

### Section 4.2

1. The *magnitude* of  $1 + i$  is  $R = \sqrt{2}$  and the *polar angle* is  $\pi/4$ . Hence the polar form is given by  $1 + i = \sqrt{2} e^{i\pi/4}$ .
3. The *magnitude* of  $-3$  is  $R = 3$  and the *polar angle* is  $\pi$ . Hence  $-3 = 3 e^{i\pi}$ .
4. The *magnitude* of  $-i$  is  $R = 1$  and the *polar angle* is  $3\pi/2$ . Hence  $-i = e^{3\pi i/2}$ .
5. The *magnitude* of  $\sqrt{3} - i$  is  $R = 2$  and the *polar angle* is  $-\pi/6 = 11\pi/6$ . Hence the polar form is given by  $\sqrt{3} - i = 2 e^{11\pi i/6}$ .
6. The *magnitude* of  $-1 - i$  is  $R = \sqrt{2}$  and the *polar angle* is  $5\pi/4$ . Hence the polar form is given by  $-1 - i = \sqrt{2} e^{5\pi i/4}$ .
7. Writing the complex number in polar form,  $1 = e^{2m\pi i}$ , where  $m$  may be any integer. Thus  $1^{1/3} = e^{2m\pi i/3}$ . Setting  $m = 0, 1, 2$  successively, we obtain the three roots as  $1^{1/3} = 1$ ,  $1^{1/3} = e^{2\pi i/3}$ ,  $1^{1/3} = e^{4\pi i/3}$ . Equivalently, the roots can also be written as  $1$ ,  $\cos(2\pi/3) + i \sin(2\pi/3) = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + \sqrt{3})$ ,  $\cos(4\pi/3) + i \sin(4\pi/3) = \frac{1}{2}(-1 - \sqrt{3})$ .
9. Writing the complex number in polar form,  $1 = e^{2m\pi i}$ , where  $m$  may be any integer. Thus  $1^{1/4} = e^{2m\pi i/4}$ . Setting  $m = 0, 1, 2, 3$  successively, we obtain the three roots as  $1^{1/4} = 1$ ,  $1^{1/4} = e^{i\pi/2}$ ,  $1^{1/4} = e^{i\pi}$ ,  $1^{1/4} = e^{3\pi i/2}$ . Equivalently, the roots can also be written as  $1$ ,  $\cos(\pi/2) + i \sin(\pi/2) = i$ ,  $\cos(\pi) + i \sin(\pi) = -1$ ,  $\cos(3\pi/2) + i \sin(3\pi/2) = -i$ .
10. In polar form,  $2(\cos \pi/3 + i \sin \pi/3) = 2 e^{i\pi/3 + 2m\pi}$ , in which  $m$  is any integer. Thus  $[2(\cos \pi/3 + i \sin \pi/3)]^{1/2} = 2^{1/2} e^{i\pi/6 + m\pi}$ . With  $m = 0$ , one square root is given by  $2^{1/2} e^{i\pi/6} = (\sqrt{3} + i)/\sqrt{2}$ . With  $m = 1$ , the other root is given by  $2^{1/2} e^{i7\pi/6} = (-\sqrt{3} - i)/\sqrt{2}$ .
11. The characteristic equation is  $r^3 - r^2 - r + 1 = 0$ . The roots are  $r = -1, 1, 1$ . One root is *repeated*, hence the general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^t + c_3 t e^t$ .
13. The characteristic equation is  $r^3 - 2r^2 - r + 2 = 0$ , with roots  $r = -1, 1, 2$ . The roots are real and *distinct*, hence the general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^t + c_3 e^{2t}$ .
14. The characteristic equation can be written as  $r^2(r^2 - 4r + 4) = 0$ . The roots are  $r = 0, 0, 2, 2$ . There are two repeated roots, and hence the general solution is given by  $y = c_1 + c_2 t + c_3 e^{2t} + c_4 t e^{2t}$ .
15. The characteristic equation is  $r^6 + 1 = 0$ . The roots are given by  $r = (-1)^{1/6}$ , that is, the six *sixth roots* of  $-1$ . They are  $e^{-\pi i/6 + m\pi i/3}$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots, 5$ . Explicitly,

$r = (\sqrt{3} - i)/2, (\sqrt{3} + i)/2, i, -i, (-\sqrt{3} + i)/2, (-\sqrt{3} - i)/2$ . Hence the general solution is given by  $y = e^{\sqrt{3}t/2}[c_1 \cos(t/2) + c_2 \sin(t/2)] + c_3 \cos t + c_4 \sin t + e^{-\sqrt{3}t/2}[c_5 \cos(t/2) + c_6 \sin(t/2)]$ .

16. The characteristic equation can be written as  $(r^2 - 1)(r^2 - 4) = 0$ . The roots are given by  $r = \pm 1, \pm 2$ . The roots are real and *distinct*, hence the general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^t + c_3 e^{-2t} + c_4 e^{2t}$ .

17. The characteristic equation can be written as  $(r^2 - 1)^3 = 0$ . The roots are given by  $r = \pm 1$ , each with *multiplicity three*. Hence the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 t e^{-t} + c_3 t^2 e^{-t} + c_4 e^t + c_5 t e^t + c_6 t^2 e^t.$$

18. The characteristic equation can be written as  $r^2(r^4 - 1) = 0$ . The roots are given by  $r = 0, 0, \pm 1, \pm i$ . The general solution is  $y = c_1 + c_2 t + c_3 e^{-t} + c_4 e^t + c_5 \cos t + c_6 \sin t$ .

19. The characteristic equation can be written as  $r(r^4 - 3r^3 + 3r^2 - 3r + 2) = 0$ . Examining the coefficients, it follows that  $r^4 - 3r^3 + 3r^2 - 3r + 2 = (r - 1)(r - 2) \times (r^2 + 1)$ . Hence the roots are  $r = 0, 1, 2, \pm i$ . The general solution of the ODE is given by  $y = c_1 + c_2 e^t + c_3 e^{2t} + c_4 \cos t + c_5 \sin t$ .

20. The characteristic equation can be written as  $r(r^3 - 8) = 0$ , with roots  $r = 0, 2 e^{2m\pi i/3}, m = 0, 1, 2$ . That is,  $r = 0, 2, -1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$ . Hence the general solution is  $y = c_1 + c_2 e^{2t} + e^{-t}[c_3 \cos \sqrt{3}t + c_4 \sin \sqrt{3}t]$ .

21. The characteristic equation can be written as  $(r^4 + 4)^2 = 0$ . The roots of the equation  $r^4 + 4 = 0$  are  $r = 1 \pm i, -1 \pm i$ . Each of these roots has *multiplicity two*. The general solution is  $y = e^t[c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t] + t e^t[c_3 \cos t + c_4 \sin t] + e^{-t}[c_5 \cos t + c_6 \sin t] + t e^{-t}[c_7 \cos t + c_8 \sin t]$ .

22. The characteristic equation can be written as  $(r^2 + 1)^2 = 0$ . The roots are given by  $r = \pm i$ , each with *multiplicity two*. The general solution is  $y = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t + t[c_3 \cos t + c_4 \sin t]$ .

24. The characteristic equation is  $r^3 + 5r^2 + 6r + 2 = 0$ . Examining the coefficients, we find that  $r^3 + 5r^2 + 6r + 2 = (r + 1)(r^2 + 4r + 2)$ . Hence the roots are deduced as  $r = -1, -2 \pm \sqrt{2}$ . The general solution is  $y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^{(-2+\sqrt{2})t} + c_3 e^{(-2-\sqrt{2})t}$ .

25. The characteristic equation is  $18r^3 + 21r^2 + 14r + 4 = 0$ . By examining the first and last coefficients, we find that  $18r^3 + 21r^2 + 14r + 4 = (2r + 1)(9r^2 + 6r + 4)$ .