

Math 415 - Lecture 32

Complex numbers and eigenvectors

Wednesday November 11th 2015

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Let A be an $n \times n$ -Markov matrix with only positive entries and let $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Then

$$\mathbf{v}_\infty := \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A^k \mathbf{v} \text{ exists,}$$

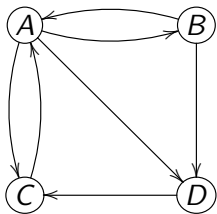
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Page rank (or: the 250000000000 \$ eigenvector)

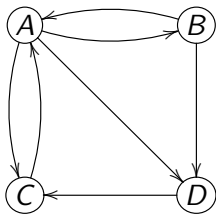
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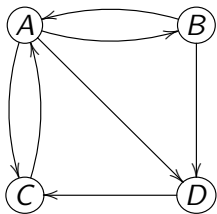


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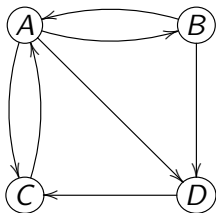
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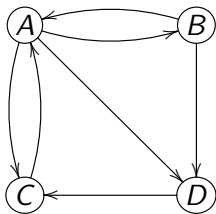
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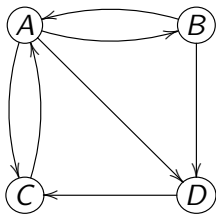
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The **PageRank vector** is the long-term equilibrium.

It is an eigenvector of the Markov matrix with eigenvalue 1.

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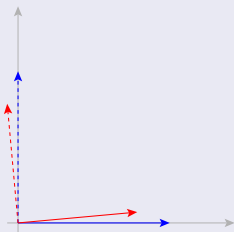
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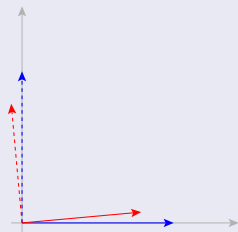


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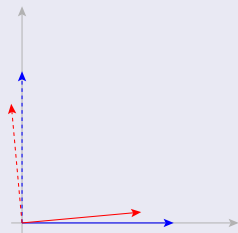
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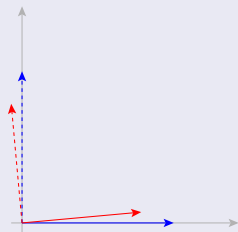
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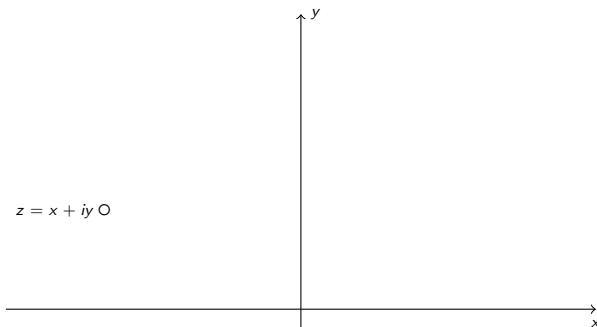
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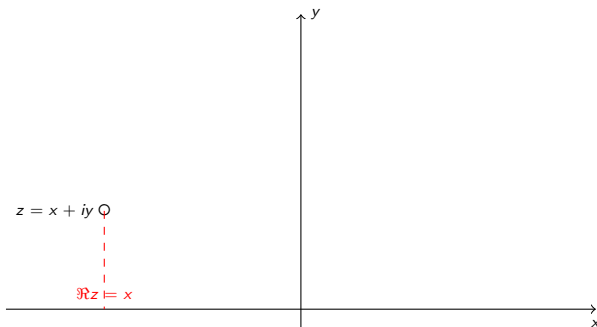
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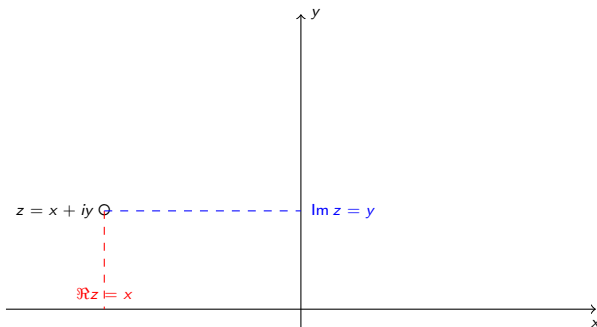
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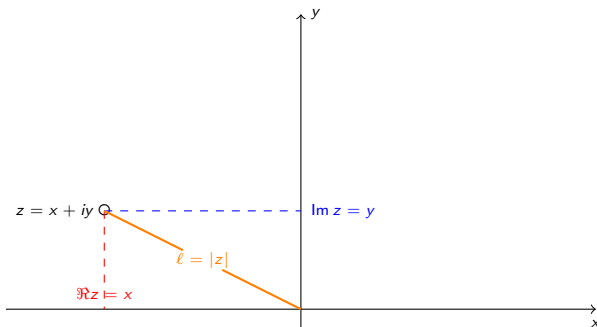
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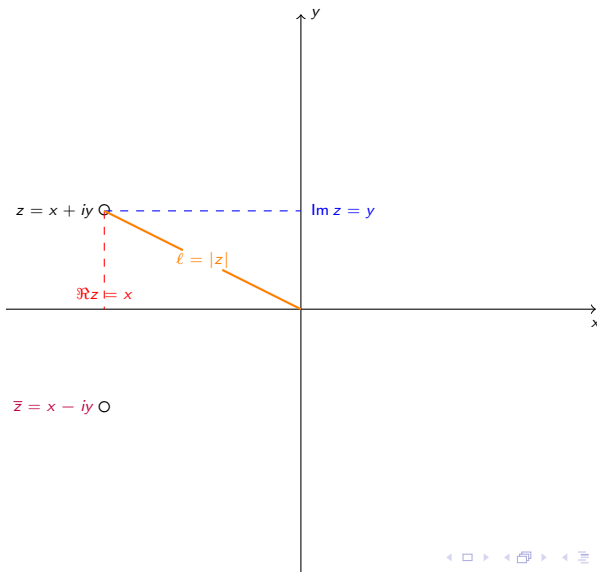
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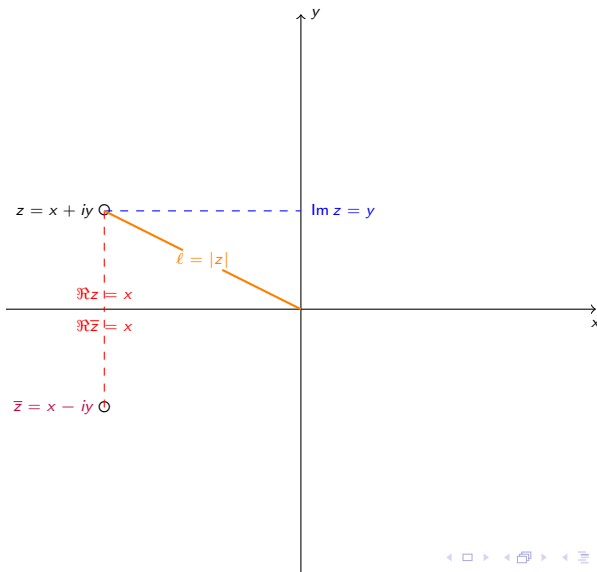
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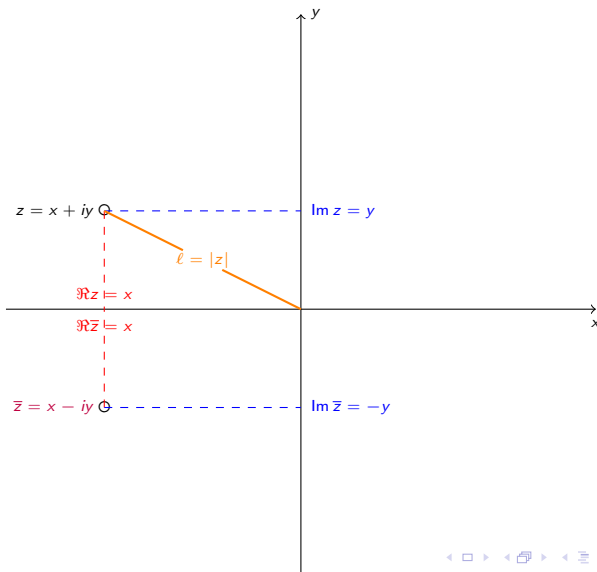
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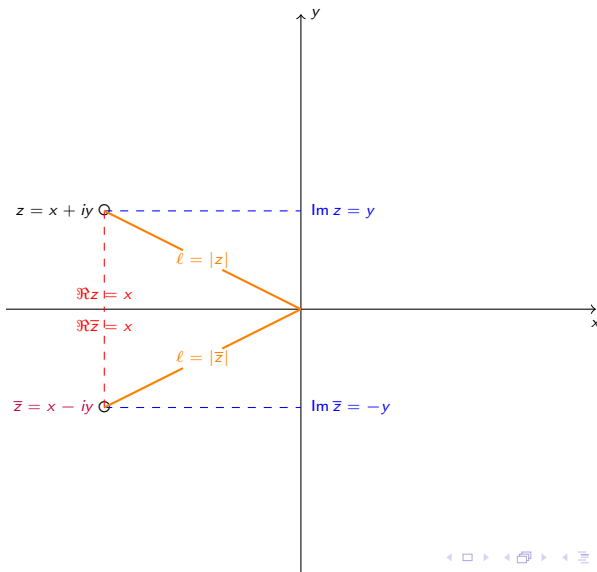
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