

Find real and imaginary parts:

$$1. \quad \text{Re}\{8e^{-j0.12}\} = \text{Re}\{7.94 - j0.096\} = 7.94$$

The result $7.94 - j0.096$ is from the earlier polar-to-rectangular problem set.

$$\text{Im}\{8e^{-j0.12}\} = \text{Im}\{7.94 - j0.096\} = -0.096$$

$$2. \quad \text{Re}\{14\angle 132^\circ\} = \text{Re}\{-9.37 + j10.4\} = -9.37$$

The result $-9.37 + j10.4$ is from the earlier polar-to-rectangular problem set.

$$\text{Im}\{14\angle 132^\circ\} = \text{Im}\{-9.37 + j10.4\} = 10.4$$

$$3. \quad \text{Re}\{2\} = \text{Re}\{2 + j0\} = 2$$

$$\text{Im}\{2\} = 0$$

$$4. \quad \text{Re}\{j15\} = \text{Re}\{0 + j15\} = 0$$

$$\text{Im}\{j15\} = 15$$

$$5. \quad \text{Re}\{\sin \omega t\} = \text{Re}\{\sin \omega t + j0\} = \sin \omega t$$

$$\text{Im}\{\sin \omega t\} = 0$$

$$6. \quad \text{Re}\{j \cos \omega t\} = \text{Re}\{0 + j \cos \omega t\} = 0$$

$$\text{Im}\{j \cos \omega t\} = \cos \omega t$$

$$7. \quad \text{Re}\{x^2 + y^2 + j2xy\} = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\text{Im}\{x^2 + y^2 + j2xy\} = 2xy$$

Express in proper rectangular form:

$$1. \quad j5(-3 + j20) = (j5)(-3) + (j5)(j20) = -j15 - 100 = -100 - j15$$

Proper form is to put the real part on the left and the imaginary part on the right.

2. $-16(j2)^2 - j8(j3)^2 = -16(j^2)(2^2) - j8(j^2)(3^2) = -16(-1)(4) - j8(-1)(9) = 64 + j72$
3. $(j\beta + \alpha)^2 = (j\beta + \alpha)(j\beta + \alpha) = (j\beta)(j\beta) + 2(j\beta\alpha) + \alpha^2$
 $= -\beta^2 + j2\alpha\beta + \alpha^2 = \alpha^2 - \beta^2 + j2\alpha\beta$

The real part is $\alpha^2 - \beta^2$, and the imaginary part is $2\alpha\beta$.

Find magnitudes and phases:

1. $e^{-j\pi/2} = 1e^{-j\pi/2}$

By inspection, the magnitude is 1 ($|e^{-j\pi/2}| = 1$),
and the phase is $-\pi/2$ (or $3\pi/2$, since $e^{-j\pi/2} = e^{j3\pi/2}$).

2. $5e^{-j\pi}$

By inspection, the magnitude is 5 ($|5e^{-j\pi}| = 5$),
and the phase is $-\pi$ (or π).

Also, note that $5e^{-j\pi} = 5e^{j\pi} = 5(-1) = -5$.

3. $-9e^{-j\pi/3} = 9(-1)e^{-j\pi/3} = 9e^{j\pi}e^{-j\pi/3} = 9e^{j(\pi-\pi/3)} = 9e^{j2\pi/3}$
or $-9e^{-j\pi/3} = 9e^{-j\pi}e^{-j\pi/3} = 9e^{j(-\pi-\pi/3)} = 9e^{-j4\pi/3}$
 $\rightarrow |-9e^{-j\pi/3}| = 9$ and
phase $\{-9e^{-j\pi/3}\} = 2\pi/3$ or $-4\pi/3$

Note that the angle $2\pi/3$ (120°) is equivalent to the angle $-4\pi/3$ (-240°).

4. $|2 + j3| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2} = 3.61$
phase $\{2 + j3\} = \tan^{-1}(3/2) = 0.983$ (56.3°)

Thus, $2 + j3 = 3.61e^{j0.983} = 3.61\angle 56.3^\circ$

5. $|-j8| = \sqrt{(0)^2 + (-8)^2} = 8$
phase $\{-j8\} = \tan^{-1}(-8/0) = \tan^{-1}(-\infty) = -\pi/2$ (-90°)

6. $|jFe^{j0.83\pi}| = |j||F||e^{j0.83\pi}|$

(The magnitude of a product is equal to the product of the magnitudes.)

Since $|j| = 1$ and $|e^{j0.83\pi}| = 1$, then
 $|jFe^{j0.83\pi}| = |F| = F$

To find the phase, put the expression into proper polar form (using $j = e^{j\pi/2}$):

$$jFe^{j0.83\pi} = Fe^{j\pi/2}e^{j0.83\pi} = Fe^{j(\pi/2+0.83\pi)} = Fe^{j1.33\pi}$$

→ phase $\{jFe^{j0.83\pi}\} = 1.33\pi$ (239.4°) by inspection

The phase can also be expressed as $1.33\pi - 2\pi = -0.67\pi$ (-120.6°).

7. The solution is very similar to that of Problem 6.

$$|jFe^{jg}| = |j||F||e^{jg}| = (1)(F)(1) = F$$

To find the phase, put the expression into proper polar form:

$$jFe^{jg} = Fe^{j\pi/2}e^{jg} = Fe^{j(\pi/2+g)}$$

→ phase $\{jFe^{jg}\} = \pi/2 + g$ by inspection

8. $|-15| = 15$

Put the expression into proper polar form:

$$-15 = 15(-1) = 15e^{\pm j\pi}$$

→ phase $\{-15\} = \pi$ or $-\pi$ ($\pm 180^\circ$)

9. $j = e^{j\pi/2}$, so $|j| = 1$

The phase is $\pi/2$ by inspection.

Find complex conjugates:

To find the complex conjugate of a complex number or expression, simply replace every occurrence of j with $-j$. The conjugate of a sum is equal to the sum of the conjugates, and the conjugate of a product is equal to the product of the conjugates.

1. $j^* = -j$

2. $(2 + j7 - Fe^{jg})^* = 2 - j7 - Fe^{-jg}$

3. $(3 \times 10^{-6})^* = 3 \times 10^{-6}$

Real numbers are unaffected by complex conjugation.

4. $[Re\{5 + j15\}]^* = (5)^* = 5$

5. $[Im\{5 + j15\}]^* = (15)^* = 15$

6. $[-j832e^{-0.3z}e^{(7-j18)t}]^* = j832e^{-0.3z}e^{(7+j18)t}$

7. $[8e^{-j0.12}(0.3 + j6.1)]^* = 8e^{j0.12}(0.3 - j6.1)$