A wide-angle photograph of a sunflower field under a blue sky with white clouds. In the background, there's a small town with several buildings, including a prominent church with a red-tiled roof and a bell tower. A road runs through the field, with a speed limit sign indicating 80 km/h.

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Fou Math

Complex Numbers

What can you do with *real* numbers \mathbb{R}

Arithmetic:

"+" operator	addition	$x + y$
unary "-" operator	negation	$-x = 0 - x$
binary "-" operator	subtraction	$x - y = x + (-y)$
0	zero (add. neutral)	$x + 0 = x$
"*" operator	multiplication	$x^*y = x \cdot y$
"/" operator	division	$x/y = x \cdot \text{inv}(y)$
	multipl. inverse	$\text{inv}(x) = 1/x$
1	one (mult. neutral)	$x \cdot 1 = x$

Geometry:

abs()	length, abs. value	$ x \geq 0$
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What can you do with \mathbb{R} ?

Rules:

- From previous slide:
 - 0 "works": $\forall x: x + 0 = x$
 - 1 "works": $\forall x: x \cdot 1 = x$
- *Commutativity* of $+$ and \cdot operators

$$\forall x, y: x + y = y + x \text{ and } x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$
- *Associativity* of $+$ and \cdot operators:

$$\forall x, y, z: x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z \text{ and } x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$$
- *Distributivity* of \cdot over $+$:

$$\forall x, y, z: x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$
- *Triangle inequality*: $\forall x, y: |x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$
- *C*-property*: $\forall x: |x \cdot x| = |x|^2$
 - follows from multiplicativity of abs: $\forall x, y: |x \cdot y| = |x| \cdot |y|$

Why isn't \mathbb{R} enough?

Q: Why do we need complex numbers? Why aren't real numbers enough?

- Math answer:
Some things don't work with real numbers, because they are not algebraically closed meaning there are polynomials which have no zero. $X^2 + 1$ is an example: There is no real x such that when you plug it in for X the result is 0. That doesn't seem to be a big deal, but we'll see some bad (for algorithms) consequences later in the course.
- Physics answer 2:
Because the universe has complex numbers as amplitudes of wave functions in quantum physics.

Definition of \mathbb{C} , the complex numbers:

1. $\mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$ — every real number is (or: can be considered as) a complex number
2. There's a special complex number $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{C}$ with the property $\mathbf{i}^2 + 1 = 0$.
There are 2 with that property: You have to decide which one of the two gets to be Mr. **i**.)
3. The arithmetic operations and `abs()` are available for \mathbb{C} .
They follow the same rules — *with 1 exception!* (and some new rules: next slide)
4. For every $z \in \mathbb{C}$ there is 1 unique pair (x, y) of real numbers such that

$$z = x + \mathbf{i}y$$

x is called the *real part* of z ,
 y is called the *imaginary part* of z .

Differences in the rules:

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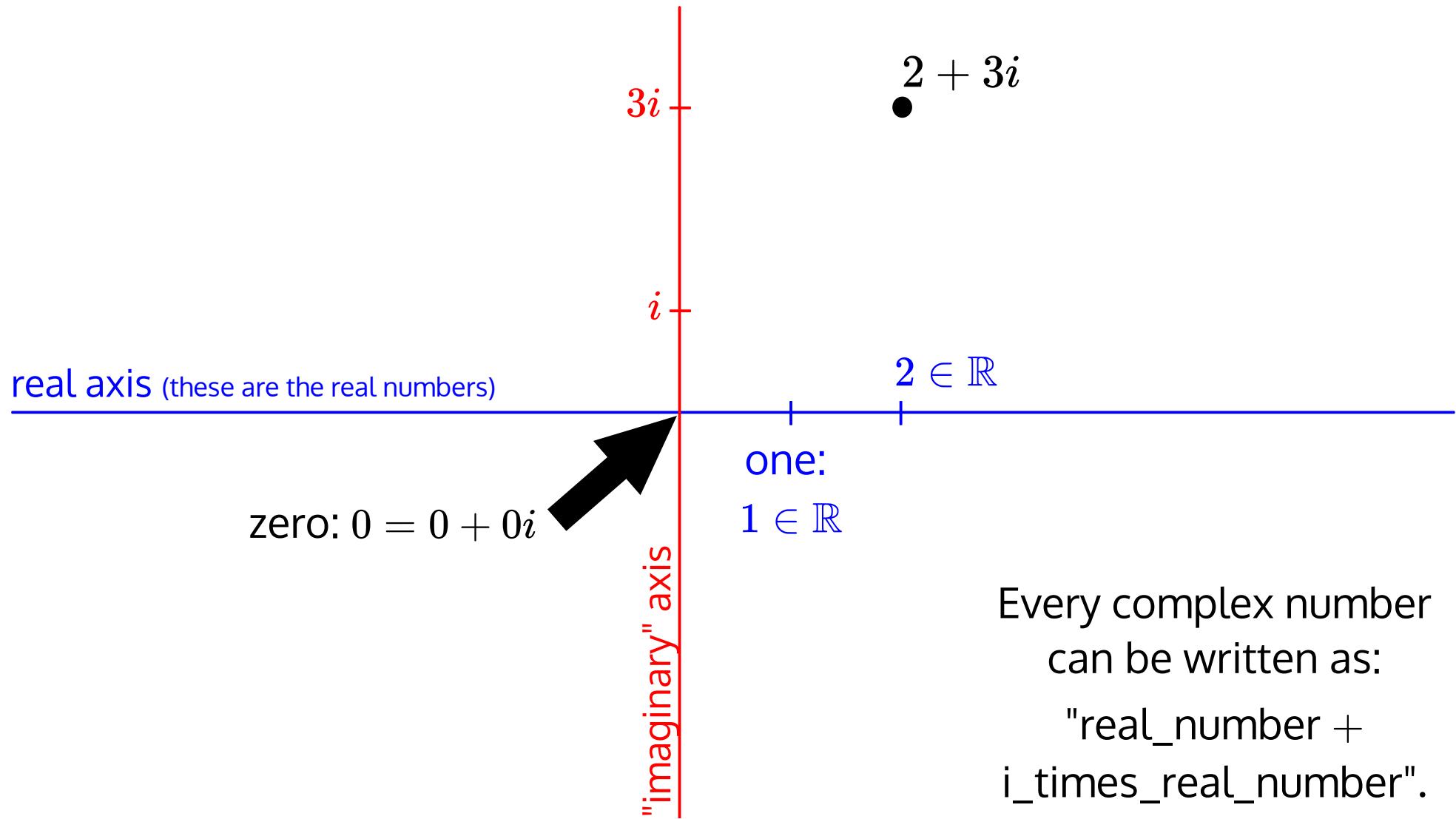
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new
operator " $*$ "
*complex
conjugate*

The rules are important — but
let's not get lost in them.

Let's draw a picture!





Arithmetic in \mathbb{C}

Visualize:

Points in the 2d plane:

For complex number $z = x + iy$, draw (x, y)

Zero, one

Origin ($x = 0, y = 0$) is "zero": $0 + i \cdot 0 = 0$

$x = 1, y = 0$ is "one": $1 + i \cdot 0 = 1$

Addition

Just follow the rules! (Blackboard)

Subtraction

Just follow the rules! (Blackboard)

Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let's see: } (x + i \cdot y) \cdot (u + i \cdot v) &= x \cdot u + x \cdot i \cdot v + i \cdot y \cdot u + i \cdot y \cdot i \cdot v \\ &= x \cdot u + i \cdot x \cdot v + i \cdot y \cdot u + i^2 \cdot y \cdot v \\ &= x \cdot u + i \cdot x \cdot v + i \cdot y \cdot u + (-1) \cdot y \cdot v \\ &= x \cdot u - y \cdot v + i \cdot (x \cdot v + y \cdot u) \end{aligned}$$

Real and imaginary part functions

We said above: For $z \in \mathbb{C}$, its real part and imaginary part are unique. In other words:

$$x_1 + iy_1 = z = x_2 + iy_2 \text{ implies } x_1 = x_2 \text{ & } y_1 = y_2$$

So we can define functions (in the mathematical sense: unique assignment):

$$\Re: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: \Re(x + iy) = x \quad \text{real part}$$

$$\Im: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: \Im(x + iy) = y \quad \text{imaginary part}$$

Complex conjugate with it's rules

Definition of conj:

$$(x + iy)^* := x - iy$$

In math, usually:

$$\bar{z} = z^*$$

New rules:

1. " \mathbb{R} -linear": $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \forall z, w \in \mathbb{C}$:

$$(\alpha z + \beta w)^* = \alpha z^* + \beta w^*$$

2. "Multiplicative": $\forall z, w \in \mathbb{C}$

$$(w \cdot z)^* = z^* \cdot w^*.$$

3. "Involution": $(z^*)^* = z$

Absolute value (modulus)

Definition of abs:

$$|z| := \sqrt{(\Re z)^2 + (\Im z)^2} = \sqrt{z^* z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x + iy)^* \cdot (x + iy) \\&= (x - iy)(x + iy) \\&= x^2 - (iy)^2 \\&= x^2 - i^2 y^2 \\&= x^2 + y^2\end{aligned}$$

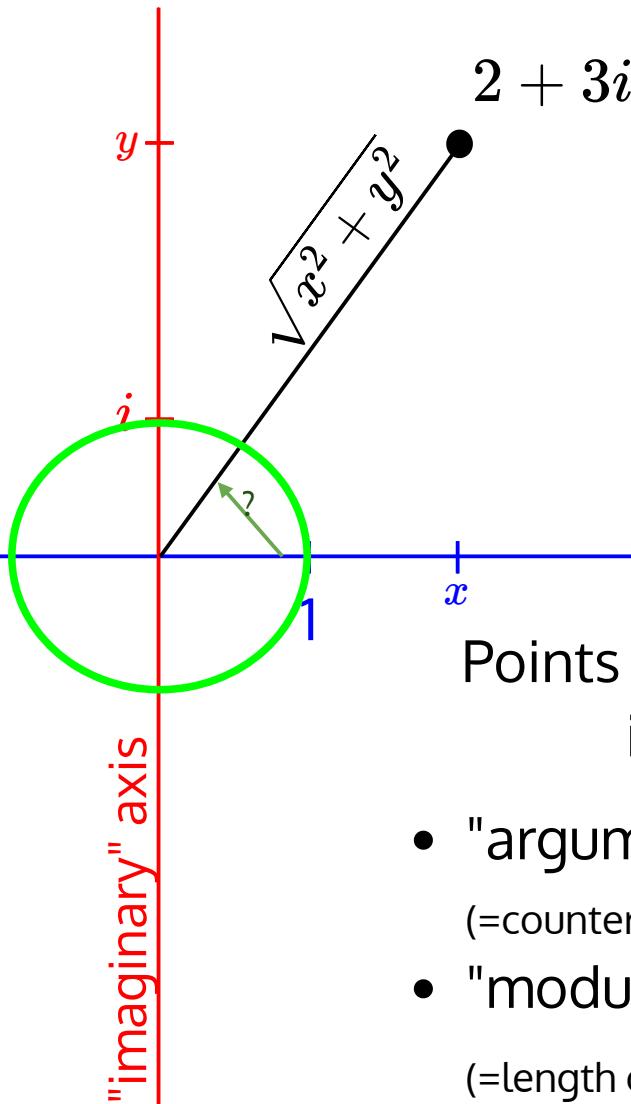
Verify multiplicativity of abs:

- $|wz| = \sqrt{z^* w^* wz} = \sqrt{w^* w z^* z} = \sqrt{w^* w} \sqrt{z^* z} = |w| \cdot |z|$

Verifying the triangle inequality is more involved. We don't do it here.

**Too many
letters!!!**

real axis (these are the real numbers)



Points in the plane can be identified by:

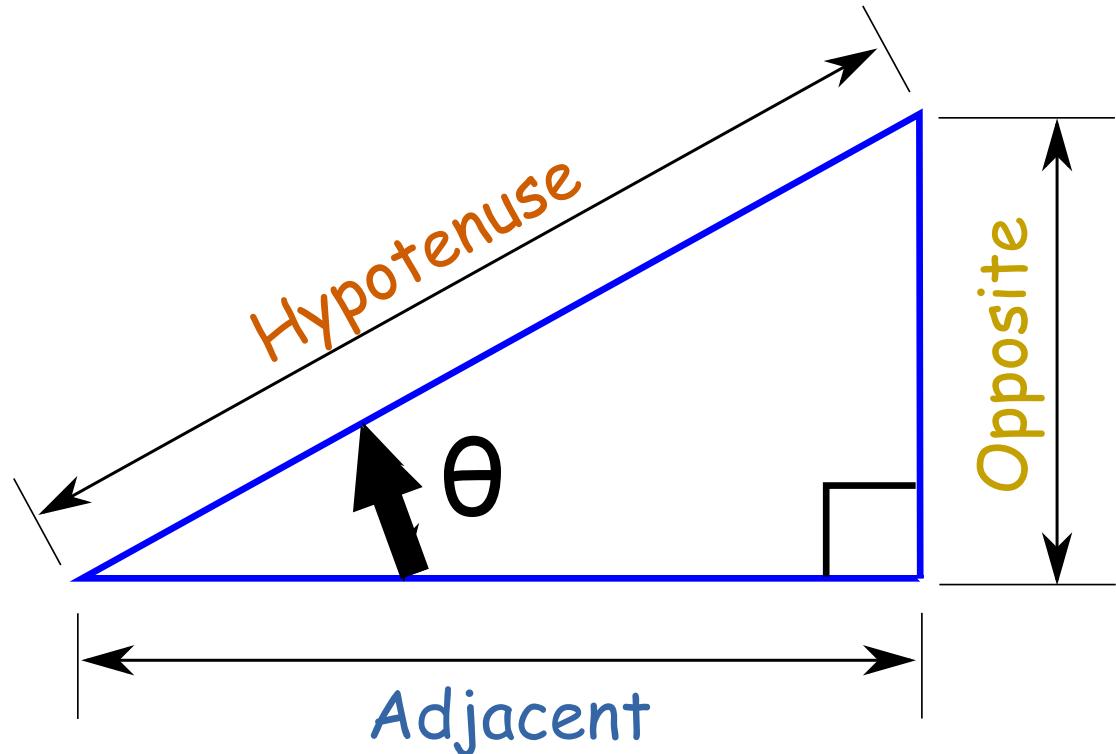
- "argument"
(=counter-clockwise angle from real axis)
- "modulus" (= **abs()**)
(=length of vector)

Remember Highschool?

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Hypotenuse}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{Adjacent}}{\text{Hypotenuse}}$$

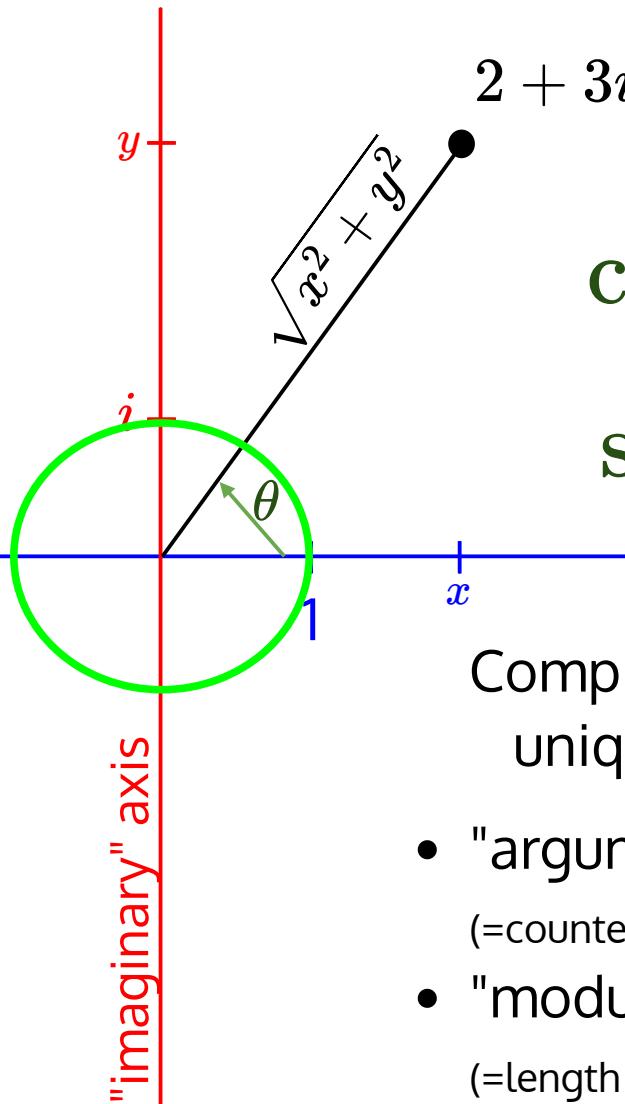
$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{Opposite}}{\text{Adjacent}}$$



$$\begin{aligned}|z| &:= \text{length of } z \\&= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\&= \sqrt{\mathbf{z}^* \cdot \mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$

$$h\dot{y} + x = z$$

real axis (these are the real numbers)

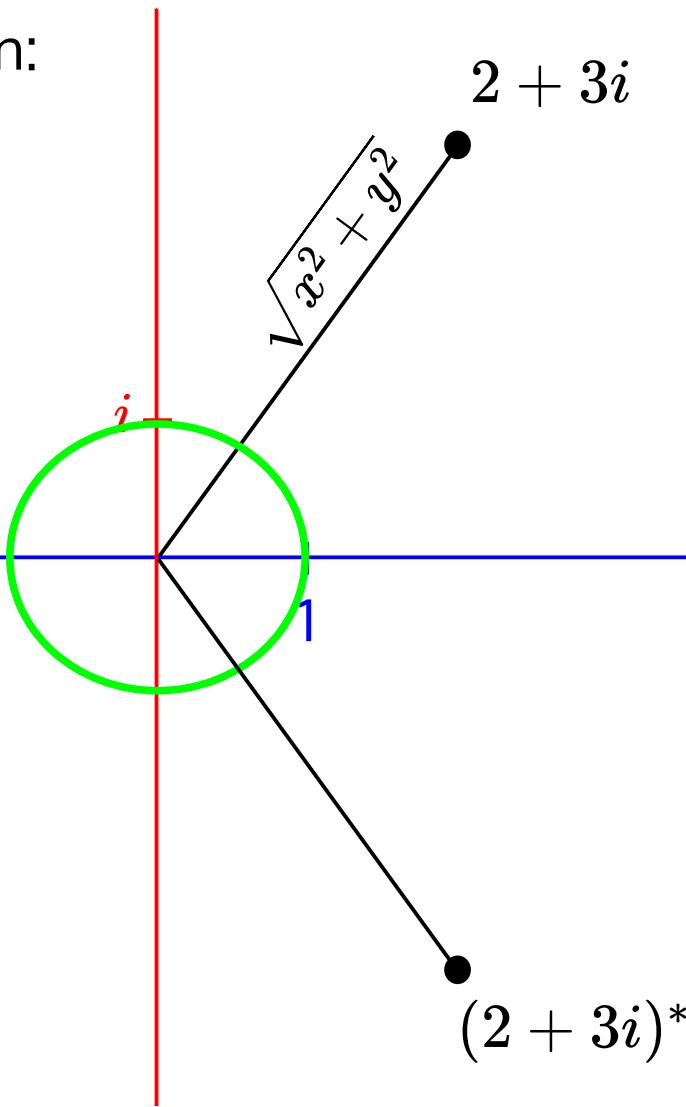


$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \\ \sin \theta &= \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}\end{aligned}$$

Complex numbers can be uniquely identified by:

- "argument"
(=counter-clockwise angle from real axis)
- "modulus"
(=length of vector)

Visualize complex conjugation:



We still don't know how to divide... ...or do we?

Let's work out how to divide by a real number!

$z = x + iy$, divide by $u \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$:

$$z/u = z \cdot \frac{1}{u} = (x + iy) \cdot \frac{1}{u} = x \cdot \frac{1}{u} + iy \cdot \frac{1}{u} = x/u + iy/u$$

in \mathbb{R} , we know how to do $\text{inv}(u) = 1/u$

$$z = x + iy$$

The Inverse

Informal mnemonic:
 $\frac{1}{z} = \frac{z^*}{z^* z} \cdot \frac{1}{z} = \frac{z^*}{z^* z}$

$$(x + iy)^* := x - iy$$

$$z^* z = |z|^2$$

$$= x^2 + y^2$$

Why? Because:

$$\text{inv}(z) \cdot z$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^* z} z^* \cdot z$$

$$= \frac{z^* z}{z^* z} = 1$$

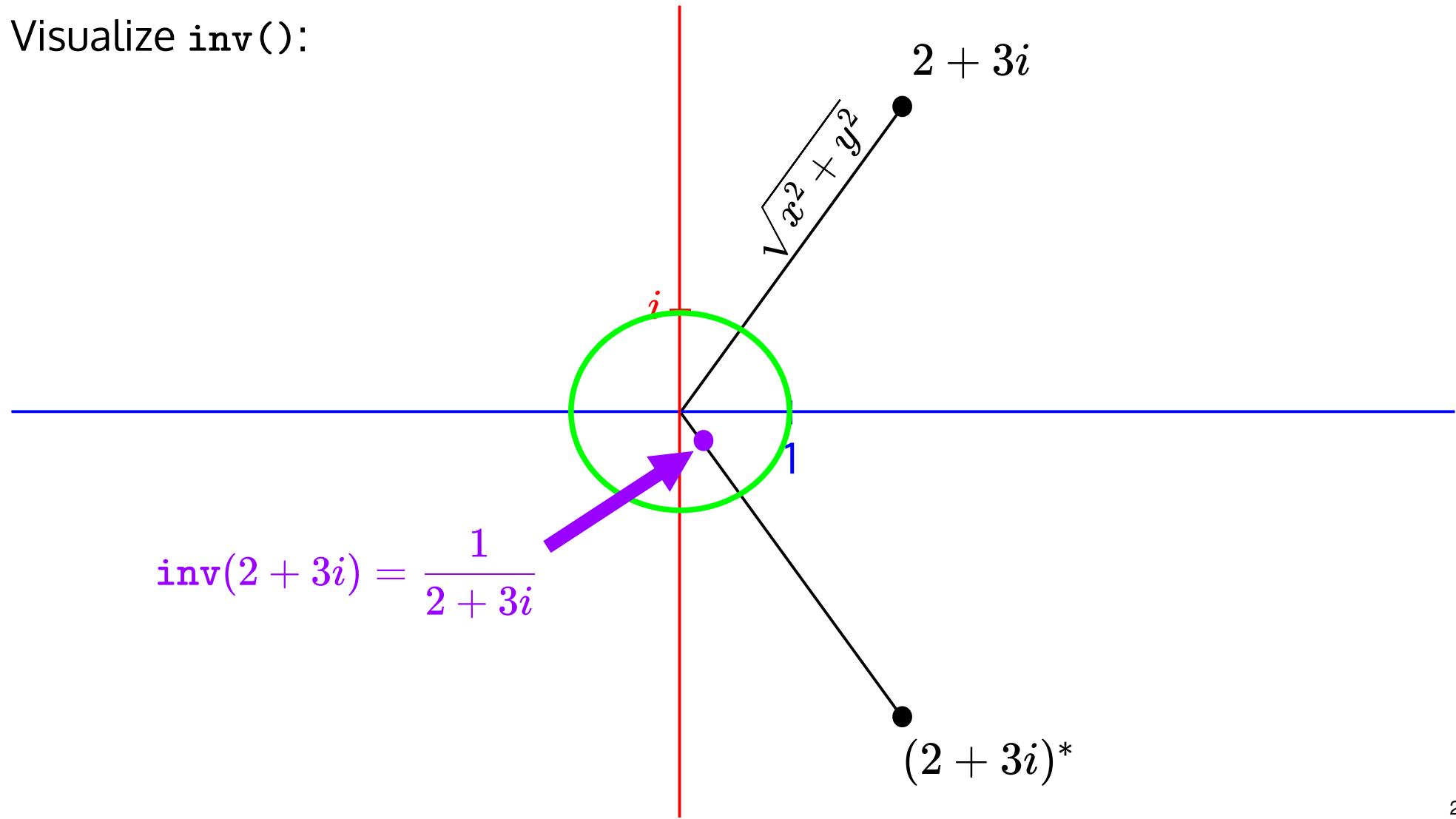
$$\text{inv}(z) := \frac{1}{|z|^2} \cdot z^*$$

$$= \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} - i \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}$$

inv. of real
number:

Visualize `inv()`:

$$\text{inv}(2 + 3i) = \frac{1}{2 + 3i}$$



Next:

- Exponential function
- Visualization of multiplication

And remember: Why do we learn it?

Because we need it for the exciting (quantum) stuff!