

COMP 546

Lecture 16

Linear Systems 1:  
convolution,  
complex numbers, Fourier transform

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Many computations on images (and sounds) begin by performing local weighted sums. e.g.

Local Difference:

$$D I(x) \equiv \frac{1}{2} I(x + 1) - \frac{1}{2} I(x - 1)$$

Local Average:

$$B I(x) \equiv \frac{1}{4} I(x + 1) + \frac{1}{2} I(x) + \frac{1}{4} I(x - 1)$$

# Cross correlation

$$f(x) \otimes I(x) \equiv \sum_u f(u - x) I(u)$$

# Convolution

$$f(x) * I(x) \equiv \sum_u f(x - u) I(u)$$

Any cross-correlation can be written as a convolution (and vice-versa) just by flipping the function  $f(\cdot)$ .

$$I(x) * f(x) = \sum_u I(x-u) f(u)$$

$$= I(x) f(0) + \dots$$

$$+ I(x+1) f(-1) + I(x+2) f(-2) + \dots$$

$$+ I(x-1) f(1) + I(x-2) f(2) + \dots$$

# Some algebraic properties of convolution

For any  $f_1(x)$ ,  $f_2(x)$ ,  $f_3(x)$  :

$$f_1 * f_2 = f_2 * f_1 \quad \leftarrow \text{Cross correlation does not have this property}$$

$$(f_1 * f_2) * f_3 = f_1 * (f_2 * f_3)$$

$$(f_1 + f_2) * f_3 = f_1 * f_3 + f_2 * f_3$$

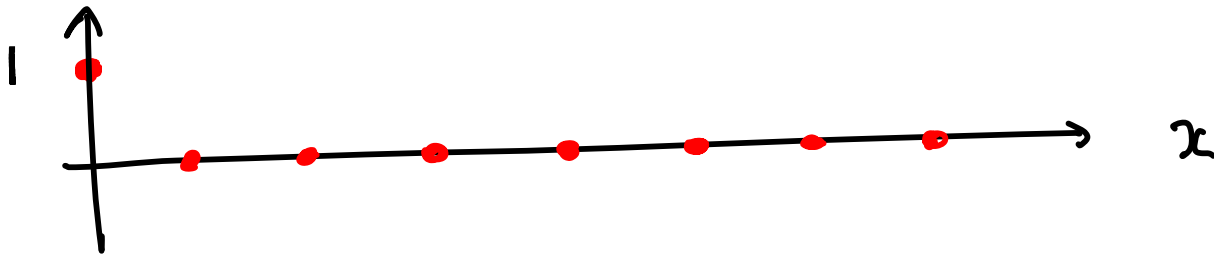
# Boundary conditions

$$I(x) * f(x) = \sum_{u=0}^{N-1} I(x-u) f(u)$$

Assume  $f(x) = 0$  and  $I(x) = 0$  outside range 0 to N-1.

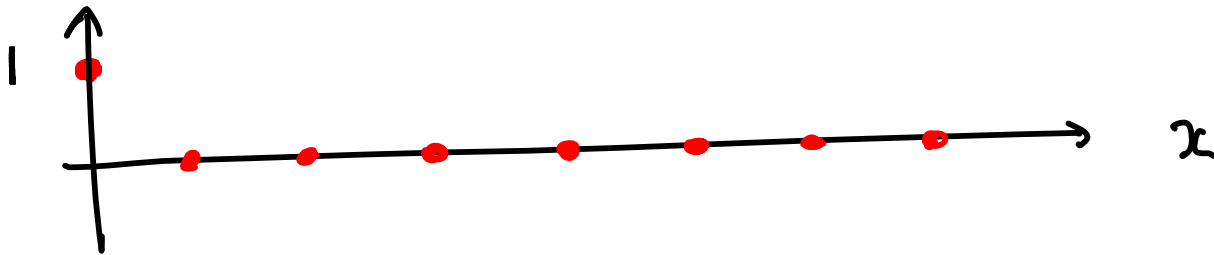
# Impulse function

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

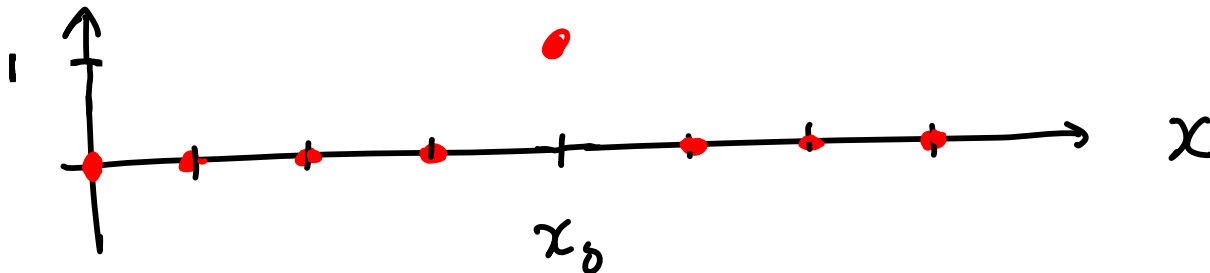


# Impulse function

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$\delta(x - x_0) = \begin{cases} 1, & x = x_0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$





$$\delta(x) * I(x) = \sum_u \delta(x - u) I(u)$$

$$= ?$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(x) * I(x) &= \sum_u \delta(x - u) I(u) \\ &= I(x)\end{aligned}$$

An image can be thought of as a sum of delta functions.

# Impulse Response function

If we think of  $I(x) * f(x)$  as a mapping from a input function  $I(x)$  to an output function, then we often call  $f(x)$  an “impulse response” function since:

$$\delta(x) * f(x) = f(x)$$

# Cross correlation

$$f(x) \otimes I(x) \equiv \sum_u f(u - x) I(u)$$

Sliding a template across an image, and taking inner product.

# Convolution

$$f(x) * I(x) \equiv \sum_u f(x - u) I(u)$$

Summing the impulse responses from all the pixels.

# Cross correlation

$$f(x) \otimes I(x) \equiv \sum_u f(u - x) I(u)$$

How well does the filter match the image, when filter is placed at position  $x$  ?

# Convolution

$$f(x) * I(x) \equiv \sum_u f(x - u) I(u)$$

How much does image intensity at position  $x$  contribute to the filtered output?

# Towards Fourier Analysis

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) * h(x) = ?$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) * h(x) = ?$$

Claim 1: (See lecture notes for proof.)

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) * h(x) = a \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) + b \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right)$$

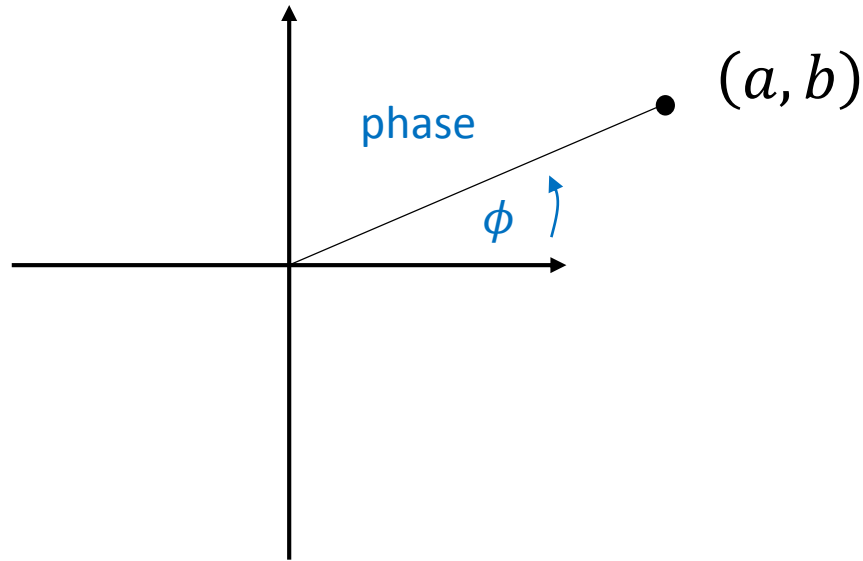
where  $a, b$  depend on  $h(x)$  and frequency  $k$ .

## Claim 2:

$$a \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) + b \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x - \phi\right)$$



To prove Claim 2, write  $(a, b)$  in polar coordinates



amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b) &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \left( \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} (\cos \phi, \sin \phi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) * h(x)$$

Claim 1

$$= a \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) + b \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right)$$


$$= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \left( \cos \phi \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) + \sin \phi \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) \right)$$

Claim 2

$$= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x - \phi\right)$$

Using identity from Calculus 1 that  $\cos(A - B) = \cos(A) \cos(B) + \sin(A) \sin(B)$ .

Exercise: Show

$$\sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) * h(x) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x - \phi\right)$$


same amplitude and phase

Using identity from Calculus 1 that  $\sin(A - B) = \cos(A) \cos(B) - \sin(A) \sin(B)$

### Claim 3: (proof omitted)

We can write any function  $I(x)$  defined on  $x = 0$  to  $\frac{N}{2} - 1$  as:

$$I(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{N}{2}} \alpha_k \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} kx\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} \beta_k \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} kx\right)$$

Thus, sines and cosines define an basis for functions  $I(x)$ .

One can show that this is an orthogonal basis.

Note that the frequency range  $k$  differs for sine and cosine.

$$I(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{N}{2}} \alpha_k \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} kx\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} \beta_k \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} kx\right)$$

Diagram illustrating the Fourier series expansion of a function  $I(x)$ .

The function  $I(x)$  is represented as a sum of cosine and sine terms:

$I(x) = \left[ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} kx\right) \right] + \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{N} kx\right) \right] + \dots$

The coefficients  $\alpha_k, \beta_k$  are shown in a blue bracket, labeled "coefficients".

# Brief Summary

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) * h(x) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x - \phi\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x\right) * h(x) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi k}{N}x - \phi\right)$$

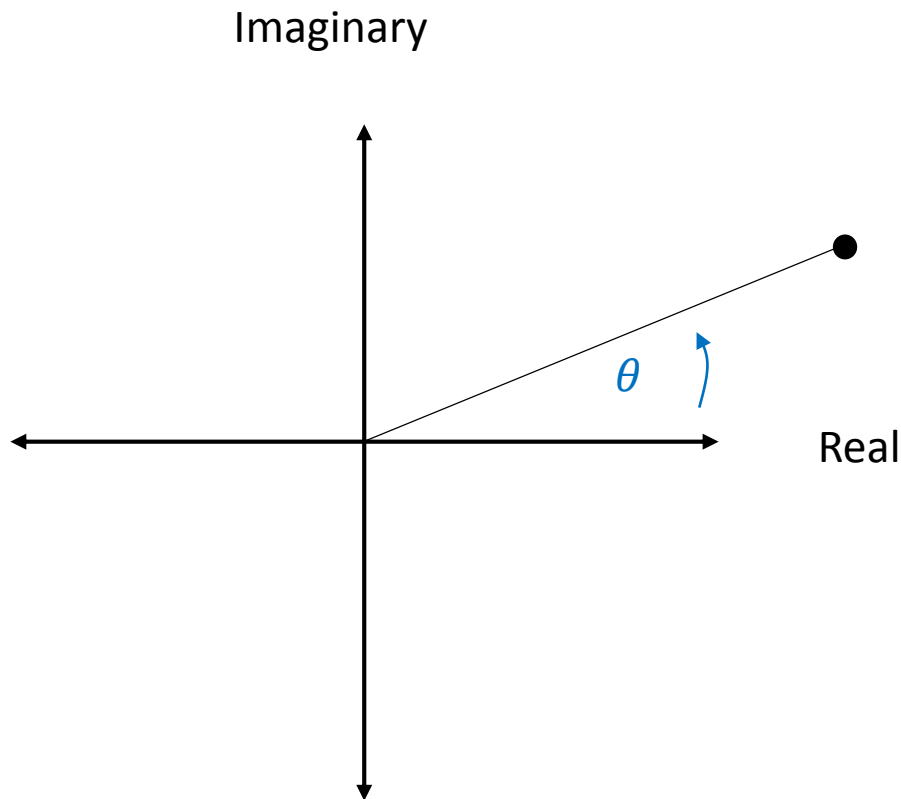
$$I(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{N}{2}} \alpha_k \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}kx\right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} \beta_k \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{N}kx\right)$$

Putting these together gives us the idea of Fourier transforms and filtering.

# Towards Fourier analysis

- an alternative way of writing the above equations
- based on complex numbers (which I review next).

# What is a complex number ?



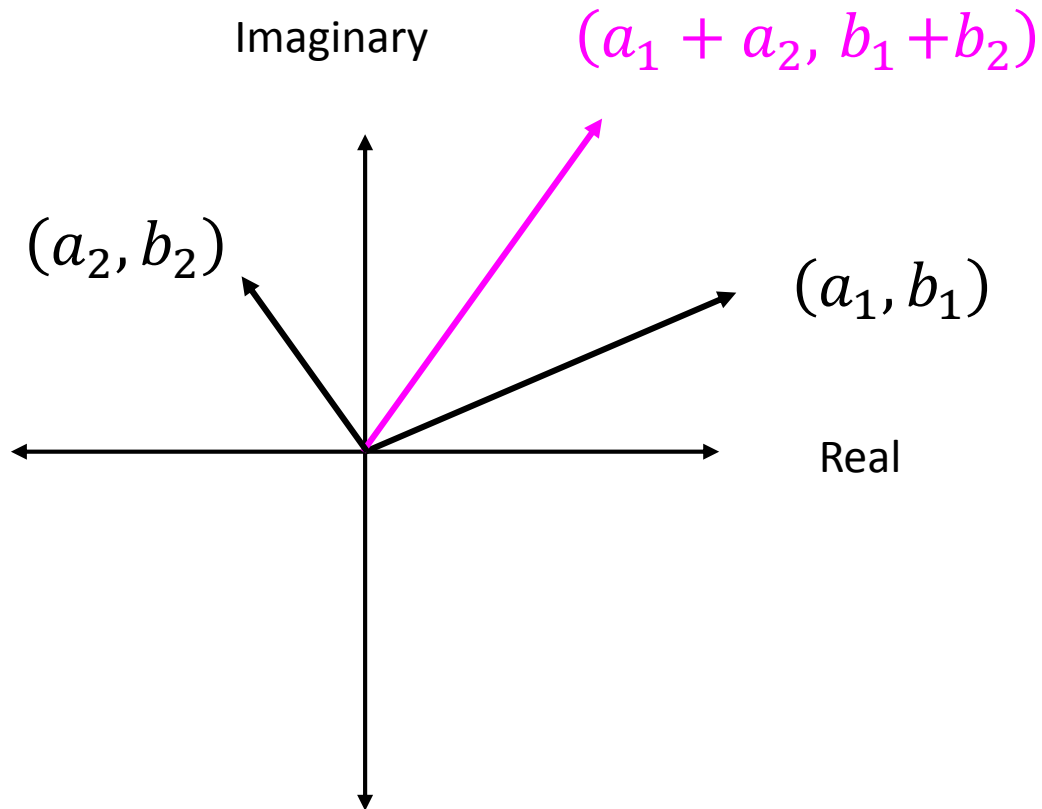
$$c = a + b i$$

$$= r \cos \theta + i r \sin \theta$$

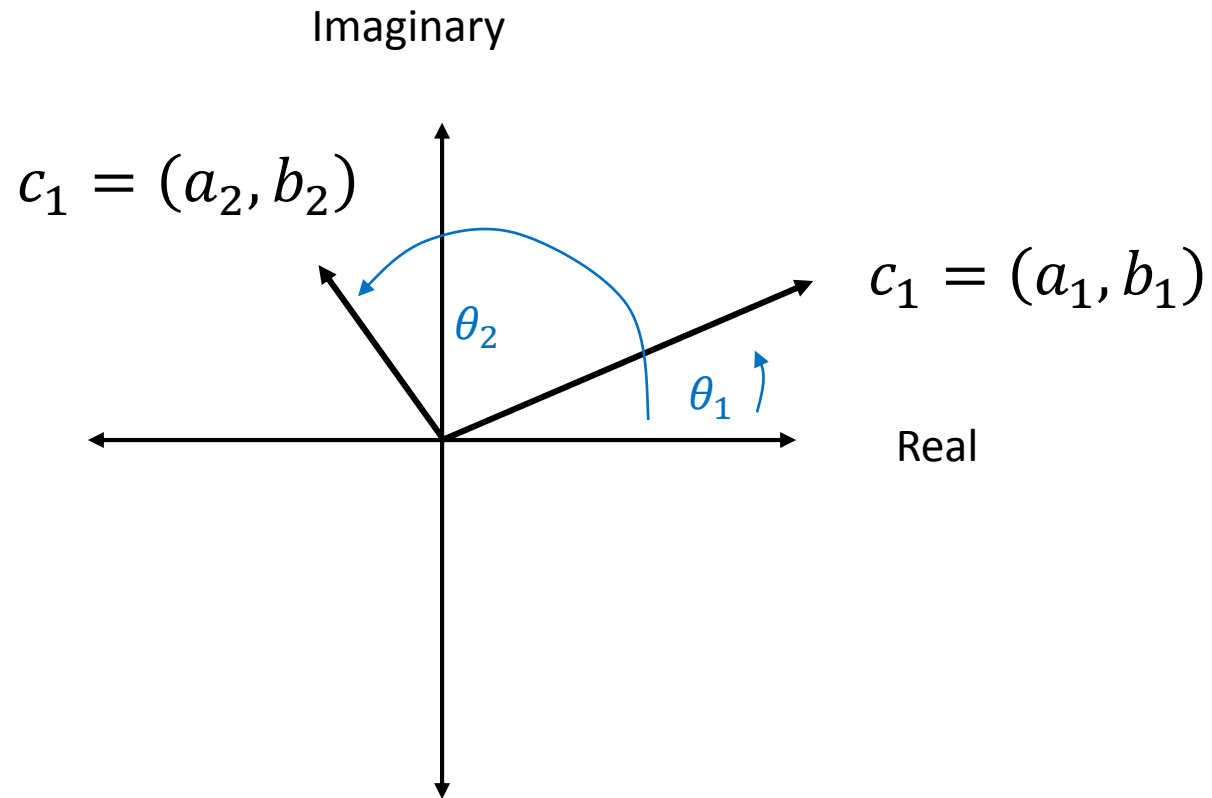
$$|c| = r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$



# Addition of complex numbers

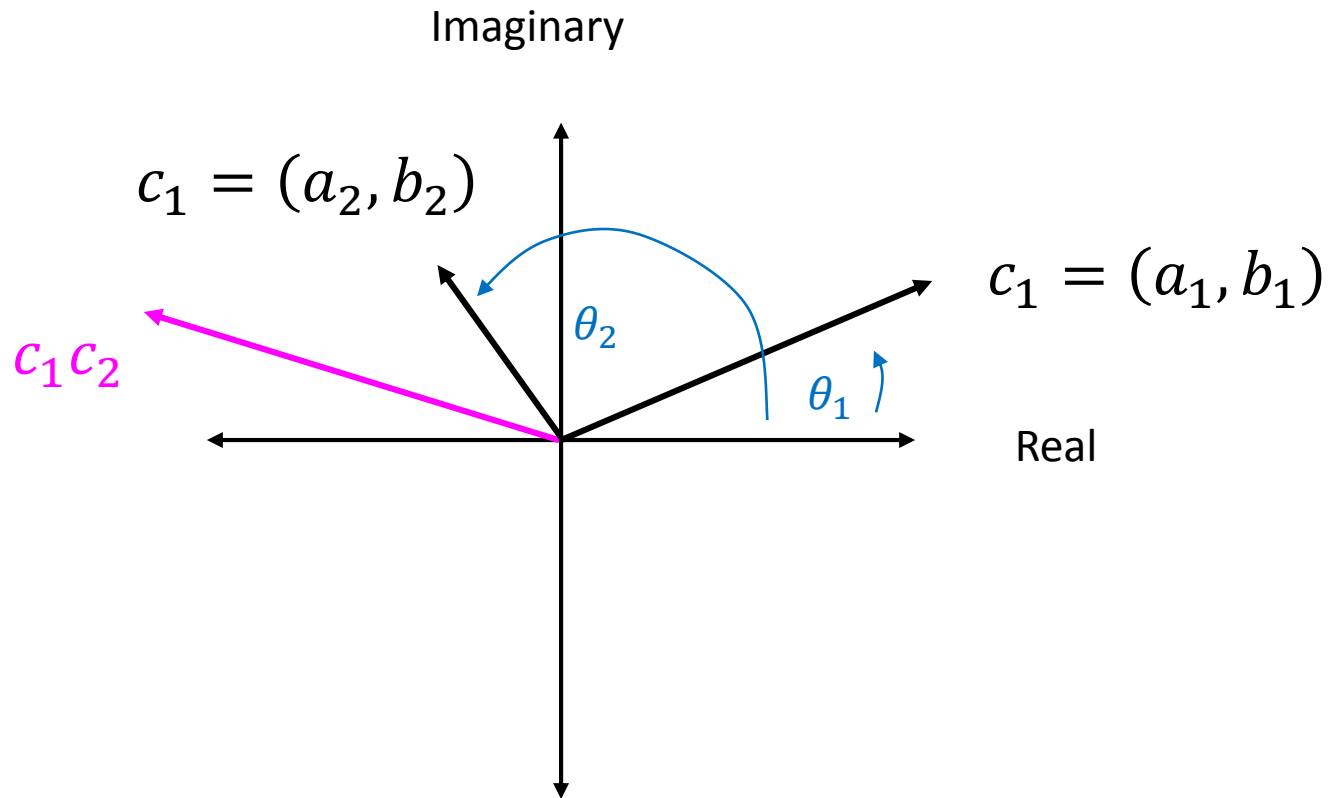


# Multiplication of complex numbers



$$c_1 c_2 = ?$$

# Multiplication of complex numbers

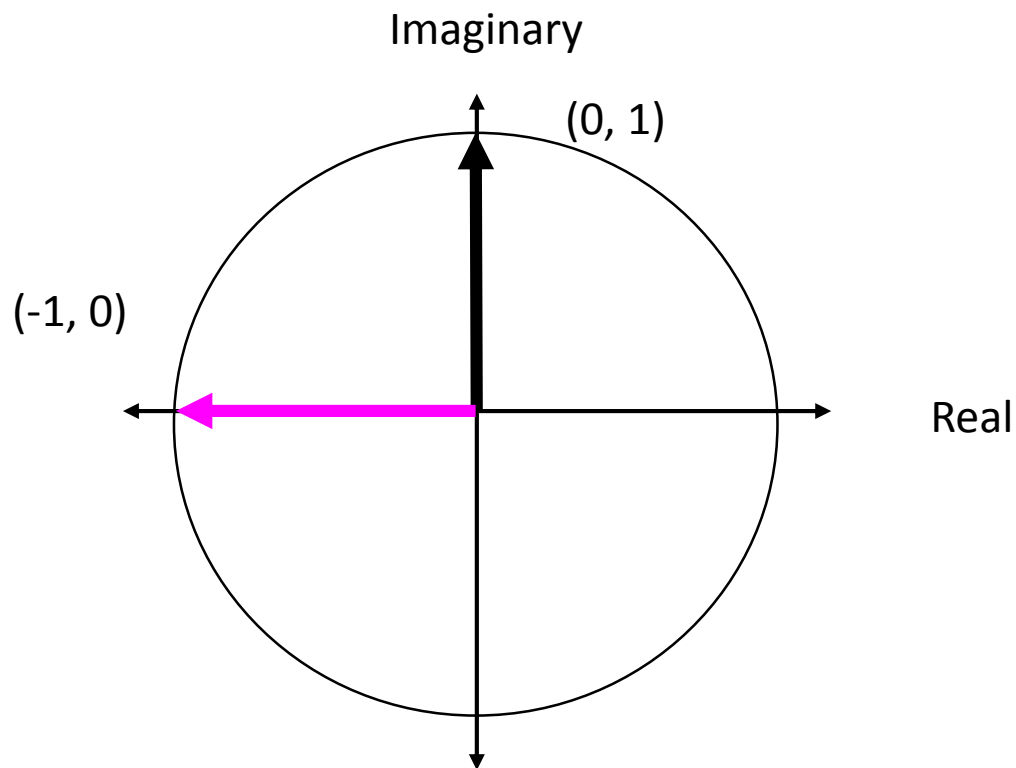


$$c_1 c_2 = |c_1| |c_2| (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2), \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2))$$

Multiply lengths

Add angles

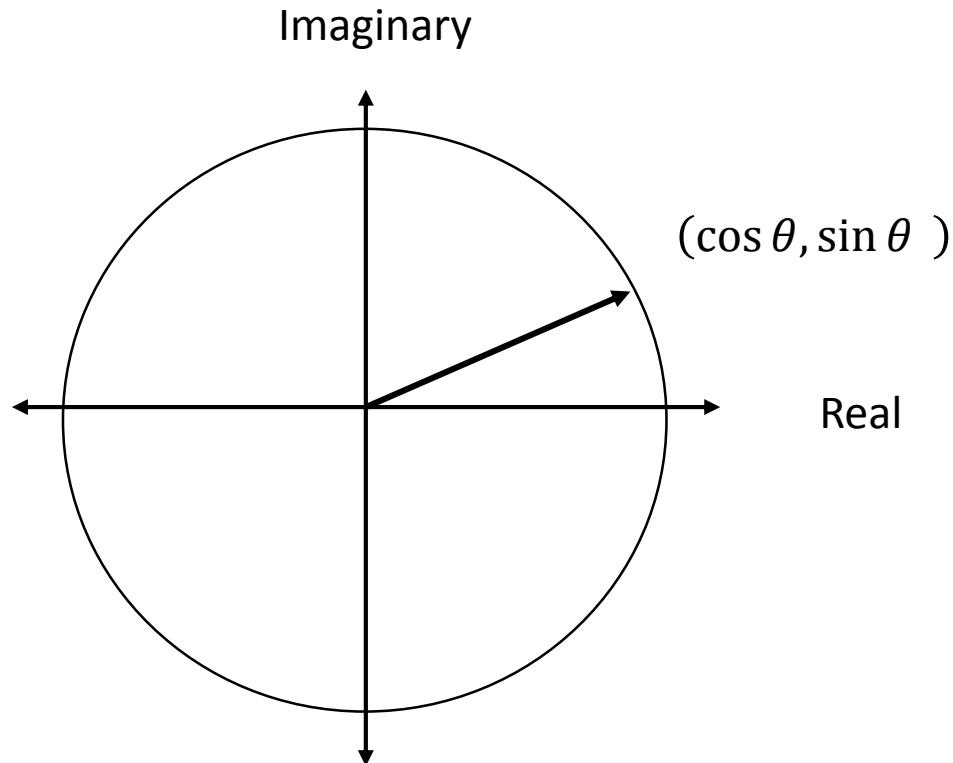
Example  $i * i = -1$



# Euler's equation

(Why? See Appendix to lecture notes)

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$



# Examples of Euler's equation

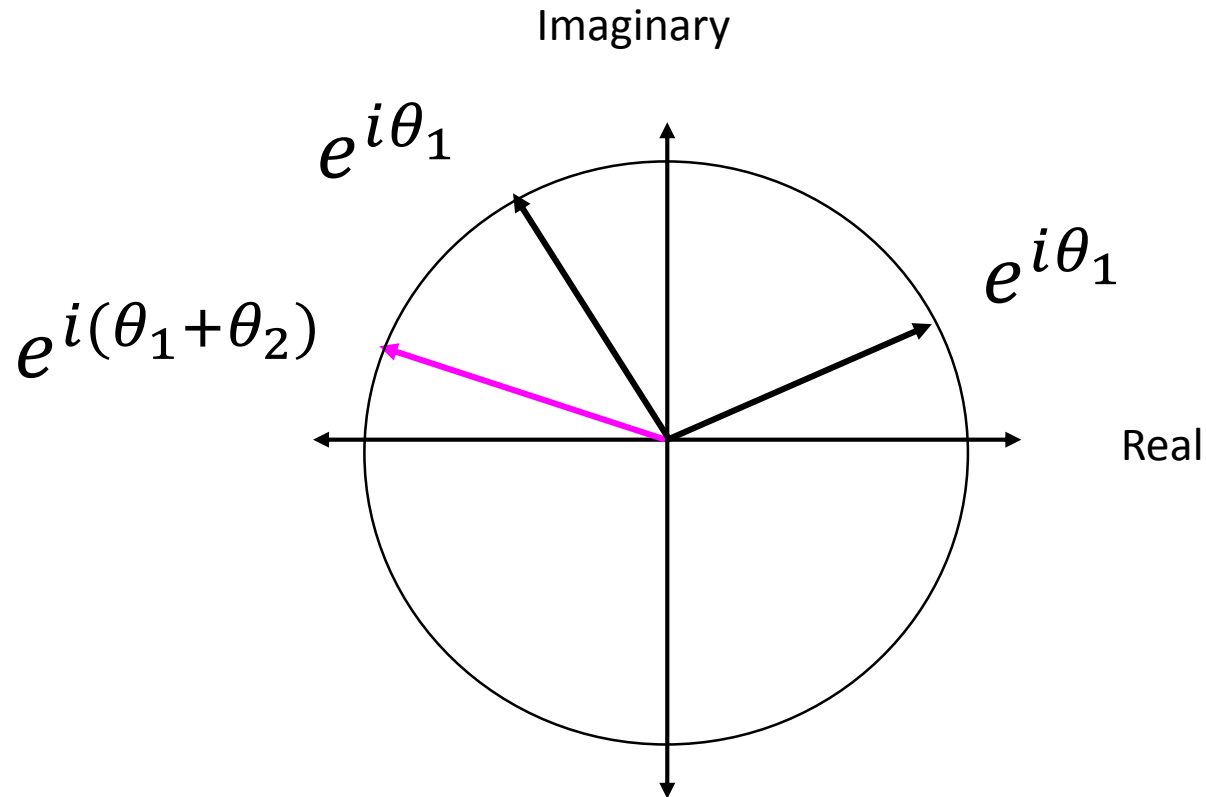
$$e^{i \cdot 0} = \cos(0) + i \sin(0) = 1$$

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

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

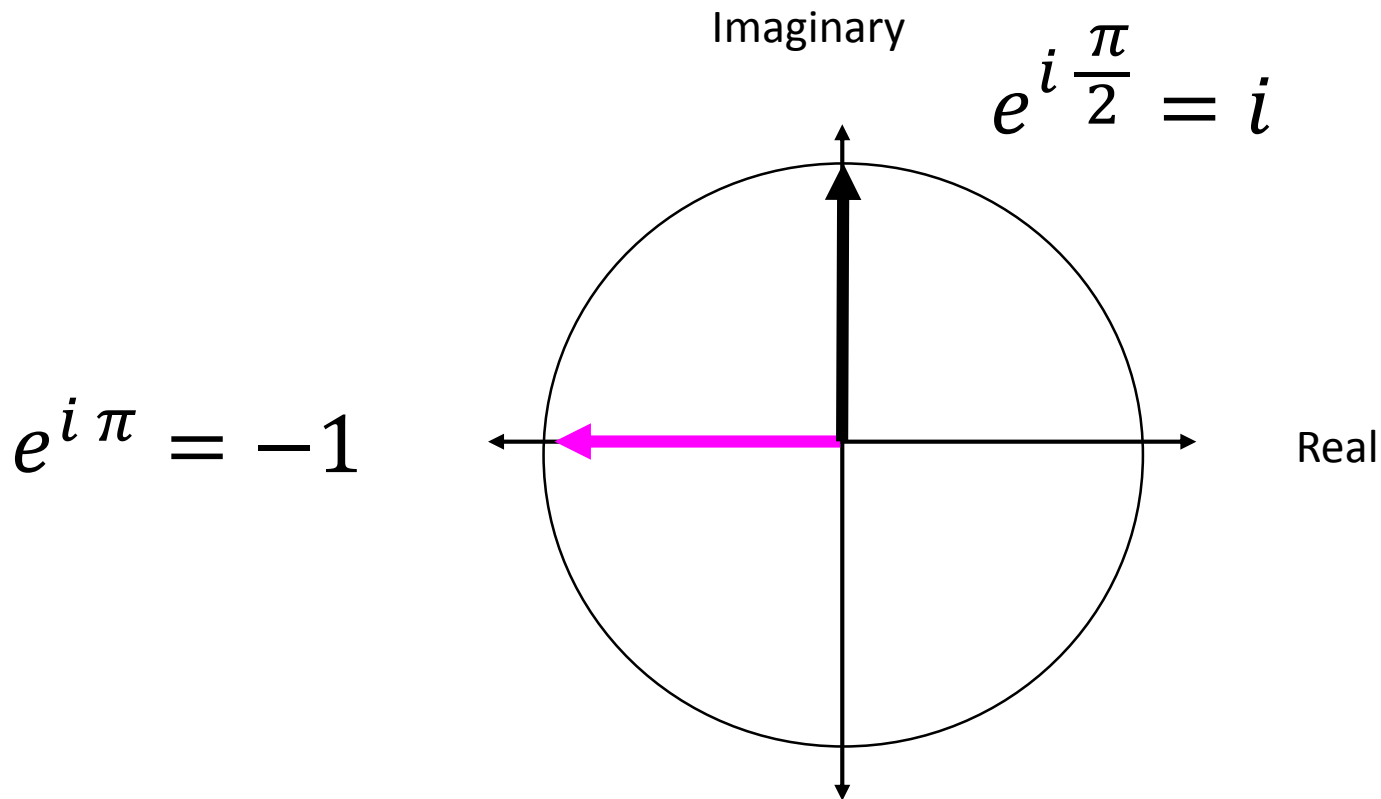
$$e^{i \cdot 2\pi} = \cos(2\pi) + i \sin(2\pi) = 1$$

# Multiplication of complex numbers



$$e^{i\theta_1} e^{i\theta_1} = e^{i(\theta_1+\theta_2)}$$


Example  $i * i = -1$



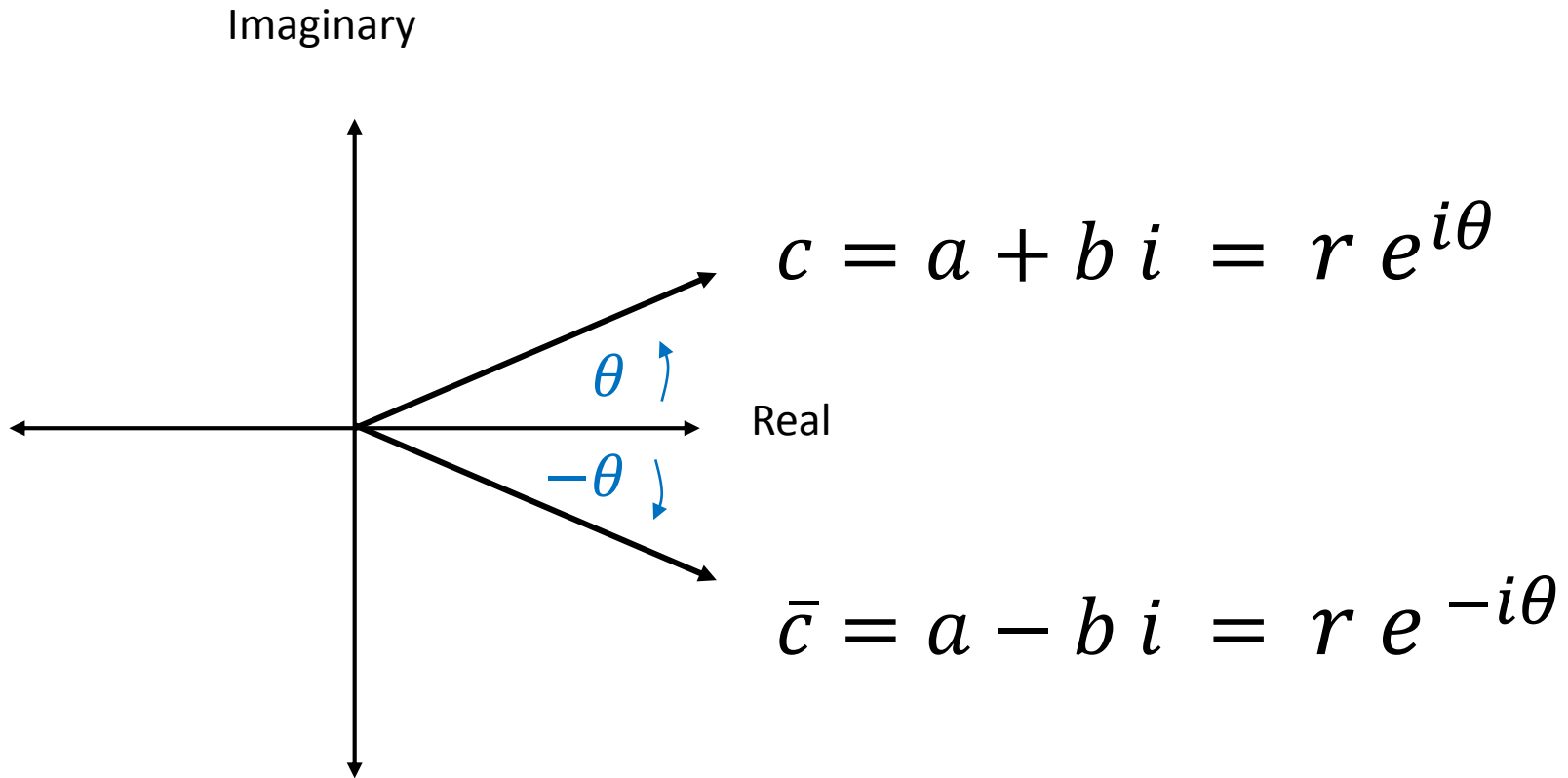
$$e^{i \frac{\pi}{2}} e^{i \frac{\pi}{2}} = e^{i \pi}$$



# Trigonometric identities follow from Euler's Rule

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{i\theta_1} e^{i\theta_2} \\ &= e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \\ &= \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ &= (\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1) \cdot (\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2) \\ &= (\cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 - \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) \\ &\quad + i (\sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \cos \theta_1 \sin \theta_2) \end{aligned}$$


# Complex conjugate



$$\bar{c} c = r^2$$

# Multiplicative Inverse

