

Complex numbers and rotations

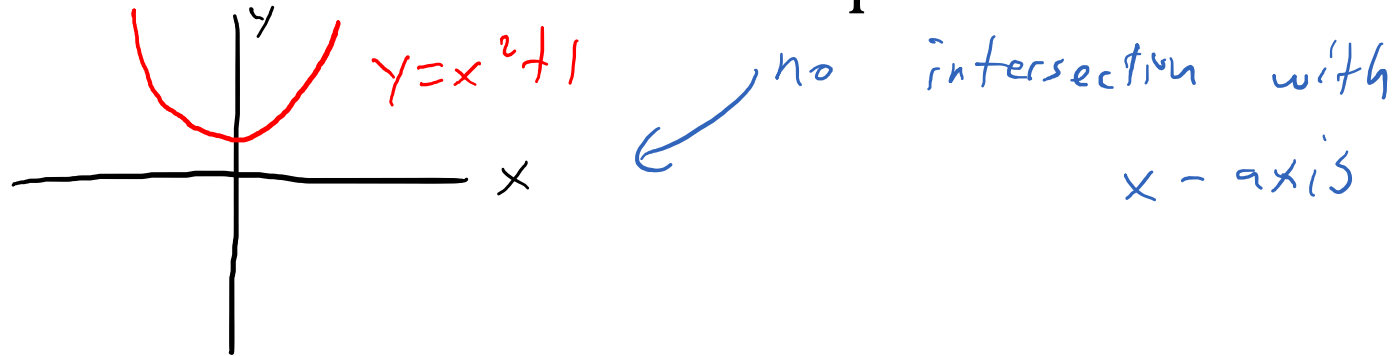
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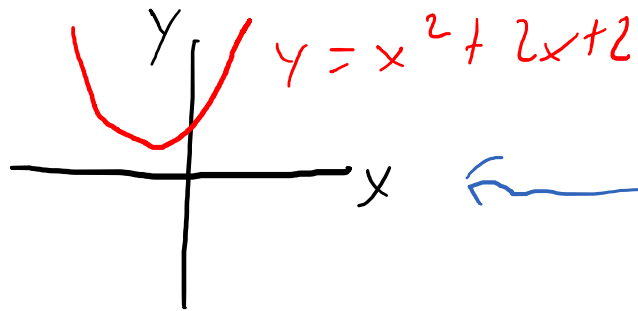
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No algebraic closure in real numbers \mathbb{R}

- Problem: no real solution to the equation $x^2 + 1 = 0$.



- Problem: no real solution to the equation $x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$



- *Algebraic closure* of the reals means that every polynomial $P(x)$ has to have a real root $P(z) = 0$, but this is not true. for \mathbb{R}

Imagining up a new number

- Let's start by defining a solution to $x^2 + 1 = 0$:

$$x^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -1$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{-1}$$

- Let $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

$$\text{Then } i^2 + 1 = (\sqrt{-1})^2 + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{And } (-i)^2 + 1 = (-\sqrt{-1})^2 + 1 = (-1)^2(-1) + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$$

So $\pm i$ are solutions to $x^2 + 1 = 0$.

$$(x + i)(x - i) = 0$$

Complex numbers

- Since i is a number, we want to be able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide with it, like with real numbers.

Thus $2i, 3i, 500i, \pi i$ are all "numbers"

Also $1-i, 2+4i, \text{etc.}$
 $\frac{1}{i}, \frac{1}{1-i}, \frac{2+4i}{1+200i}$

Even \sqrt{i}, e^i, i^i are "numbers"

- We call all of these new "numbers" the *complex numbers* \mathbb{C} .

Canonical form of complex numbers

- It turns out that every complex number $z \in \mathbb{C}$ can be written simply as $z = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, and $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

Ex. $\frac{1}{1-i} = \frac{(1+i)}{(1-i)(1+i)} = \frac{1+i}{1-\underbrace{i^2}_{(-1)}} = \frac{1+i}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$

Ex. \sqrt{i} means a number z s.t. $z^2 = i$

Try $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i$. $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i\right)^2 = \left[\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)(1+i)\right]^2$

$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (1+i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (1 + 2i + i^2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2i = i$ ✓

Aside $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i$ also works

Algebraic closure of complex numbers

- $z \in \mathbb{C}$ if $z = a + bi$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, and $i = \sqrt{-1}$.
- It turns out that \mathbb{C} is *algebraically closed*, which means that any non-constant polynomial has a root in \mathbb{C} .

Ex.

$$x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$$

or

$$(x^2 + 2x + 1) + 1 = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 = -1$$

$$x+1 = \pm i$$

$$x = -1 \pm i$$

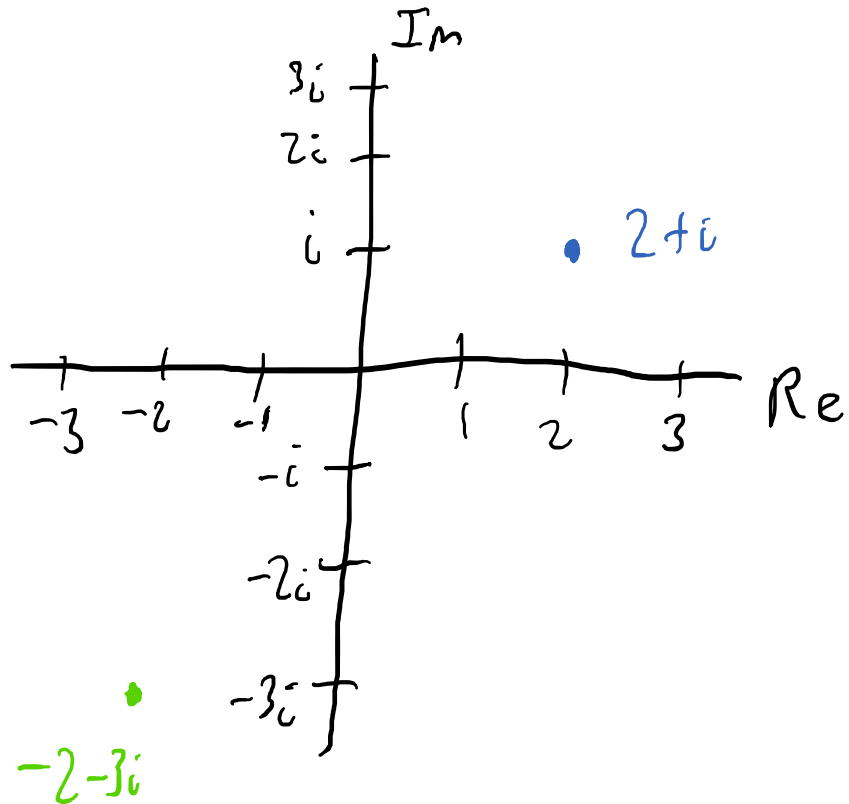
$$x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-4}}{2}$$

$$x = -1 \pm i$$

Complex plane

- We can use tools from linear algebra to understand $a + bi$.
- Since $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, we can think of the point $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ as a way to represent $a + bi$.



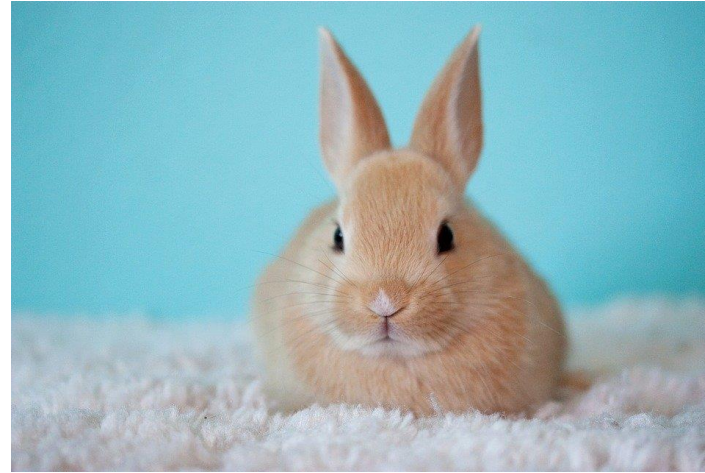
$$1 \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$i \sim \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto 2+i = 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + 1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

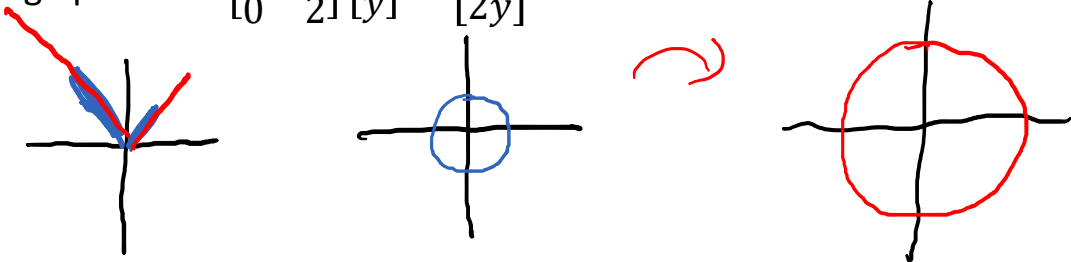
What does this have to do with biology?

- When talking about population sizes “negative” population sizes were considered meaningless because we can’t have negative numbers of animals.
- What does it mean to have “imaginary” numbers of bunnies or birds?

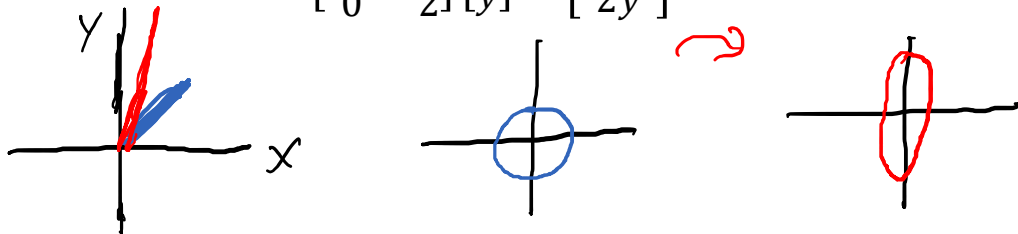


Recall: Matrices are transformations of vectors

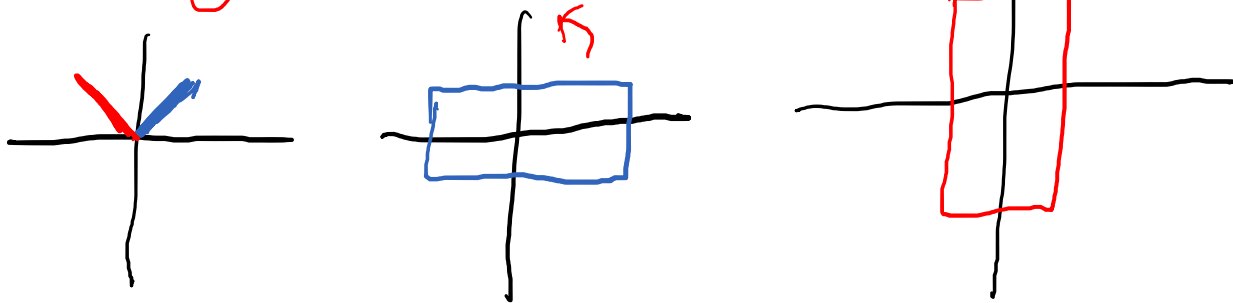
- Scaling operators: $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix}$



- Stretching/squashing: $\begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5x \\ 2y \end{bmatrix}$



- Rotations: $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

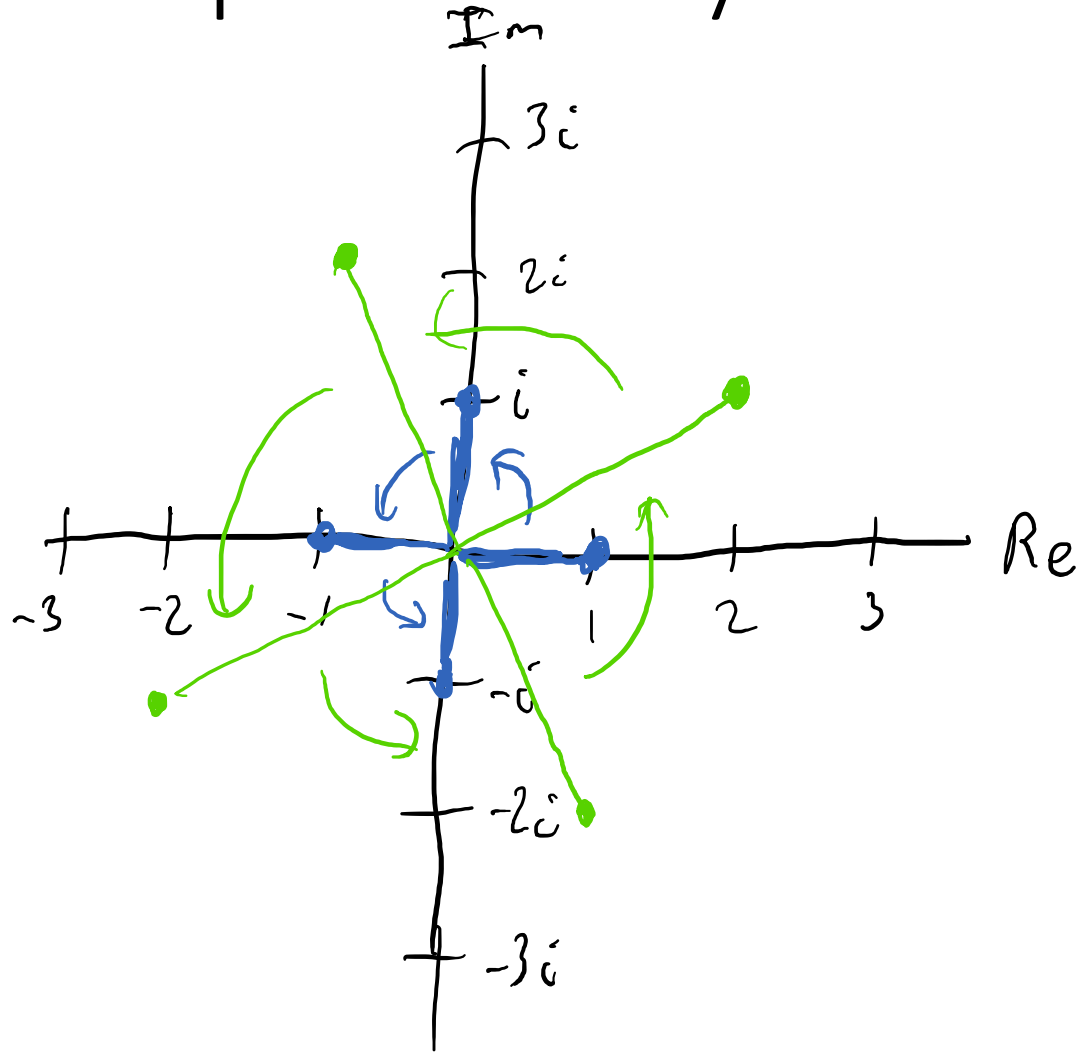
$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \pm i$$

Imaginary numbers
are related
to rotations

Multiplication by i = rotation by 90°



$$i \cdot (-i) = -i^2 = -(-1) = 1$$

$$i \cdot (1) = i$$

$$i \cdot (i) = -1$$

$$i \cdot (-1) = -i$$

$$i \cdot (-i) = 1$$

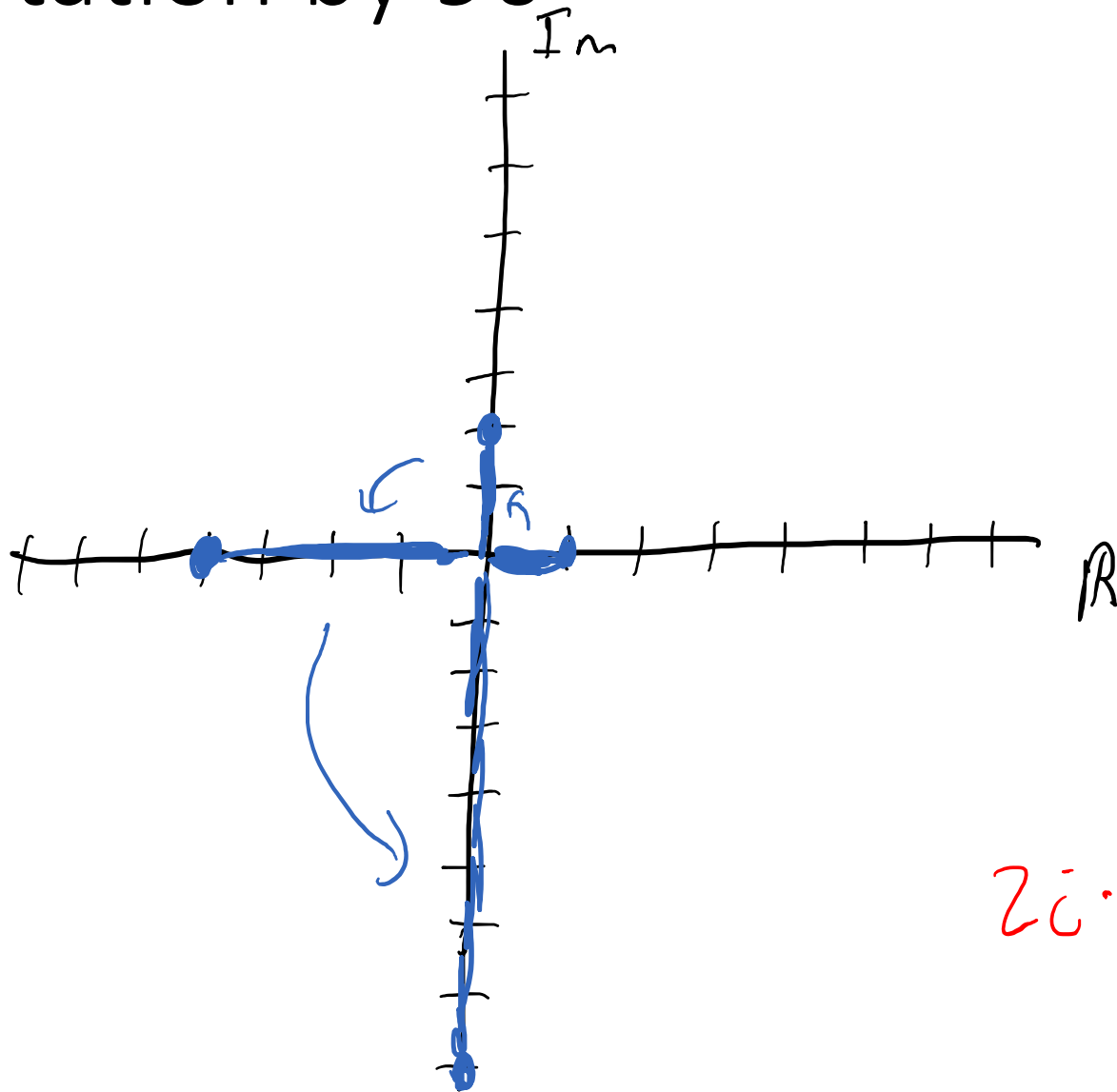
$$i \cdot (2 + i) = 2i - 1 = -1 + 2i$$

$$i \cdot (2i - 1) = -2 - i$$

$$i \cdot (-2 - i) = -2i + 1 = 1 - 2i$$

$$i \cdot (1 - 2i) = i + 2 = 2 + i$$

Multiplication by $2i$ = scaling by 2 +
rotation by 90°



$$2i \cdot 1 = 2i$$

$$2i \cdot 2i = -4$$

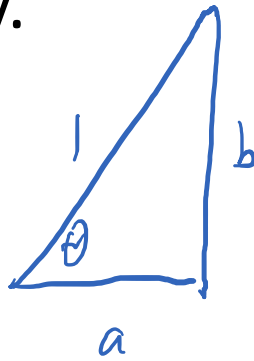
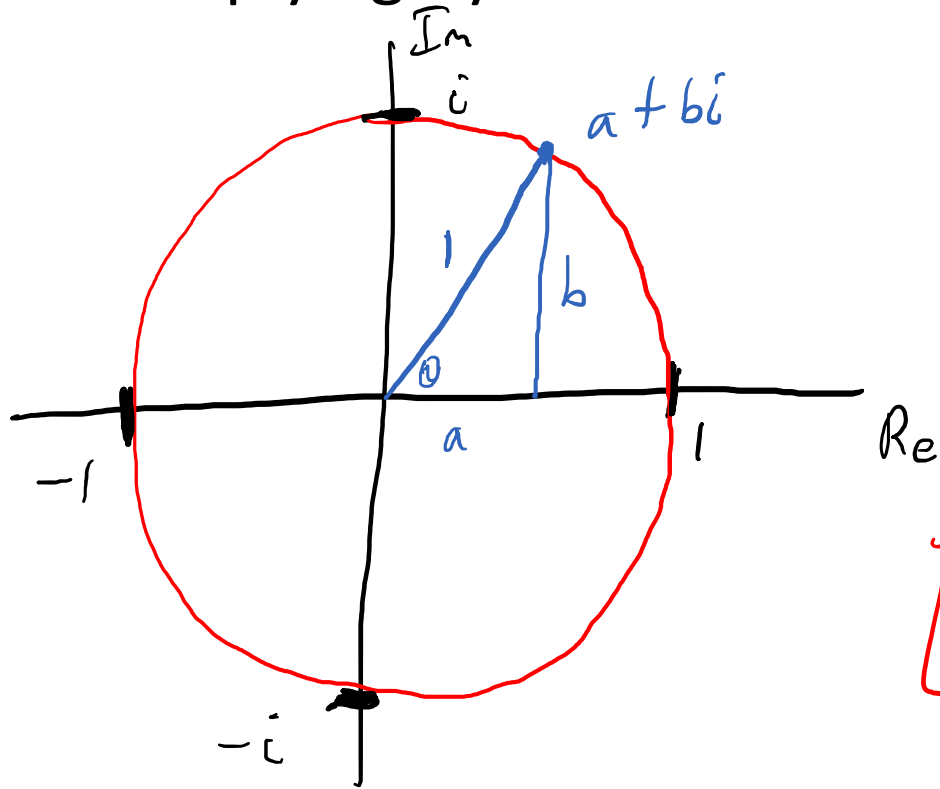
$$2i \cdot (-4) = -8i$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$2i \cdot 2i = 4i^2 = 4(-1) = -4$$

What about other rotation angles?

- We want something to multiply the basis vector 1 by that leaves you with something of length 1 that has the correct angle.
- But multiplying by 1 is the identity.



$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = b$$

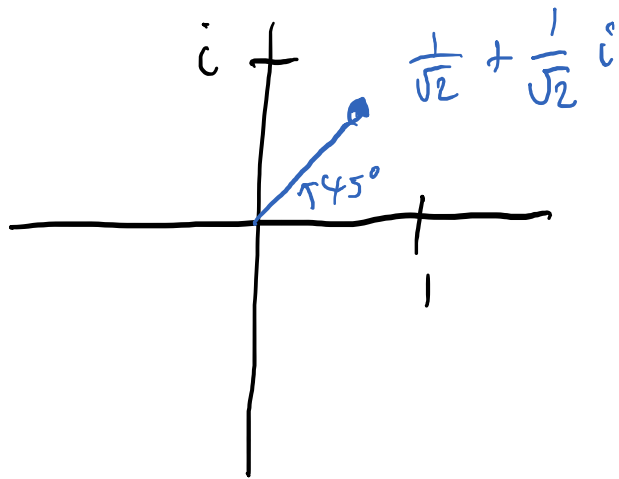
$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} = a$$

$$a + bi = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

Rotation by $\theta = \text{multiply by } \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

Ex. 90° rotation $\cos 90^\circ + i \sin 90^\circ = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 + i = i$

Ex. 45° rotation $\cos 45^\circ + i \sin 45^\circ = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



Recall: $\sqrt{i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$2\pi = 360^\circ$
 $\pi = 180^\circ$

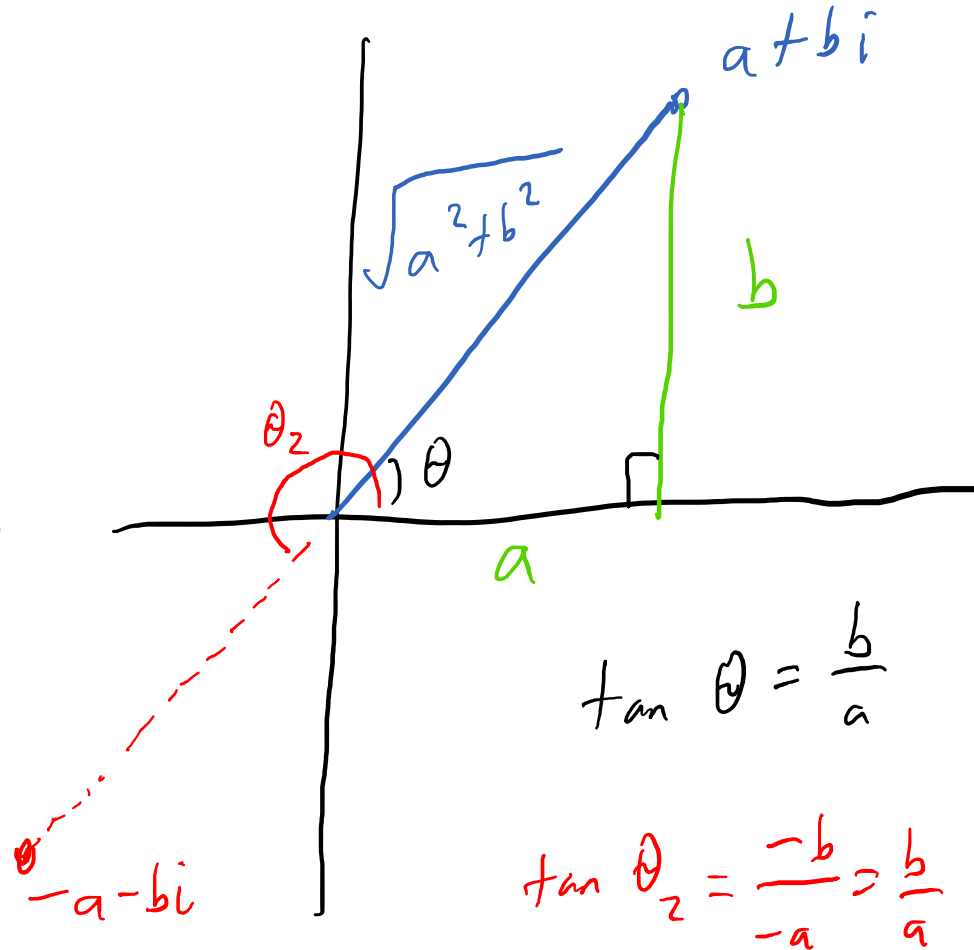
Multiplication by $z = a + bi$

- Notice that we can think of all complex multiplications as a rotation and then a scaling.
- The length of the scaling is the modulus $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$
- The angle of the rotation is the argument $\theta = \text{Arg}(z)$, where $\frac{a+bi}{|z|} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

$$\text{If } a > 0, \quad \theta = \arctan \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{If } a < 0, \quad \theta = \arctan \frac{b}{a} + \pi$$

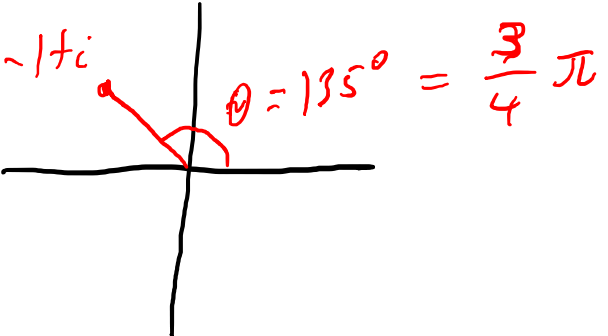
(180°)



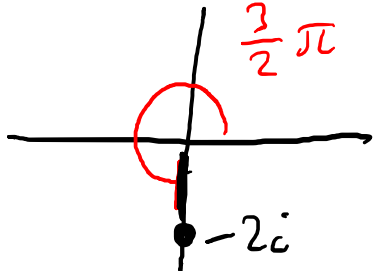
Try it out

$$|a + bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

• $|-1 + i| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$ C
 $a = -1$ $b = 1$

• $\text{Arg}(-1 + i) =$  $\theta = 135^\circ = \frac{3}{4}\pi$ B

• $|(-1 + i)^2| = |(1 - 2i - 1)|$
 $= |-2i| = 2$ D

• $\text{Arg}((-1 + i)^2) =$  $\frac{3}{2}\pi$ $\text{Arg}(-2i)$

- A: $\frac{3}{2}\pi$
- B: $\frac{3}{4}\pi$
- C: $\sqrt{2}$
- D: 2
- E: None of the above

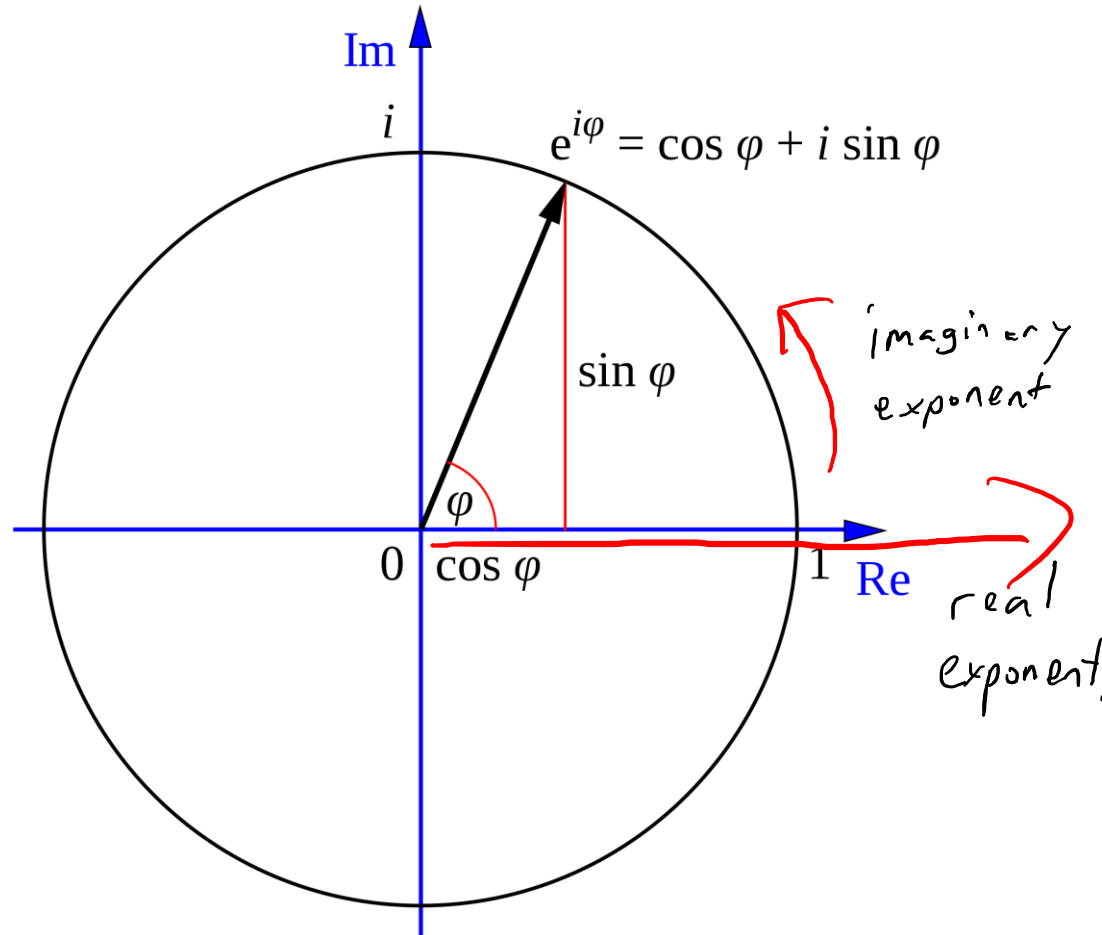
Euler's Formula: $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

- Real exponentials define exponential growth.

- $e^0 = 1$
- $e^1 = e \approx 2.718$
- $e^2 \approx 7.389$

- Imaginary exponentials encode rotation around the complex origin.

- $e^0 = 1$
- $e^{\frac{\pi}{4}i} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
- $e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i} = i$
- $e^{\pi i} = -1$

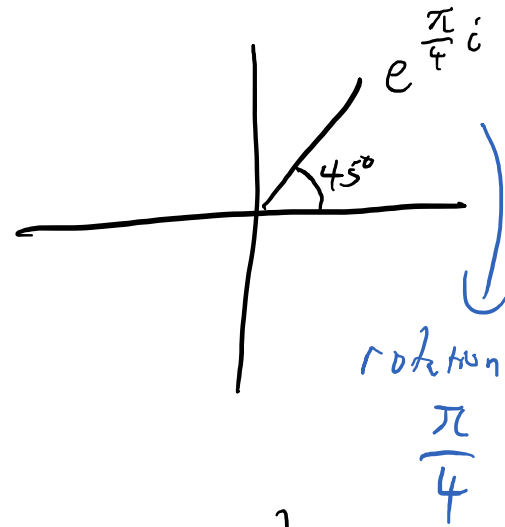


Polar form

- A complex number $z = a + bi$ can be rewritten as a scalar $|z|$ and an angle θ : $z = |z|(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, where $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ and $\theta = \text{Arg}(z) = \begin{cases} \arctan \frac{b}{a}, & \text{if } a > 0 \\ \arctan \frac{b}{a} + \pi, & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$.
- Complex exponential $e^z = e^{a+bi} = e^a e^{bi} = e^a (\cos b + i \sin b)$
- Thus, $|e^z| = e^a$ and $\text{Arg}(e^z) = b$
- So, multiplying by a complex exponential scales by e^a and rotates by an angle b in radians.

Example

Ex. $e^{\frac{\pi}{4}i} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i$



Ex. $e^{(2 + \frac{\pi}{4})i} = e^2 \cdot e^{\frac{\pi}{4}i} = e^2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

scaling rotation

Try it out:

e^{1+i}

$|e^{1+i}| = e^1 = e$

$\text{Arg}(e^{1+i}) = 1 \text{ rad}$

$e^{1+i} = e^1 (\cos 1 + i \sin 1)$

C.
B.

- A: 0
- B: 1
- C: e
- D: e^2
- E: None of the above