

# Digital Signal Processing

## The Arithmetic of Complex Numbers

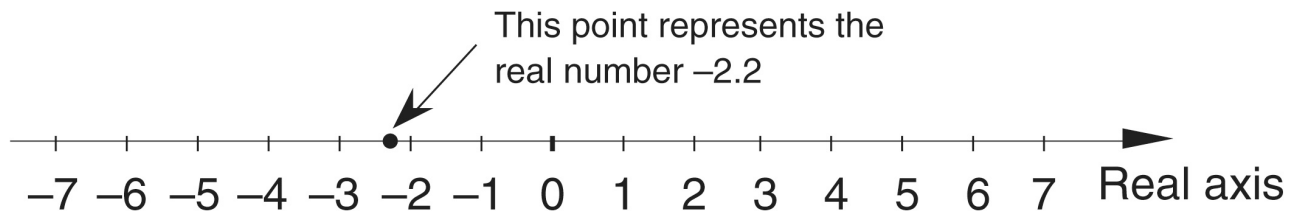
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# Graphical Representation of Real and Complex Numbers

## ■ Real number

- Can be represented by a point on a one-dimensional axis, called *real axis*

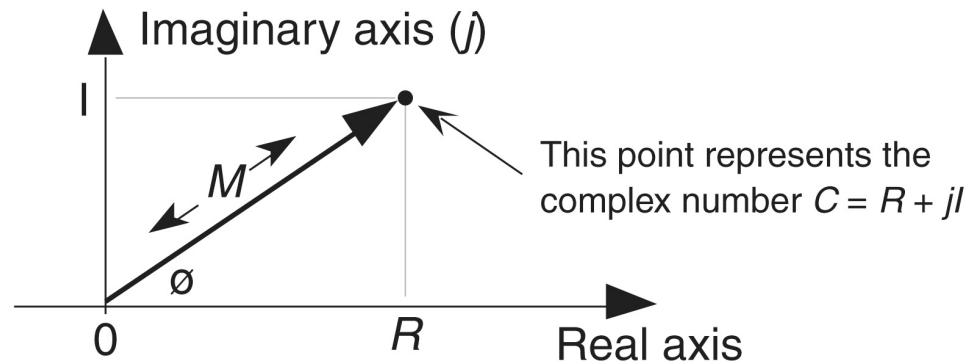


**Figure A-1** The representation of a real number as a point on the one-dimensional real axis.

# Graphical Representation of Real and Complex Numbers

## ■ Complex number

- Has two parts: a real part and an imaginary part
- Can be treated as a point on a complex plane



**Figure A-2** The phasor representation of the complex number  $C = R + jI$  on the complex plane.

# Arithmetic Representation of Complex Numbers

- A complex number  $C$  is represented in a number of different ways

- Rectangular form

$$C = R + jI$$

- Trigonometric form

$$C = M[\cos(\phi) + j \sin(\phi)]$$

- Exponential form

$$C = Me^{j\phi}$$

- Magnitude and angle form

$$C = M\angle\phi$$

# Arithmetic Representation of Complex Numbers

- Magnitude (*modulus*) of  $C$

$$M = |C| = \sqrt{R^2 + I^2}$$

- Phase angle (*argument*) of  $C$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{I}{R}\right)$$

- In exponential form

$$C = Me^{j\phi} = Me^{j(\phi+2\pi n)}$$

- Variable  $\phi$  need not be constant

$$C = Me^{j\omega t} \quad \text{or} \quad C = Me^{-j\omega t}$$

- A phasor of magnitude  $M$  that rotates in a (counter)clockwise direction at a radian frequency of  $(+\omega) -\omega$  radians per second

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

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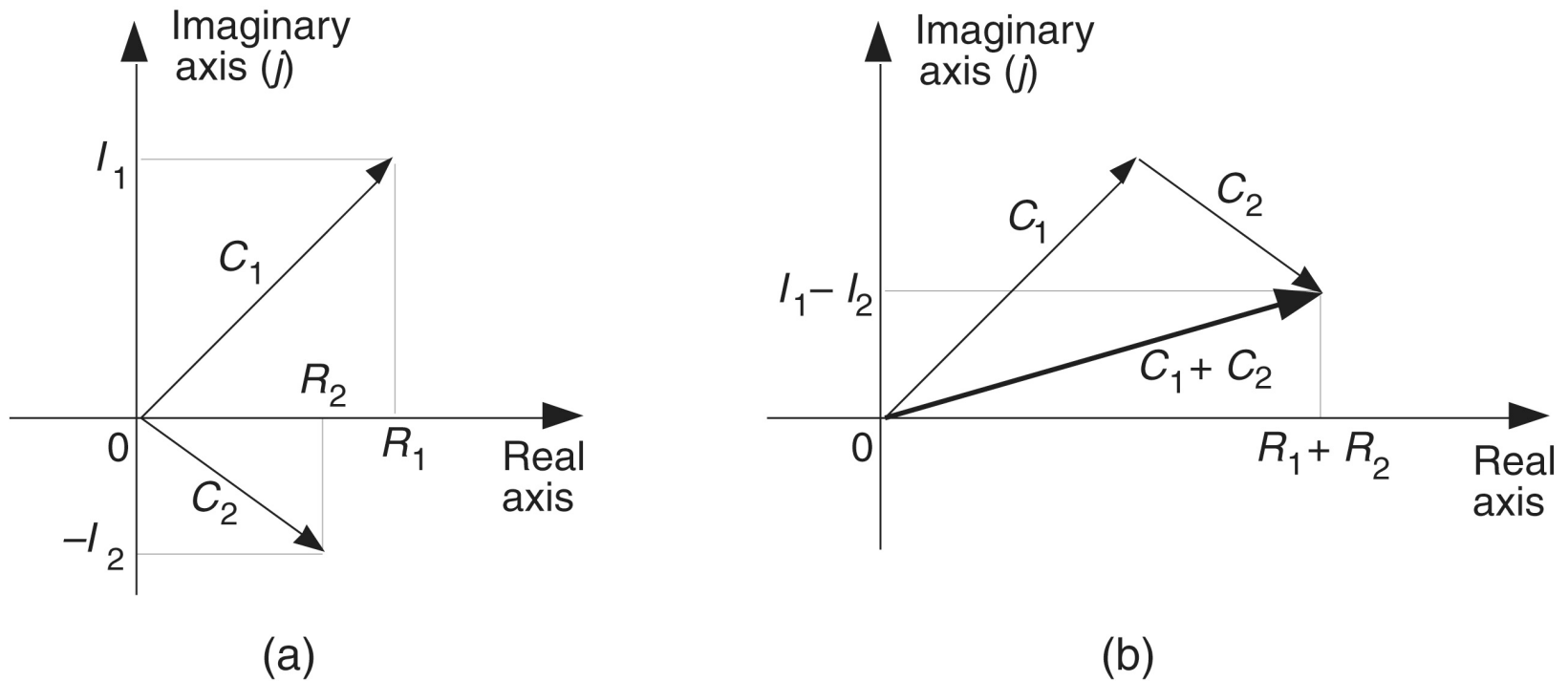
- Addition and subtraction

- Rectangular form is the easiest to use here

$$C_1 + C_2 = R_1 + jI_1 + R_2 + jI_2 = R_1 + R_2 + j(I_1 + I_2)$$

$$C_1 - C_2 = (R_1 + jI_1) - (R_2 + jI_2) = R_1 - R_2 + j(I_1 - I_2)$$

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers



**Figure A-3** Geometrical representation of the sum of two complex numbers.

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

## ■ Multiplication

- Can use rectangular form to multiply

$$C_1 C_2 = (R_1 + jI_1)(R_2 + jI_2) = (R_1 R_2 - I_1 I_2) + j(R_1 I_2 + R_2 I_1)$$

- In exponential form, product takes simpler form

$$C_1 C_2 = M_1 e^{j\phi_1} M_2 e^{j\phi_2} = M_1 M_2 e^{j(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}$$

- Product of magnitudes of two complex numbers

$$|C_1| \cdot |C_2| = |C_1 C_2|$$

- Scaling

$$\begin{aligned} kC &= k(R + jI) = kR + jkI \\ &= k(Me^{j\phi}) = kMe^{j\phi} \end{aligned}$$



# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

## ■ Conjugation

- Complex conjugate of a complex number is obtained by changing sign of its imaginary part

$$C = R + jI = Me^{j\phi} \rightarrow C^* = R - jI = Me^{-j\phi}$$

- Conjugate of a product = product of conjugates

$$C = C_1 C_2$$

$$C^* = (C_1 C_2)^* = (M_1 M_2 e^{j(\phi_1 + \phi_2)})^* = M_1 M_2 e^{-j(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}$$

$$= M_1 e^{-j\phi_1} M_2 e^{-j\phi_2} = C_1^* C_2^*$$

- Sum of conjugates = conjugate of the sum

$$(R_1 + jI_1)^* + (R_2 + jI_2)^* = (R_1 - jI_1) + (R_2 - jI_2)$$

$$= R_1 + R_2 - j(I_1 + I_2) = [R_1 + R_2 + j(I_1 + I_2)]^*$$

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

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## ■ Conjugation

- Product of a complex number and its conjugate is complex number's magnitude squared

$$CC^* = Me^{j\phi} Me^{-j\phi} = M^2 e^{j0} = M^2$$

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

## ■ Division

$$\frac{C_1}{C_2} = \frac{M_1 e^{j\phi_1}}{M_2 e^{j\phi_2}} = \frac{M_1}{M_2} e^{j(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}$$

$$\frac{C_1}{C_2} = \frac{M_1}{M_2} \angle(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_1}{C_2} &= \frac{R_1 + jI_1}{R_2 + jI_2} \\ &= \frac{R_1 + jI_1}{R_2 + jI_2} \cdot \frac{R_2 - jI_2}{R_2 - jI_2} \\ &= \frac{(R_1 R_2 + I_1 I_2) + j(R_2 I_1 - R_1 I_2)}{R_2^2 + I_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

- Inverse of a complex number

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{Me^{j\phi}} = \frac{1}{M} e^{-j\phi}$$

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{R + jI} \cdot \frac{R - jI}{R - jI} = \frac{R - jI}{R^2 + I^2} = \frac{C^*}{M^2}$$

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

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- Complex numbers raised to a power

$$C = Me^{j\phi} \rightarrow C^k = M^k (e^{j\phi})^k = M^k e^{jk\phi}$$

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

- Roots of a complex number

$$C = Me^{j\phi} = Me^{j(\phi+n360^\circ)}$$

$$\sqrt[k]{C} = \sqrt[k]{Me^{j(\phi+n360^\circ)}} = \sqrt[k]{M}e^{j(\phi+n360^\circ)/k}$$

- Next, we assign values  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, k-1$  to  $n$  to get the  $k$  roots of  $C$

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

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- Natural logarithms of a complex number

$$C = Me^{j\phi}$$

$$\ln C = \ln(Me^{j\phi}) = \ln M + \ln(e^{j\phi}) = \ln M + j\phi$$

where  $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$

# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

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- Logarithm to base 10 of a complex number

$$C = Me^{j\phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log_{10} C &= \log_{10}(Me^{j\phi}) = \log_{10} M + \log_{10}(e^{j\phi}) = \log_{10} M + j\phi \cdot \log_{10}(e) \\ &\approx \log_{10} M + j(0.43429 \cdot \phi)\end{aligned}$$



# Arithmetic Operations of Complex Numbers

- Log to base 10 of a complex number using natural logarithms

$$\log_{10}(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(10)}$$

$$C = Me^{j\phi}$$

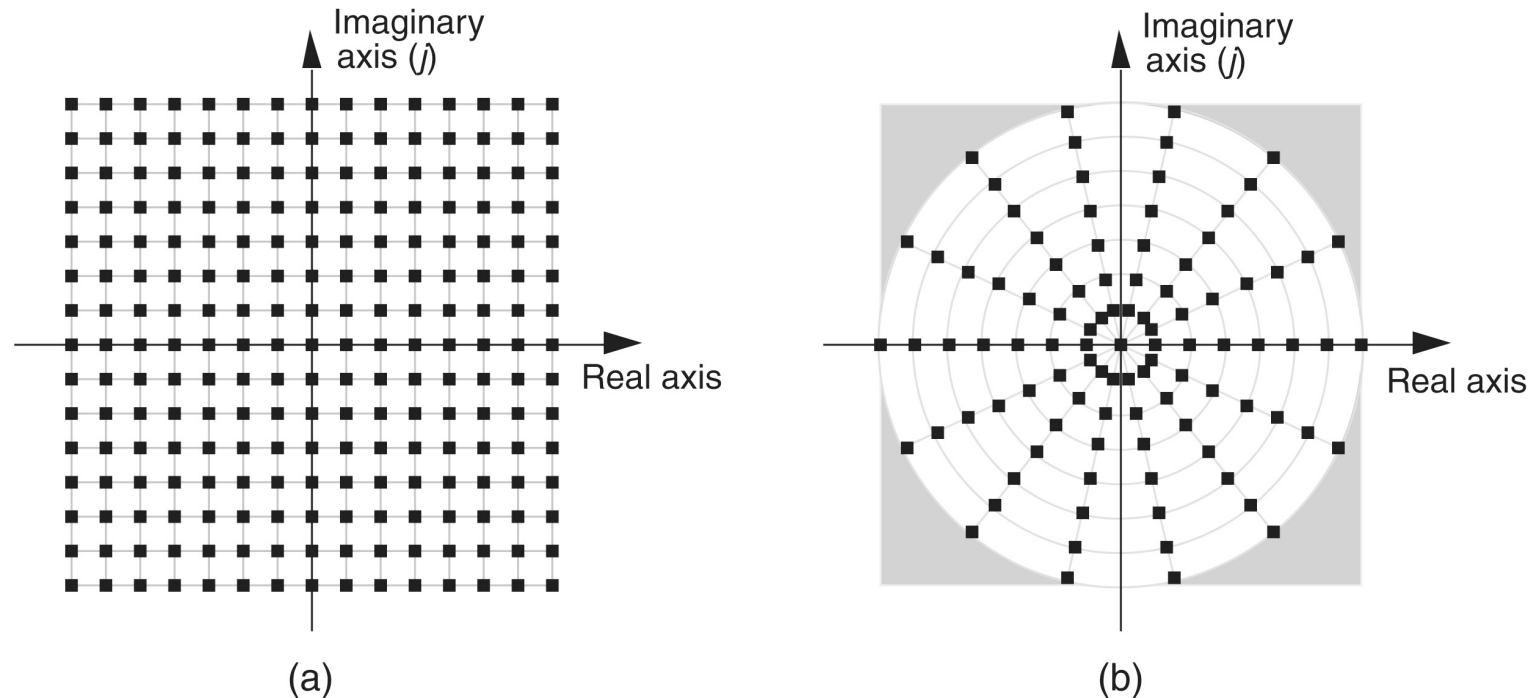
$$\log_{10} C = \frac{\ln C}{\ln 10} = (\log_{10} e)(\ln C)$$

$$\approx 0.43429 \cdot (\ln C) = 0.43429 \cdot (\ln M + j\phi)$$

# Some Practical Implications of Using Complex Numbers

- Representing numbers in a computer
  - Rectangular form has advantage over polar form
  - Example: represent complex numbers using a four-bit sign-magnitude binary number format
    - Integral numbers ranging from  $-7$  to  $+7$
    - Range of complex numbers covers a square on complex plane (Fig. A-4(a)) using rectangular form
    - If we use four-bit numbers to represent magnitude in polar form, those numbers reside on or within a circle whose radius is 7 (Fig. A-4(b))
    - Four shaded corners in Fig. A-4(b) represent locations of valid complex values using rectangular form but are *out of bounds* if we use polar form
      - Acceptable result in rectangular could overflow in polar

# Some Practical Implications of Using Complex Numbers



**Figure A-4** Complex integral numbers represented as points on the complex plane using a four-bit sign-magnitude data format: (a) using rectangular notation; (b) using polar notation.