ok now we kind of know what all the parts of euler's identity are. let's take a look at it again

$$e^{\pi i} + 1 = 0$$

it's wild to me that these three weird numbers e, π and i have anything to do with each other, much less anything so simple

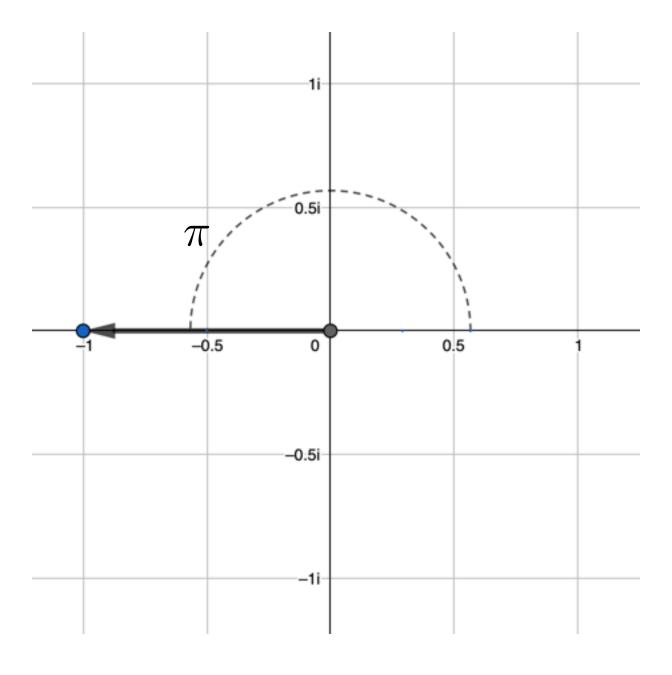
why is euler's identity true??????!!!!??!??!!!

ok here is the first hint of why: rewrite it like this

$$e^{\pi i} = -1$$

it doesn't have the elegant beauty of containing both o and 1 but we're trying to get to the bottom of things now!

and remember this picture of the complex plane:



hmm. a rotation of π radians in the complex plane puts you at -1. hmmmmm.

note: i will not actually be answering the question "why is euler's identity true"