

# 1B03 - LINEAR ALGEBRA 1 (CO1) WS19 Lecture 18

## Today Complex Numbers

See Chapter 10 of 9<sup>th</sup> Edition  
of Anton & Rorres textbook.

( $\rightarrow$  find on Course Website.)

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Example What are the eigenvalues of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solve } 0 = \det(A - \lambda I) &= \begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & -5 \\ 1 & -2-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (2-\lambda)(-2-\lambda) + 5 \\ &= -4 + 2\lambda - 2\lambda - \lambda^2 + 5 \\ &= \lambda^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

We want  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda^2 = -1$

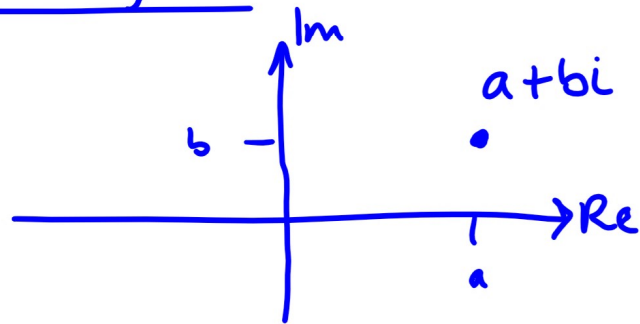
Isn't  $x^2 \geq 0$  for all  $x$  ?? Yes, if  
 $x$  is real.

Need new numbers!

Definitions The imaginary unit  $i$  is the number  
satisfying  $i^2 = -1$ .

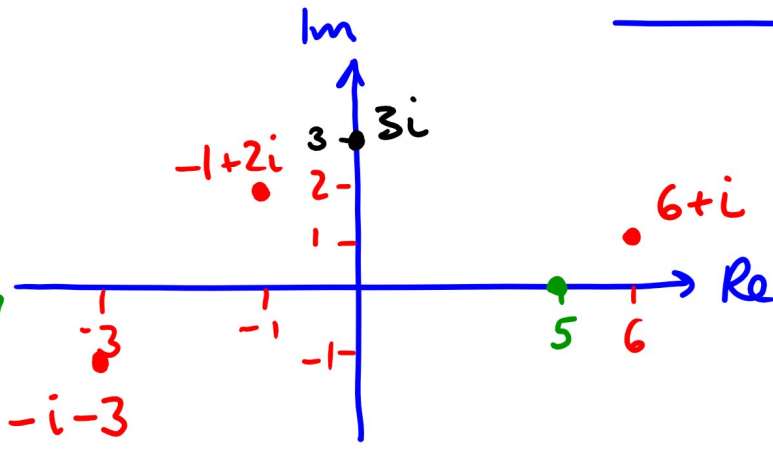
A complex (AKA imaginary) number is a number of the form  $z = a + bi$  where  $a, b$  real #s called real part of  $z$  imaginary part of  $z$ .

Visualize complex #s as vectors  $(a, b)$  in Complex Plane (AKA Argand Diagram) with real and imaginary axes :



### Examples

$6+i$   
 $-1+2i$   
 $-i-3$



$3i$  - called purely imaginary  
 $5$  - called real!

### Operations on Complex Numbers

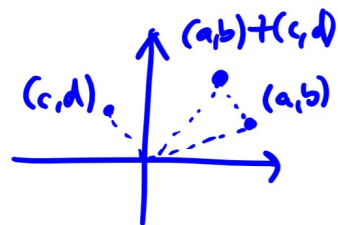
• Addition

Subtraction

$$(a + bi) + (c + di)$$

Vectors:  $(a, b) + (c, d)$   
 $= (a+c, b+d)$

$$= (a+c) + (b+d)i$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= a + bi + c + di \\ &= a + c + bi + di \\ &= (a+c) + (b+d)i \end{aligned}$$

Example  $(1 - i) + (6 + 3i) = 7 + 2i.$

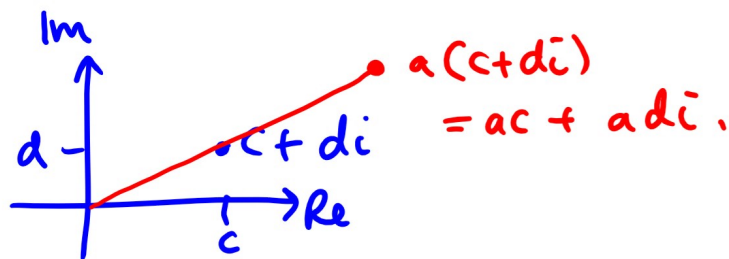
• Multiplication  $(a + bi)(c + di) = ac + bci + adi + \boxed{bdi^2}$   
 $= -bd$   
 $= (ac - bd) + (bc + ad)i.$

(No good vector analogue  
(unless  $b=0$ ) — at least  
not the way we write vectors  
So far — see next time!)

Example  $(1 - i)(6 + 3i) = 6 - 6i + 3i - \boxed{3i^2}$   
 $= +3$   
 $= 9 - 3i.$

If  $b=0$  so we have  $a(c + di) = ac + adi$

"Scalar multiplication of a complex #  $(c + di)$  by a real #  $(a)$ "



Example  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i)^2 = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i)(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i)$

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

Does this mean  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i$  is a square root of  $i$ ?

Yes! (More on this next time!)

↳ Actually Lecture 20.

Now that we can add/subtract/multiply complex #s, we can work with vectors & matrices whose entries are complex #s —

matrix operations carry over.

Example  $(1+3i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -i \\ -2+i & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3i & (1+3i)(-i) \\ (1+3i)(-2+i) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Scalar multiplication where the scalar is a complex # &

the matrix has complex # entries.

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1+3i & -3i^2 - i \\ -2-6i+i+3i^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+3i & 3-i \\ -5-5i & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Recall: Matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  had char. equation

$$\lambda^2 + 1 = 0 \quad \text{so eigenvalues } \lambda = \pm i.$$

For example: 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2(2+i)-5 \\ 2+i-2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1+2i \\ i \end{bmatrix} = i \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.  $\begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda = i$ .

• Division (of complex #s) Given  $w = a+bi$   
&  $z = c+di$

What is  $\frac{w}{z} = \frac{a+bi}{c+di} ? = x+yi$

It's some  $x+yi$ , where  $a+bi = (x+yi)(c+di)$ .

To work out the answer we need:

Definitions The complex conjugate of a complex #  $z = a+bi$  is  $\bar{z} = a-bi$ .

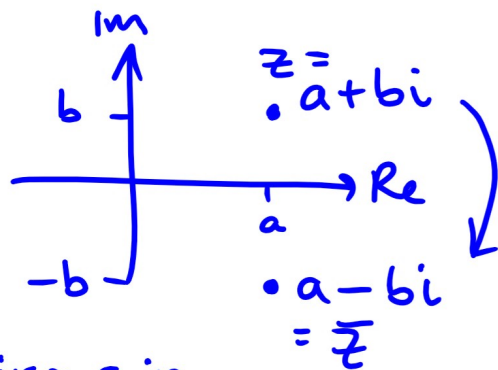
Examples

$$z = 6+5i; \bar{z} = 6-5i$$

$$z = -3-2i; \bar{z} = -3+2i$$

$$z = 4i-1; \bar{z} = -4i-1$$

$$z = 3; \bar{z} = 3; z = -i; \bar{z} = i$$



Mirror in  
Real axis.

Notice  $z + \bar{z} = (a+bi) + (a-bi) = 2a \leftarrow \text{always real.}$

$z - \bar{z} = (a+bi) - (a-bi) = 2bi \leftarrow \text{always pure imaginary.}$

$z\bar{z} = (a+bi)(a-bi) = a^2 + abi - abi - b^2i^2$   
 $= a^2 + b^2.$

The modulus / absolute value of  $z = a+bi$  is

$$|z| = \sqrt{z\bar{z}} \quad (= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2})$$

(So we showed  $z\bar{z} = |z|^2 (= a^2 + b^2)$ .)

Notice: if  $b=0$  (so  $z = a$ , real), then

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2} = |a| \quad (\text{so this agrees with our definition for real \#s!})$$