

5.5 Complex Eigenvalues

5.5.1 Complex Arithmetic

Q: What is a complex number?

A: It is a number of the form $a + bi$ where a and b are real numbers and $i^2 = -1$.

- a is called the **real part**
- b is called the **imaginary part**.
- The **conjugate** of $a + bi$ is $a - bi$.

$a + bi$
 $a - bi$ complex conjugate.

Properties

1. $a + bi = c + di \iff a = c$ and $b = d$
2. $(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$
3. $(a + bi) \cdot (c + di) = ac + adi + bc i + bd i^2 = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc) i$
4. $(a + bi)(a - bi) = a^2 + b^2$

Example 5.5.1.

a. $\frac{i(3-i)}{(3+i)(3-i)} = \frac{3i+1}{10} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{3}{10}i$

b. $\frac{(3-5i)(2+i)}{(2-i)(2+i)} = \frac{6+3i-10i-5i^2}{5} = \frac{11-7i}{5} = \frac{11}{5} - \frac{7}{5}i$

c. ~~$(3\sqrt{-4}) + (-8 + \sqrt{-25})$~~ ~~$(\sqrt{-5})(\sqrt{-5}) = \sqrt{(-5)(-5)} = \sqrt{25} = 5$~~
 $(\sqrt{5}i)(\sqrt{5}i) = (\sqrt{5})^2 i^2 = -5$

d. $\frac{1}{3i} \cdot \frac{i}{-3}$

ALWAYS MAKE COMPLEX NUMBER FIRST

$\sqrt{a} \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{ab}$

5.5.2 Complex Numbers in Equations

Example 5.5.2. Solve for x : $x^2 + 1 = 0$

$$x^2 = -1$$

$$x = \pm i$$

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$$x = \pm \sqrt{-1}$$

$$x = \pm i$$

Example 5.5.3. Solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} (-1+i)x_1 + (-1+i)ix_2 &= 0 \quad (-1+i) \\ + (1-i)x_1 + (1+i)x_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$-ix_2 + i^2x_2 + (1+i)x_2 = 0$$

$$-ix_2 - x_2 + x_2 + ix_2 = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = -ix_2$$

$$x_2 = x_2$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_2$$

Example 5.5.4. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5-\lambda & -2 \\ 1 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (5-\lambda)(3-\lambda) + 2$$

$$= 15 - 5\lambda - 3\lambda + \lambda^2 + 2$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 17 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4(1)(17)}}{2(1)} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{8 \pm 2i}{2} = 4 \pm i$$

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 $\lambda = 4 + i$ solve $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$ for x

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 5-(4+i) & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3-(4+i) & 0 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1-i & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1-i & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1-i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$R_2(1-i) = 1-i \quad (-1-i)(1-i) = -1+i^2 = -2$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } \lambda = 4+i$$

$$1x_1 + (-1-i)x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = (1+i)x_2$$

$$x_2 = x_2$$

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$$(1-i)x_1 - 2x_2 = 0 \quad x_1 = \frac{2}{1-i} \frac{(1+i)}{(1+i)} x_2 = \frac{2(1+i)}{2} x_2$$

$$(1-i)x_1 = 2x_2 \quad x_2 = x_2$$

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$$x^2 + 25 = 0$$

Example 5.5.5. Find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $\begin{bmatrix} -5 & -5 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} -5-\lambda & -5 \\ 5 & -5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = (-5-\lambda)^2 + 25 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(-5-\lambda)^2} = \pm \sqrt{-25}$$

$$-5-\lambda = \pm 5i$$

$$\lambda = -5 \pm 5i$$

$\lambda = -5 + 5i$ solve $(A - \lambda I)x = 0$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -5 - (-5 + 5i) & -5 & 0 \\ 5 & -5 - (-5 + 5i) & 0 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} -5i & -5 & 0 \\ 5 & -5i & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\text{RR} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc} i & +1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad \underline{i}x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$$x_1 = x_1$$

$$x_2 = -ix_1$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{\lambda = -5 + 5i} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

5.5.3 Polar Form of a Complex Number

Euler's Formula

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$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

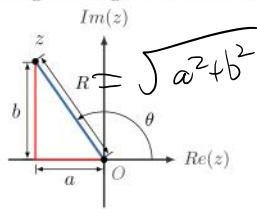
$$e^{-i\theta} = \cos(-\theta) + i \sin(-\theta) = \cos \theta - i \sin \theta$$

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

Euler's formula allows us to plot complex numbers on the Re-Im plane. This is called an **Argand Diagram**. For example for a complex number of the form

$$z = a + bi = Re^{i\theta}$$

the Argand Diagram is shown below.



$$(a - \lambda)^2 + b^2 = 0$$

Example 5.5.6. If $C = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$, where a and b are nonzero real numbers, then the eigenvalues of C are $\lambda = a \pm bi$. Show that C can be written as a scale factor matrix $\begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix}$ where $r = |\lambda|$ and

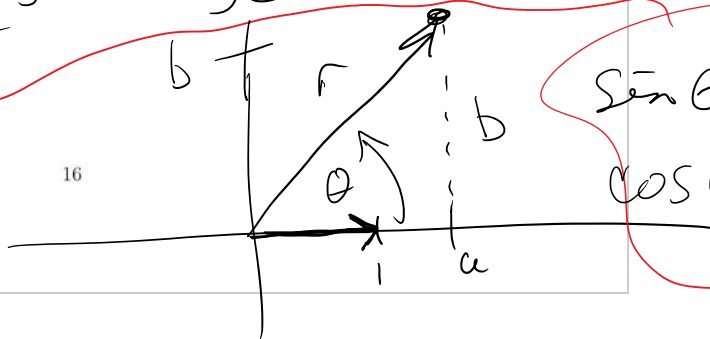
a rotation matrix $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ where θ is the angle between the positive x -axis and the vector $[a, b]$.

Solution:

$$C = r \begin{bmatrix} a/r & -b/r \\ b/r & a/r \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r = |\lambda| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$



$$\sin \theta = \frac{b}{r}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a}{r}$$

$$\frac{\begin{bmatrix} -5 & -5 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix}}{r}$$

$$\lambda = -5 \pm 5i$$

$$|\lambda| = r = 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{-5}{5\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-5}{5\sqrt{2}} \\ - & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ - & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{5\sqrt{2}} & \frac{5}{5\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{5}{5\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-5}{5\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{5}{5\sqrt{2}} \quad \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{5}{5\sqrt{2}}$$

