

# MATH211: Linear Methods I

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## Last time

- ▶ Matrices and linear transformations
- ▶ Composition of linear transformations
- ▶ Inverse of linear transformations

## Examples

# Examples

## Example

If

$$S \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ -y \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -y \\ x \end{bmatrix}$$

then find  $S \circ T$  and the matrix  $[S \circ T]$ .

## Example

If

$$T \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x+y \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

find  $T^{-1}$  and  $[T^{-1}]$ .

## Complex numbers

## Progression of thought about complex numbers

*...the whole matter seems to rest on sophistry rather than truth...*

(Rafael Bombelli 1526-1572. Early innovator in use of complex numbers)

*The shortest path between two truths in the real domain passes through the complex domain.*

(Jacques Hadamard 1865-1963)

## Algebraic motivation - extending the number system

Suppose that we only knew about the natural numbers:

$$\mathbb{N} := \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

Then we wouldn't have a solution to the equation:

$$x + 1 = 0$$

**Solution:**

- ▶ Add a new symbol  $-1$  such that

$$(-1) + 1 = 0$$

- ▶ Figure out addition and multiplication for this new symbol.
- ▶ (So in particular forced to add  $-k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .)



# Algebraic motivation - extending the number system

*God made the integers; all else is the work of man.*

(Leopold Kronecker 1823-1891)

- ▶ Using only positive integers  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ 
  - ▶ we cannot find a solution to  $x + 1 = 0$ .
- ▶ Using only integers  $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ 
  - ▶ we cannot find a solution to  $3x + 2 = 0$ .
- ▶ Using only fractions  $\{\frac{a}{b} \text{ where } b \neq 0\}$ 
  - ▶ we cannot find a solution to  $x^2 - 2 = 0$ .
- ▶ Using only real numbers (decimals)
  - ▶ we cannot find a solution to  $x^2 + 1 = 0$ ...

## Algebraic motivation - extending the number system

Suppose that we only knew about real numbers.  
Then we wouldn't have a solution to the equation:

$$x^2 + 1 = 0$$

**Solution:**

- ▶ Add a new symbol  $i$  such that

$$i^2 = -1$$

- ▶ Figure out addition and multiplication for this new symbol.
  - ▶ (Later in this lecture.)
- ▶ It turns out that we are forced to add all numbers of the form:

$$a + ib$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.

# Complex numbers

## Definition

- ▶ The *imaginary unit*, denoted  $i$ , is defined to be a number with the property that  $i^2 = -1$ .
- ▶ A *pure imaginary* number has the form  $bi$  where  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b \neq 0$ .
- ▶ A *complex number* is any number  $z$  of the form

$$z = a + bi$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $i$  is the imaginary unit.

## Definition

If  $z = a + bi$  then:

- ▶  $a$  is called the *real part* of  $z$ .
- ▶  $b$  is called the *imaginary part* of  $z$ .

# Questions

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## Plus and times

# Motivation

Treat  $i$  as a number that satisfies the usual laws. E.g.:-

- ▶  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$
- ▶  $a + b = b + a$
- ▶  $ab = ba$  ...etc ...

as well as

$$i^2 = -1$$

and see what happens.

## Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 + i + i^2 + i^3 + i^4 + i^5 &= 1 + i - 1 - i + 1 + i \\
 &= 1 + i
 \end{aligned}$$

which cannot be simplified any further.  
(Because we only know  $i^2 = -1$ .)

# Addition

## Example

We would want addition to satisfy:-

- ▶  $i + i = 2i$
- ▶  $i - i = 0$
- ▶  $(1 + i) + 2 = 3 + i$

## Definition

If  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are real numbers then:

$$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$$

# Multiplication

## Example

We would want multiplication to satisfy:-

- ▶  $i \cdot i = -1$
- ▶  $2 \cdot i = 2i$
- ▶  $(1 + i) \cdot i = i + i \cdot i = -1 + i$

## Definition

If  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are real numbers then

$$(a + bi) \cdot (c + di) = ac + adi + bci - db = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$$



# Equations

## Definition

If  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are real numbers then

$$a + bi = c + di$$

if and only if  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ .

## Questions?

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# Examples

## Example

Evaluate

- ▶  $(-3 + 6i) + (5 - i).$
- ▶  $(4 - 7i) + (6 - 2i).$
- ▶  $(-3 + 6i) - (5 - i).$
- ▶  $(4 - 7i) - (6 - 2i).$

## Example

$$(2 - 3i)(-3 + 4i)$$

## Example

Find all complex numbers  $z$  such that  $z^2 = -3 + 4i.$

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## Divison

# Clearing denominators

## Example

Write

$$\frac{a + bi}{c + di}$$

in the form  $e + fi$  for real numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$ ,  $e$ , and  $f$ .

## Example

- ▶  $\frac{1}{i}$
- ▶  $\frac{2-i}{3+4i}$
- ▶  $\frac{1-2i}{-2+5i}$

# Inverse

## Definition

The *inverse* of a non-zero complex number  $z$  is  $\frac{1}{z}$ .

## Example

Find the inverse for  $z = 2 + 6i$ .

# Questions?

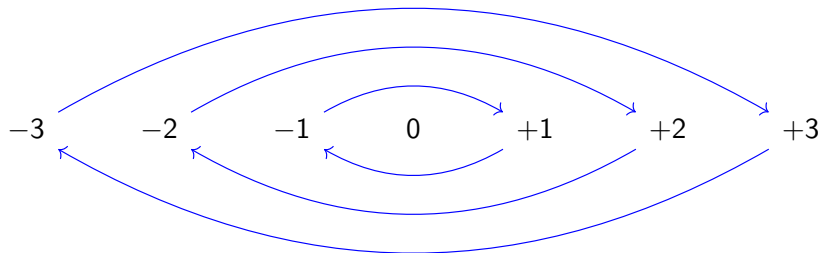
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## Graphical interpretation



# Graphical interpretation

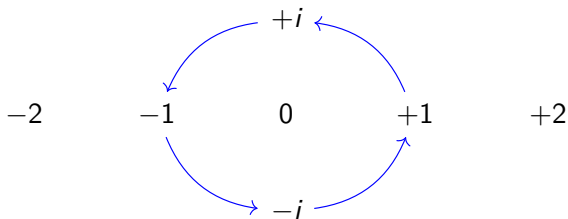
Consider the function  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that multiplies by  $-1$ :



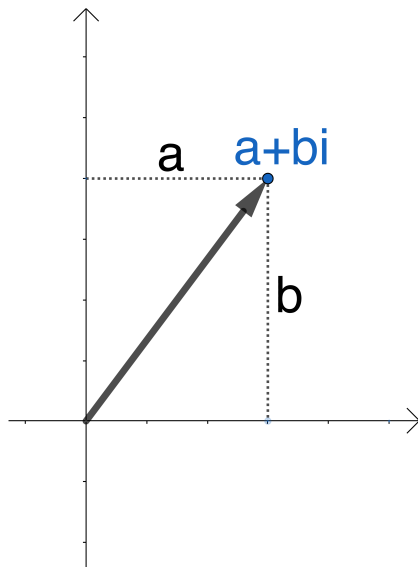
which shows us that  $-1 \times (-1 \times x) = x$ .

# Graphical interpretation

So how do we get a transformation that squares to  $-1$ ?



# Graphical interpretation



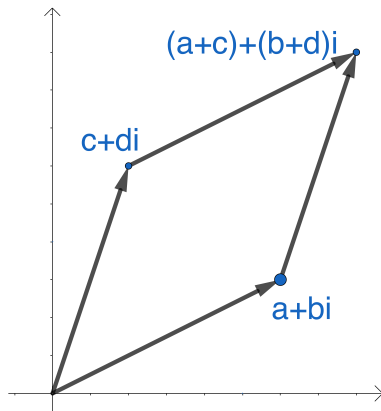
We draw the complex number  $z = a + bi$  as the point  $(a, b)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

## Definition

The *modulus* of  $z$  is its length in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$|z| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

## Addition of complex numbers



Complex addition is defined component-wise:

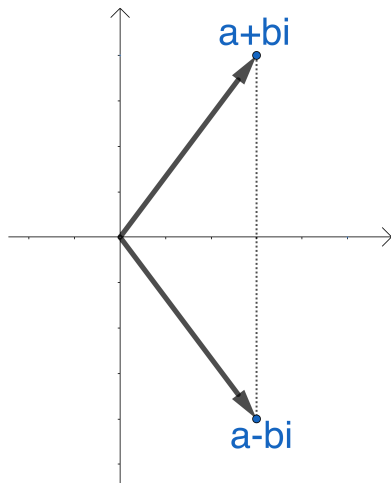
$$(a+ib)+(c+id) = (a+c)+(b+d)i$$

and therefore has the same graphical interpretation as the addition of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

# Graphical interpretation of multiplication

Next time.

# Conjugate



## Definition (Conjugate)

If

$$z = a + bi$$

then

$$\bar{z} = a - bi$$

# Properties of conjugate

Let  $z$  and  $w$  be complex numbers.

- ▶  $\overline{z \pm w} = \bar{z} \pm \bar{w}.$
- ▶  $\overline{(zw)} = \bar{z} \bar{w}.$
- ▶  $\overline{(\bar{z})} = z.$
- ▶  $\overline{\left(\frac{z}{w}\right)} = \frac{\bar{z}}{\bar{w}}.$
- ▶  $z$  is real if and only if  $\bar{z} = z.$

If  $z = a + bi$ , then

$$z\bar{z} = (a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2.$$

# Examples

## Example

- ▶  $|-3 + 4i|$
- ▶  $|3 - 2i|$
- ▶  $|i|$

## Example

- ▶  $\overline{3 + 4i}$
- ▶  $\overline{-2 + 5i}$
- ▶  $\bar{i}$
- ▶  $\bar{7}$