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# Why Complex Numbers?

The **field** (a set on which  $+, -, \times, /$  are defined) of real numbers is not closed **algebraically**, i.e. there exist polynomials with real coefficients but do not have any real solutions. For example

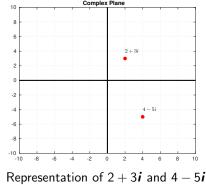
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has no roots in  $\mathbb{R}$ . However, for  $x \in \mathbb{C}$  using the definition of i, we note that

$$-1 = \mathbf{i}^2 \iff x^2 = (-1)(2) = 2\mathbf{i}^2 \Longrightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{2}\mathbf{i}$$

## Complex plane

- *z* = *x* + *iy* ∈ C has two independent components (real part *x* and imaginary part *y*).
- As a result a 2D plane is needed to represent all possible combinations of x and y.
- The x-axis corresponds to the **real axis** and y-axis is the **imaginary** axis.



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#### division

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{x_1 + iy_1}{x_2 + iy_2} \\ &= \left(\frac{x_1 + iy_1}{x_2 + iy_2}\right) \left(\frac{x_2 - iy_2}{x_2 - iy_2}\right) \text{ (make the denominator real)} \\ &= \frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2}{x_2^2 + y_2^2} + i \frac{x_1 x_2 - y_1 x_2}{x_2^2 + y_2^2} \end{aligned}$$

# Complex numbers in MATLAB

**WARNING:** Do not use the *i* as a variable in your code.

- Defining complex numbers: >> z1=2+3i; z2 = 4-5i; or
  >z1 = complex(2,3) (Use this option, especially if you want to plot real numbers on the complex plane)
- To extract the real and imaginary parts use the MATLAB functions real and imag, resp. as
- Use norm and conj to compute |z| and  $\bar{z}$ , resp.

1 >> z1=2+3i; z2 = 4-5i;1 >> z1=2+3i; z2 = 4-5i; $2 \gg real(z1)$ 2 >> norm(z1)3 ans = 3 ans = 4 3,6056 2. 4 >> imag(z1)5 >> conj(z1)5 6 ans =6 ans =3 2.0000 - 3.0000i7 7

We can also define functions and do complex arithmetic as usual

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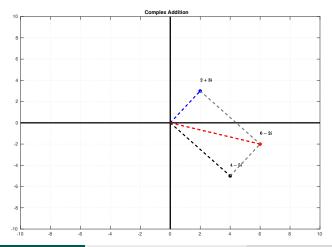
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>>plot([z0 z1], 'b--', 'Linewidth',2)
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will join the points z1 and z2 with a black dashed line.

## Adding complex numbers - a geometric view

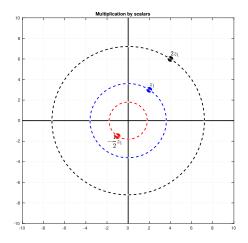
#### **Parallelogram law**

$$z1 = 2 + 3i$$
  $z2 = 4 - 5i$   $z3 = z1 + z2 = 6 - 2i$ 



# Multiplication by scalars

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BUT...to really appreciate this let's doing some plotting

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**Polar Representation of Complex numbers** If z = x + iy then we can write *z* as:

$$z = r \cos \theta + ir \sin \theta$$
$$r = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

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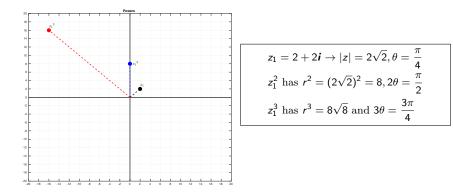
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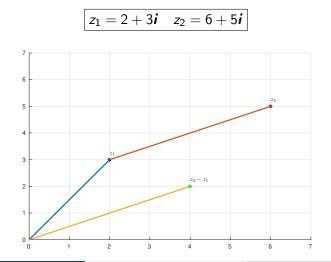
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If 
$$z_1 = r \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)$$
 and  $z_2 = s \cos(\psi) + i s \sin(\psi)$ , one can show (using trig identities) that

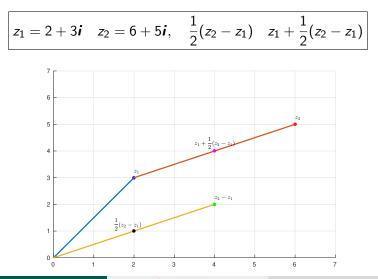
$$z_1 z_2 = rs \cos(\theta + \psi) + irs \sin(\theta + \psi)$$

#### lengths are multiplied and angle arguments are added

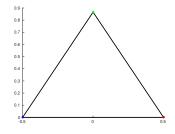
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## Chaos game



#### Rules

- Color each vertex of an equilateral triangle with a different color.
- 2 Color a six-sided die so that 2 faces are red, 2 are yellow and 2 are blue
- Oboose a random starting point inside the triangle (this rule may be relaxed)
- ④ Roll the die.
- Move half the distance from the seed towards the vertex with the same color as the number rolled.
- O Roll again from the point marked, move half the distance towards the vertex of the same color as the number rolled.
  - Mark the point, repeat.

### Chaos game

Generalize the chaos.m script to a 5 sided die and a regular pentagon with coordinates

0+i $-\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}+\frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{5}-1)i$  $-\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{10-2\sqrt{5}}-\frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{5}+1)i$  $\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{10-2\sqrt{5}}-\frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{5}+1)i$  $\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}+\frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{5}-1)i$