

## Lecture 34: §4.6 Complex Numbers & complex eigenvalues

TODAY'S GOAL: Define complex numbers & its use in the EV Problem

2 Motivations for defining complex numbers

(1) **Algebraic**: Find a new set of numbers enlarging  $\mathbb{R}$ , so that every polynomial in one variable over  $\mathbb{R}$  has a root (Example:  $x^2+1$  has no real roots, but 2 complex roots)

(2) **Geometric**: Define a multiplication on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) \longmapsto \underline{\vec{u} \odot \vec{v}}$   
a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

satisfying some nice properties as mult. in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

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(B) Associative:  $\vec{u} \odot (\vec{v} \odot \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \odot \vec{v}) \odot \vec{w}$

(C) Distributive:  $\vec{u} \odot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \odot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \odot \vec{w}$

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Obs: These properties uniquely determine  $\odot = \text{mult. on } \mathbb{R}^2$ .

•  $e$  has to be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  by (F) & (D) (uniqueness of  $e$  & role of 1 in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

• (C)  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \odot \left( \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ d \end{bmatrix} \right) =$   
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 $\implies$  Only need to determine  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} y \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Need to define.  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$

Remember: want to solve  $x^2 + 1 = 0 \iff \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \\ \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$

Proposal:  $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ xy \end{bmatrix}$  &  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -y_1 y_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Check Assoc. (1)  $(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix}) \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ xy \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -xyz \end{bmatrix}$

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(3)  $(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{bmatrix}) \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -xy \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -xyz \end{bmatrix}$

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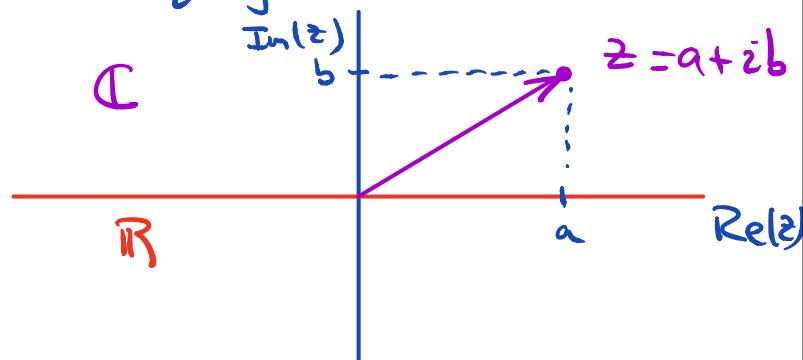
This is enough to define  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ac \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ d \end{bmatrix}$   
 $= \begin{bmatrix} ac \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ cb \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -bd \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ ad \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ac - bd \\ ad + bc \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \text{Satisfies (A) - (F)}$

Obs:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  so  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  solves  $x^2 + 1 = 0$  ( $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow i$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ )

# Complex Numbers

Def: A complex number  $z$  is given by a vector  $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , written as

$$z = a + ib \quad (i \text{ is a placeholder})$$



Names:  $a = \text{Re}(z)$  = "Real part of  $z$ "

$b = \text{Im}(z)$  = "Imaginary part of  $z$ "

•  $a + ib = c + id$  means  $a = c$  &  $b = d$ .

Properties:

$$\textcircled{1} (a + ib)(c + id) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \odot \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ac - bd \\ a d + bc \end{bmatrix} = (ac - bd) + i(ad - bc)$$

$$\textcircled{2} i^2 = -1, \text{ so it's a solution to } x^2 + 1 = 0.$$

$\textcircled{3}$  real numbers are complex numbers via  $a = a + i0$  ( $\text{Im}(a) = 0$ )

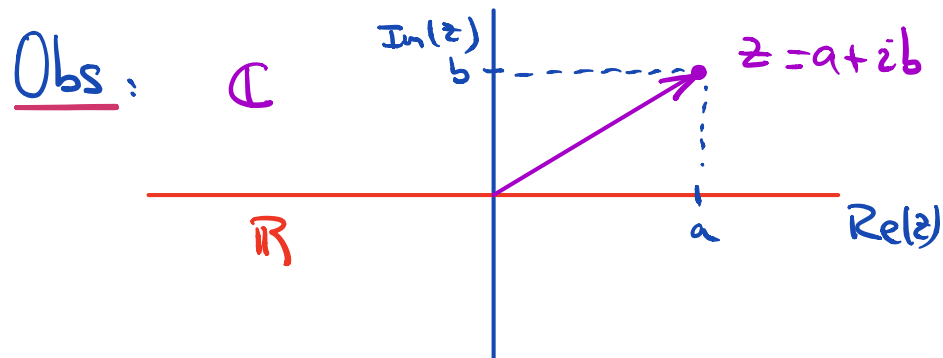
$$\textcircled{4} (a + ib) + (c + id) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a + c \\ b + d \end{bmatrix} = (a + c) + i(b + d)$$

Ex:  $z = (1 + i)$   $w = (2 + i3)$   $\rightsquigarrow$   $z \cdot w = (1 + i)(2 + i3) = (2 - 3) + i(3 + 2) = -1 + i$   
 $z + w = (1 + i) + (2 + i3) = (1 + 2) + i(1 + 3) = 3 + 4i$

Q How to remember mult rule?  $(a+ib)(c+id) = (ac-bd) + i(ad+bc)$

A Use distributive law &  $i^2 = -1$

$$\begin{aligned}(a+ib)(c+id) &= a(c+id) + ib(c+id) \\ &= ac + iad + ibc + \underbrace{i^2}_{=-1} bd \\ &= (ac-bd) + i(ad+bc)\end{aligned}$$



View  $z$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , so it has a magnitude!

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{\text{Re}(z)^2 + \text{Im}(z)^2}$$

NAME: Modulus of  $z$

Key property:  $|zw| = |z| |w|$

Why?  $z = a+ib \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad |z| = \sqrt{a^2+b^2}$   
 $w = c+id \quad \quad \quad |w| = \sqrt{c^2+d^2}$

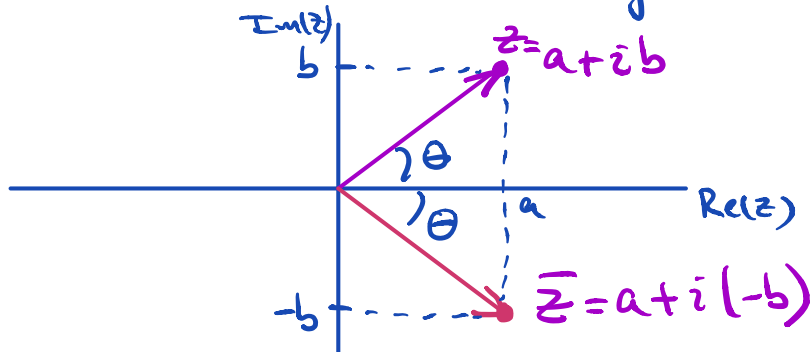
$$zw = (ac-bd) + i(ad+bc) \rightsquigarrow |zw| = \sqrt{(ac-bd)^2 + (ad+bc)^2} = \sqrt{(a^2+b^2)(c^2+d^2)}$$

## New operation: Complex Conjugation

Def: Given  $z = a + ib$ , its complex conjugate is  $\bar{z} = a - ib$  ( $= a + i(-b)$ )

In particular:  $z = \bar{z}$  if & only if  $b = -b$  (ie,  $b = 0$ , so  $z$  is in  $\mathbb{R}$ )

Visually:



mirror image about real axis

Properties: ①  $\overline{z+w} = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$

Why?  $z = a + ib$   
 $w = c + id$

$$\overline{z+w} = \overline{(a+c) + i(b+d)} = a+c - i(b+d)$$

$$\bar{z} + \bar{w} = (a-ib) + (c-id) = a+c - i(b+d) \quad \checkmark$$

②  $\overline{z \cdot w} = \bar{z} \cdot \bar{w}$

Why?  $\overline{z \cdot w} = \overline{(a+ib)(c+id)} = \overline{(ac-bd) + i(ad+bc)} = (ac-bd) - i(ad+bc)$

$$\bar{z} \cdot \bar{w} = (a-ib)(c-id) = (ac-bd) + i(ad-bc) = ac-bd - i(ad+bc) \quad \checkmark$$

③  $z \cdot \bar{z} = |z|^2$

Why?  $z \cdot \bar{z} = (a+ib)(a-ib) = a^2 - (-b^2) + i(-ab+ab) = a^2 + b^2 = |z|^2 \quad \checkmark$

Consequence: if  $z \neq 0$ , we have either  $\text{Re}(z) \neq 0$  or  $\text{Im}(z) \neq 0$ , so  $|z|^2 > 0$

From  $z \cdot \bar{z} = |z|^2$  we conclude  $z$  is invertible &  $z^{-1} = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}$

Application: Use this to write any  $\frac{a+ib}{c+id}$  with  $c+id \neq 0$ .

How? Multiply & divide by  $\overline{c+id} = c-id$

$$\frac{a+ib}{c+id} \cdot \frac{c-id}{c-id} = \frac{(a+ib)(c-id)}{|c+id|^2} = \frac{ac+bd}{c^2+d^2} + i \frac{-ad+bc}{c^2+d^2}$$

EXAMPLE ①  $z = 1+i$      $\bar{z} = 1-i$      $|z|^2 = 1^2+1^2 = 2 > 0$

so  $z^{-1} = \frac{1-i}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}$     (Check:  $(1+i)(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{2}) = 1$ )

EXAMPLE ②  $\frac{2+i}{1+i} = \frac{2+i}{1-i} \cdot \frac{1-i}{1-i} = \frac{(2+i)(1-i)}{2} = \frac{3-i}{2}$

EXAMPLE ③  $z = 1-i3$      $w = 2+i4$      $\bar{z} = 1+i3$      $\bar{w} = 2-i4$      $\bar{z}\bar{w} = (2+12) + i(-4+6) = 14 + i2$

$z+w = 3+i$      $\overline{z+w} = 3-i = \bar{z} + \bar{w}$

$\overline{z \cdot w} = \overline{2+12+i(4-6)} = 14+i2 = \bar{z}\bar{w}$

# Roots of polynomials in $\mathbb{R}[x]$ & $\mathbb{C}[x]$

## Fundamental Theorem of Algebra:

Every non-constant polynomial in 1 variable over  $\mathbb{C}$  has a root in  $\mathbb{C}$   
 ("  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraically closed")

## Example: Quadratic Polynomials

$$P(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}, \quad a \neq 0$$

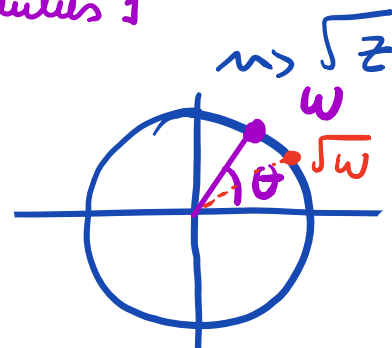
$$\text{Roots: } = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{C}$$

Q: What does  $\sqrt{\quad}$  mean over  $\mathbb{C}$ ?

Ex:  $\sqrt{-1} = i$  ,  $\sqrt{-4} = 2i$

In general:  $z = |z| \left( \frac{z}{|z|} \right)$  ↪  $w$  has modulus 1

$|w|=1$  so it lies in the unit circle  
 $\rightsquigarrow w = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$



$\rightsquigarrow \mathbb{R} > 0$  ↪ modulus 1

$$= \sqrt{|z|} \sqrt{\frac{z}{|z|}}$$

$$\sqrt{w} = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} + i \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$



Q: What about polynomials with real coefficients?

A: 2 types of roots: (1) real roots  
(2) complex roots: they come in conjugate pairs!

Why?  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$   $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$

• If  $\alpha = a + ib$  is a root, then  $\bar{\alpha} = a - ib$  is also a root

$$f(\bar{\alpha}) = a_n (\bar{\alpha})^n + a_{n-1} (\bar{\alpha})^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \bar{\alpha} + a_0$$
$$= \overline{a_n (\alpha)^n + a_{n-1} (\alpha)^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \alpha + a_0}$$

$a$ 's in  $\mathbb{R}$

Props  $\nearrow$

$$= \overline{(a_n \alpha^n + a_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \alpha + a_0)} = \overline{0} = 0.$$

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\rightsquigarrow P_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I_3) = \det \begin{bmatrix} 1-\lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3-\lambda & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 1-\lambda \end{bmatrix}$

$$= (\lambda-1)((3-\lambda)(1-\lambda) + 2) = (\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 5)(\lambda-1)$$

Roots:  $\frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{-1}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 2i}{2} = 2 \pm i$

**!** Eigenspaces  $\rightsquigarrow \lambda = 2 \pm i$ : in  $\mathbb{C}^3$ , not  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (next time!)  $\begin{matrix} \nearrow 2+i \\ \searrow 2-i \end{matrix}$   $\uparrow$  complex conjugate!