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**Linear Programming Problem** 

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ 2-i \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + i \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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If  $\lambda, x$  are eigenvalue and eigenvector of a matrix with real entries than  $\overline{\lambda}$ ,  $\overline{x}$  are eigenvalue and eigenvector of that matrix.

Let A be a real  $2 \times 2$  matrix with a complex eigenvalue  $\lambda = a - bi$  ( $b \neq 0$ ) and an associated eigenvector  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ . Then  $A = PCP^{-1}, \text{ where } P = [\mathbf{Re} \mathbf{v} \ \mathbf{Im} \mathbf{v}] \text{ and } C = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ 

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#### Theorem (Calay-Hamilton theorem)

A square matrix A satisfies its own characteristic equation, i.e.  $det(A - \lambda.I)|_{\lambda=A} = 0$ .

If 
$$det(A - \lambda.I) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i \lambda^i$$
 then  $\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i A^i = 0$ , zero matrix.



# Example

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#### **Theorem**

Given a square matrix A, if its minimal polynomial is a product of distinct linear factors over  $\mathbb{R}$  then A is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .