

Consider two $n \times n$ matrices A and B. We say that A is similar to B if there exists an invertible matrix S such that:

$$AS = SB$$
, or $B = S^{-1}AS$

Problem

is matrix
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 similar to $B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$?

Solution

We want to find the matrix:

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$
 such that $AS = BS$ or just $\begin{pmatrix} a+2c & b+2d \\ 4a+3c & 4b+3d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5a & -b \\ 5c & -d \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow c = 2a, \ d = -b$ so $S = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 2a & -b \end{pmatrix}$

Problem

Compute
$$(3+4i)\left(-2-\frac{i}{2}\right)-4+i$$

Compute $\frac{2-i}{-1-3i}$ and then try to plot it

Solution

$$(3+4i)\left(-2-\frac{i}{2}\right)-4+i = \left(-6-\frac{3i}{2}-8i-2i^2\right)-4+i \stackrel{\text{since } i^2=-1}{=}$$
$$=\left(-6-\frac{19i}{2}+2\right)-4+i = -8-\frac{17i}{2}$$

$$\frac{2-i}{-1-3i} = \frac{(2-i)(-1+3i)}{(-1-3i)(-1+3i)} = \frac{-2+6i+i-3i^2}{1-9i^2} = \frac{1+7i}{10} \text{ Done}$$

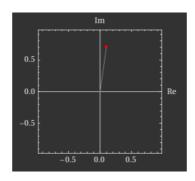


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