# 1 Goals

- 1. Review of complex numbers
  - (a) Definition and representations
  - (b) Operations on complex numbers
- 2. Complex exponential signals
- 3. Reduction of a sum of sinusoids of the same frequency

# 2 Motivating Problem

How do we reduce a sum of sinusoids of the same frequency to a single sinusoid?

#### Example 2.1

$$3\cos(2\pi 60t + \frac{\pi}{3}) + 4\cos(2\pi 60t - \frac{\pi}{6}) = 5\cos(2\pi 60t + 0.1199).$$

• (Complex number) The unit of imaginary numbers  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ .



• (Euler's formula)

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

• (Complex Exponential Signal or Rotating Phasor)

$$\bar{x}(t) = Ae^{j\left(\omega_{0}t+\phi\right)}$$
$$= \underbrace{A\cos\left(\omega_{0}t+\phi\right)}_{\text{real part}} + j\underbrace{A\sin\left(\omega_{0}t+\phi\right)}_{\text{imaginary part}}.$$

• (Real part of a complex exponential signal)

$$\bar{x}(t) = Ae^{j\left(\omega_0 t + \phi\right)}$$
$$\implies \Re\{\bar{x}(t)\} = A\cos\left(\omega_0 t + \phi\right).$$



• Synopsis of sinusoid reduction



- (Step 1) Find corresponding complex exponential signals (rotating phasors).
- (Step 2) Find corresponding complex amplitudes (phasors).
- (Step 3) Compute with complex numbers.

(Step 4) Transform the resulting complex amplitude (phasor) back to a complex exponential signal.

- (Step 5) Take the real part to get the sinusoid.
  - (Example Worked)

(a) Sinusoids are the real part of complex exponentials.

$$3\cos(2\pi 60t + \frac{\pi}{3}) = \Re\{3e^{j(2\pi 60t + \frac{\pi}{3})}\}\$$
$$4\cos(2\pi 60t - \frac{\pi}{6}) = \Re\{4e^{j(2\pi 60t - \frac{\pi}{6})}\}\$$

$$z(t) = 3\cos(2\pi 60t + \frac{\pi}{3}) + 4\cos(2\pi 60t - \frac{\pi}{6}) = \Re\{3e^{j(2\pi 60t + \frac{\pi}{3})}\} + \Re\{4e^{j(2\pi 60t - \frac{\pi}{6})}\}$$

(b) Sum of complex exponentials with the same frequency

$$z(t) = \Re\{3e^{j(2\pi60t + \frac{\pi}{3})}\} + \Re\{4e^{j(2\pi60t - \frac{\pi}{6})}\} = \Re\{3e^{j(2\pi60t + \frac{\pi}{3})} + 4e^{j(2\pi60t - \frac{\pi}{6})}\}$$
$$= \Re\left\{e^{j2\pi60t}\underbrace{(3e^{j\frac{\pi}{3}} + 4e^{-j\frac{\pi}{6}})}_{\text{complex number } z}\right\}$$

(c) Operations on complex numbers

$$z = 3e^{j\frac{\pi}{3}} + 4e^{-j\frac{\pi}{6}}$$
  
=  $\left(3\cos\frac{\pi}{3} + j\sin\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \left(4\cos(-\frac{\pi}{6}) + j\sin(-\frac{\pi}{6})\right)$   
=  $(1.5000 + j2.5981) + (3.4641 - j2.0000)$   
=  $4.9641 + j0.5981$   
=  $5 \angle 0.1199 = 5e^{j0.1199}$ .

(d) Result

$$z(t) = \Re\{e^{j2\pi 60t} \cdot 5e^{j0.1199}\}\$$
  
=  $\Re\{5e^{j(2\pi 60t + 0.1199)}\}\$   
=  $5\cos(2\pi 60t + 0.1199).$ 

• (Conclusion) A sum of sinusoids of the same frequency can be simplified using operations on complex numbers.

# 3 Complex Numbers

1. (Definition) A complex number z is any number that can be expressed in the form of

z = x + jy, where x and y are real numbers.

- (a) The real part of  $z: x = \Re\{z\}$ .
- (b) The imaginary part of  $z: y = \Im\{z\}$ .
- (c) Note that both parts are real.
- 2. (Equality) Two complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are equal if and only if

$$\Re\{z_1\} = \Re\{z_2\}$$
 and  $\Im\{z_1\} = \Im\{z_2\}$ 

3. (Representations) There are three ways of representing a complex number z.

- (a) Rectangular form: z = x + jy
- (b) Exponential form:  $z = re^{\theta}$
- (c) Polar form:  $z = r \angle \theta$

r = |z| = the magnitude or length or modulus of z,  $\theta = \arg z =$  the angle of z.

- 4. (Conversion between forms)
  - (a)  $z = x + jy \implies re^{j\theta}$  or  $r \angle \theta$ : find r and  $\theta$ .

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2},$$
  
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\frac{y}{r} + \overline{m}$$

**Wanring:** Most calculators can *not* handle automatically the angle in the 2nd and 3rd quadrants.

(b)  $re^{j\theta}$  or  $r \angle \theta \implies z = x + jy$ : find x and y.

 $\begin{aligned} x &= r\cos\theta, \\ y &= r\sin\theta. \end{aligned}$ 



**Example 3.1** Express the following complex numbers in the exponential form.

 $z_1 = 1 + j$ ,  $z_2 = -1 + j$ ,  $z_3 = -1 - j$ ,  $z_4 = 1 - j$ .



#### 3.1 Complex Arithmetic

- (a) Addition and subtraction: use the rectangular form
- (b) Multiplication and division: use the exponential or polar form
- (c) Complex conjugation
- (d) Complex exponentials

### 3.1.1 Addition

$$z = x + jy, \quad w = u + jv \implies z + w = (x + u) + j(y + v).$$

## 3.1.2 Multiplication

$$z=x+jy, \quad w=u+jv \quad \Longrightarrow \quad zw=(x+jy)(u+jv)=(xu-yv)+j(yu+xv).$$

Multiplication is best done in the exponential or polar form.

$$z = r e^{j\theta}, \quad w = \rho e^{j\phi}, \quad \Longrightarrow \quad zw = r \rho e^{j(\theta + \phi)} = r \rho \angle (\theta + \phi).$$

Or

$$|zw| = |z| |w|,$$
  
arg  $zw = \arg z + \arg w.$ 

### 3.1.3 Conjugation

(a) (Definition) Given z = x + jy, its complex conjugate is defined to be

$$z^* = x - jy.$$

(b) (Facts)

(a) Exponential or polar form

$$z = re^{j\theta} \implies z^* = re^{-j\theta}.$$
$$|z| = |z^*|, \quad \arg z = -\arg z^*.$$

- (b)  $zz^* = |z|^2$
- (c)  $2\Re\{z\} = z + z*$
- (d)  $j2\Im\{z\} = z z^*$ .

### 3.1.4 Complex Exponentials

1. Given z = x + jy, what is  $e^z$ ?

$$e^z = e^{x+jy} = e^x e^{jy}.$$

2. What is  $e^{jy}$ ? Euler's formula states

$$e^{jy} = \cos y + j\sin y.$$

Note that

$$|e^{jy}| = \sqrt{\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y} = 1,$$
  
 $\arg e^{jy} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sin y}{\cos y} = \tan^{-1} (\tan(y)) = y.$ 

3. Combining

$$|e^{z}| = |e^{x}e^{jy}| = |e^{x}||e^{jy}| = e^{x},$$
  
arg  $e^{z} = y.$