

DEF The exponential function for complex numbers is defined by

[y in radians]

$$\exp(z) = e^z = e^{x+iy} = e^x e^{iy}$$

SOME THINGS STAY THE SAME

Basic Properties:

$$e^{z_1} e^{z_2} = e^{z_1+z_2} \qquad \frac{e^{z_1}}{e^{z_2}} = e^{z_1-z_2} \qquad (e^z)^n = e^{nz} \qquad e^0 = 1 \quad [\text{but...}^1]$$

The Derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dz} [e^z] = e^z$$

NEW FOR e^z IN THE COMPLEX PLANE

- $|e^z| = |e^x e^{iy}|$ by definition of e^z .
 $= |e^x| \cdot |e^{iy}|$ by properties of modulus.
 $= |e^x| \cdot 1$ since e^{iy} lies on the unit circle.
 $= e^x$ since e^x is a positive real number.

$$|e^z| = e^x$$

- Since $\arg z$ is the set of all angles θ that represent the same number and $e^z = e^x e^{iy} \implies$

$$\arg(z) = y + 2n\pi$$

$$n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

- $e^{z+2\pi i} = e^z \cdot e^{2\pi i} = e^z \cdot 1 = e^z$ i.e. $f(z + 2\pi i) = f(z)$ for all z .

The **complex** exponential function $f(z) = e^z$ is periodic with period $2\pi i$.

- EX: Evaluate $4e^{i\pi} = -4$

The **complex** exponential function $f(z) = e^z$ may return negative real numbers.

¹[The “but...” above refers to the fact that $e^z = 1$ not only at $z = 0$, but also at $z = 2n\pi i$.]

Ex: Solve $e^x = 3$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Is the solution unique? **Yes**

Ex: Solve $e^z = 3$ for $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Soln: Let $z = x + iy$. Then fill in the blanks below to find x and y .

$$e^z = 3$$

$$e^{x+iy} = 3e^{i(0+2n\pi)} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$$e^x e^{iy} = 3e^{i(0+2n\pi)} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Equating the magnitudes $\implies: e^x = \underline{3}$

Equating the argument $\implies: y = \underline{0 + 2n\pi}$

Solving for x and $y \implies: x = \underline{\ln 3}$ and $y = \underline{2n\pi}$.

So $z = x + iy = \underline{\ln 3} + i \underline{(2n\pi)}$, $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

Is the solution unique? **No**

The above two examples illustrate the following point:

There are infinitely many solutions to the **complex** equation $e^z = w$.

Ex: Solve $e^z = 3 - \sqrt{3}i$.

[Use the method of the 2nd example above and write your answer in the form $x + iy$.]