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The tangent space at the identity :

$$\text{Let } \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\phi} \text{SO}(2, \mathbb{R})$$

$$t \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{We'll compute } \phi'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\begin{bmatrix} \cos h & -\sin h \\ \sin h & \cos h \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}{h}$$

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

So the tangent space is $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -t \\ t & 0 \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$.

(note: this is not a rigorous computation)

Suppose all we know about $\text{SO}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is that it contains I and this is its tangent space.

Then, very roughly, for small h

$$\text{SO}_2(\mathbb{R}) \ni \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -h \\ h & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$\xrightarrow{(-h, 1)}$

$\xrightarrow{(1, h)}$

All powers of that should be in $\text{SO}_2(\mathbb{R})$ as well.

If n is big, then roughly $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{t}{n} \\ \frac{t}{n} & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$ should be in the group, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

What is true is $\text{SO}_2(\mathbb{R}) \ni \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{t}{n} \\ \frac{t}{n} & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{t}{n} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^n$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + t \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{t^2}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^2 + \frac{t^3}{3!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^3 + \dots$$

$$= \exp \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -t \\ t & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

Now, what is that?

If we use the isomorphism

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow a + bi$$

(exercise: check the multiplication)

we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -t \\ t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow it$$

and this says that ~~every element of $SO(2, \mathbb{R})$ can~~
~~be~~ $e(it) \in \{ \cos \theta + i \sin \theta : \theta \in \mathbb{R} \}$.

Indeed, they're equal and

$$SO_2(\mathbb{R}) = \exp(T) \text{ where } T \text{ is the tangent space.}$$

1.4.

Definition. If K is any field, (this class: usu \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})

$$GL_n(K) = \{ \text{all invertible } n \times n \text{ ~~matrices~~ w/ entries in } K \}.$$

or $GL(n, K)$

$$SL_n(K) = \{ \text{same, w/ determinant 1 } \}$$

$$M_n(K) = \text{all } n \times n \text{ matrices w/ entries in } K.$$

Definition. A matrix Lie group is a subgroup $G \subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ which is closed under the subspace topology. (wrt $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$)

What the latter statement means.

We have $M_n(\mathbb{C}) \cong \mathbb{C}^{n^2}$ as vector spaces

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ | & & & \\ | & & & \\ a_{n1} & & & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow (a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{nn}).$$

The right side has the usual topology and we give the same to $M_n(\mathbb{C})$.

So, if $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots\}$ is a seq. of matrices in $M_n(\mathbb{C})$, then the sequence converges to a matrix A if and only if each entry ~~converges~~ converges to the corresponding entry of A .

The closure condition means, if $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots \in G$ and $A_i \rightarrow A$ with $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, then $A \in G$.

(Note: if $A_i \rightarrow A$ but $A \notin GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, no assumption.)

1.5. See p. 4 for some non-examples.

Example. The unitary group $U_n(\mathbb{C})$ is

$$(1) \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : \sum_{l=1}^n \overline{A_{lj}} A_{lk} = \delta_{jk} \text{ for all } j, k \}.$$

(columns are orthonormal)

Here $\bar{\cdot}$ is the complex conjugate.

For any matrix $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$, its adjoint A^* is its conjugate transpose

and we can rewrite (1) as

$$(2) \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : \sum_{l=1}^n (A^*)_{jl} A_{lk} = \delta_{jk} \text{ for all } j, k \}$$

$$(3) = \{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{C}) : A^* A = I \}.$$

Claims. (1) Unitary matrices are invertible
(2) A is unitary iff $A^* = A^{-1}$
(3) $U_n(\mathbb{C})$ is actually a group.] immediate from (3)

Proofs. ~~$(A^* A = I)$~~

Note that $(AB)^* = B^* A^*$ because

$$\begin{aligned} (AB)^T &= B^T A^T \\ \overline{AB} &= \overline{A} \overline{B} \\ (\overline{A})^T &= (A^T)^{\cdot} \end{aligned}$$

If $A, B \in U_n(\mathbb{C})$, then

$$(AB)^* (AB) = B^* A^* A B = B^* B = I \text{ so } AB \in U_n(\mathbb{C}).$$

Similarly $(A^{-1})^* A^{-1} = (A^{-1})^* A^* = (A^* A^{-1})^* = I^* = I$.
So $A^{-1} \in U_n(\mathbb{C})$.

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 = 2.1 Def. $SU_n(\mathbb{C}) = \{ A \in U_n(\mathbb{C}) : \det A = 1 \}$
 the special unitary group
 $= SL_n(\mathbb{C}) \cap U_n(\mathbb{C})$.

Proposition.

- (1) If A_i is a seq of matrices in $U_n(\mathbb{C})$ and $A_i \rightarrow A$ for some $A \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$, then $A \in U_n(\mathbb{C})$.
 (i.e. : ~~A is~~ $U_n(\mathbb{C})$ is closed in $GL_n(\mathbb{C})$)
 i.e. : $U_n(\mathbb{C})$ is a matrix Lie group)
- (2) Same for $SU_n(\mathbb{C})$.

Exercise.

- (1), (2). See above,
 (3) If $A_i \rightarrow A$ for some $A_i \in SU_n(\mathbb{C})$ and $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ then $A \in SU_n(\mathbb{C})$. So $SU_n(\mathbb{C})$ is a closed subgroup of $M_n(\mathbb{C})$.
 (4) The analogue of (3) is not true for $U_n(\mathbb{C})$.

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Unitary groups and inner products.

Let $\langle -, - \rangle$ denote the standard inner product on \mathbb{C}^n (or \mathbb{R}^n):

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_j \bar{x}_j y_j$$

Proposition. $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle A^* x, y \rangle$.

Proof. Exercise (Compute both sides; they're the same ugly thing)

So : $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle A^* A x, y \rangle$ so
 A is unitary $\Rightarrow \langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$ (A preserves inner products)

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Claim. If $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$ then A is unitary.

Proof. We have $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle A^*Ax, y \rangle$ (even if A is not unitary)

so we are assuming $\langle A^*Ax, y \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$

i.e. $\langle (A^*A - I)x, y \rangle = 0$, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

By nondegeneracy of the inner product $(A^*A - I)x = 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

So $A^*A - I = 0$. Done

Determinants: For any A , $\det(A^*) = \det(\overline{A^T})$
 $= \overline{\det(A^T)}$
 $= \overline{\det(A)}$.

So, if A is unitary,

$$\det(A^*A) = |\det A|^2 = \det I = 1.$$

$$\text{So } |\det A| = 1.$$

Exercise.

$$SU_2(\sigma) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a+di & -b-ci \\ b-ci & a-di \end{pmatrix} \cdot a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

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Orthogonal groups. Same thing with \mathbb{R} .

So no conjugate transpose.

Just the transpose.

The orthogonal group $O_n(\mathbb{R})$ is the group of $n \times n$ matrices A satisfying the following equivalent conditions.

(1) $A^T A = I$

(2) $A^T = A^{-1}$

(3) A preserves the inner product on \mathbb{R}^n , i.e.

$$\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

In particular A ~~sends~~ preserves angles
sends ONB's to ONB's.

(4; not proved for now) is a combination of rotations and reflections).

~~The~~ Note, if $A \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$, $\det(A^T A) = (\det A)^2 = 1$
So $\det A = \pm 1$.

The special orthogonal group $SO_n(\mathbb{R}) := O_n(\mathbb{R}) \cap SL_n(\mathbb{R})$.

We have an exact sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow SO_n(\mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow O_n(\mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\det} \pm 1 \longrightarrow 1.$$

We have analogously the orthogonal groups $O_n(\mathbb{C})$
satisfying $A^T A = I$ and $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$

with now $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_j x_j y_j$.

Works for any field too.

2.4.

An alternative proof of one of the claims.

(Stillwell p. 50)

Proposition. If $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ then

$$A^T A = I \iff \langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Proof. $A^T A = I \iff$ (row i of A^T) \cdot (col j of A) $= \delta_{ij}$
 \iff (col i of A^T) \cdot (col j of A) $= \delta_{ij}$
 \iff cols of A are an orthonormal basis
 \iff A -images of the standard basis form an ONB
 \iff A preserves the inner product
because $\langle Ae_i, Ae_j \rangle = \langle e_i, e_j \rangle$
so $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$
is true for a set of x, y
forming a basis for \mathbb{R}^n .

So orthogonal matrices are isometries:

They preserve distances.

$$\text{Here } d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \langle x - y, x - y \rangle$$

$$\text{so } d(x, y) = d(Ax, Ay)$$

2.5 Conversely any isometry is orthogonal, i.e.

$$\langle Ax, Ax \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle \quad \forall x \implies \langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall x, y.$$

Why is this? Write out

$$\langle A(x+y), A(x+y) \rangle = \langle x+y, x+y \rangle$$

and follow.

$$\langle Ax, Ax \rangle + 2\langle Ax, Ay \rangle + \langle Ay, Ay \rangle = \langle x, x \rangle + 2\langle x, y \rangle + \langle y, y \rangle$$

// Generalized orthogonal groups (skipped for now).
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Symplectic Groups:

Define a bilinear form w on \mathbb{R}^{2n} :

$$w(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j y_{n+j} - x_{n+j} y_j).$$

This is skew-symmetric or alternating: $w(x, y) = -w(y, x)$.

In particular, $w(x, x) = 0$.

Def. The (real) ~~symplectic~~ symplectic group $Sp_n(\mathbb{R})$

is $\{ A \in GL_{2n}(\mathbb{R}) : w(Ax, Ay) = w(x, y) \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{2n} \}$.

Note that $Sp_n(\mathbb{R})$ consists of $2n \times 2n$ matrices.

This is annoying. Indeed, some write $Sp_{2n}(\mathbb{R})$.

Certainly $2n$ has to be even.

2.6. Writing

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

we have $\omega(x, y) = \langle x, \Omega y \rangle$.

$$\text{So, } \omega(Ax, Ay) = \omega(x, y)$$

$$\iff \langle Ax, \Omega Ay \rangle = \langle x, \Omega y \rangle.$$

Exercise. This is equivalent to $-\Omega A^T \Omega = A^{-1}$.

(NO UGLY COMPUTATIONS). Use $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle A^* x, y \rangle$
which in this case just says
 $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle A^T x, y \rangle$.)

Take determinant above: $\det A = \pm 1$, for $A \in \text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{R})$.
In fact $\det A = 1$. Not obvious!

There is also the complex symplectic group

$\text{Sp}_n(\mathbb{C})$ $2n \times 2n$ matrices preserving the same
form or equivalently with $-\Omega A^T \Omega = A^{-1}$.
(no A^* here.)

And finally the compact symplectic group

$$\text{Sp}(n) = \text{Sp}(n; \mathbb{C}) \cap \text{U}(2n).$$

This notation is appalling.

More on these groups later.

2.7 ^(skipped for now) The Euclidean group $E(n)$.

All transformations of \mathbb{R}^n that are the composition of a translation and an orthogonal linear transformation.

$$\text{i.e. } E(n) = \left\{ \text{transformations } \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ of the form} \right. \\ \left. \begin{aligned} y &\rightarrow Ry + x \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \\ &R \in O(n) \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

Note $E(n) \not\subseteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$. These are not linear trans.

But you can cheat. $E(n)$ is isomorphic to the closed subgroup of $GL_{n+1}(\mathbb{R})$ given by

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} \left[\begin{array}{ccc} & & * \\ & O_n & * \\ & & \vdots \\ \hline 0 & \dots & 0 \end{array} \right] & \begin{array}{c} * \\ * \\ \vdots \\ * \end{array} \\ \hline 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right).$$

(Exercise: prove this).

The Heisenberg group.

All 3×3 matrices $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

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More on $Sp(n)$.

Define a conjugate-linear map $J: \mathbb{C}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{2n}$
 $(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow (-\bar{\beta}, \bar{\alpha})$

with $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}^n, \beta \in \mathbb{C}^n$.

Here conjugate linear means $J(v + w) = J(v) + J(w)$
 $J(\lambda v) = \bar{\lambda} J(v)$.

Then we have, for all $z, w \in \mathbb{C}^{2n}$ that

$$w(z, w) = \langle Jz, w \rangle.$$

The LHS is $\sum_{j=1}^n (z_j w_{n+j} - z_{n+j} w_j)$

The RHS is $\langle (-\bar{z}_{n+1}, \dots, -\bar{z}_{2n}, \bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n), (w_1, \dots, w_n, w_{n+1}, \dots, w_{2n}) \rangle$
 $= -z_{n+1} w_1 - \dots - z_{2n} w_n + z_1 w_{n+1} + \dots + z_n w_{2n}.$

~~Now $\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle A^* x, y \rangle$ (def of adjoints)~~

~~$\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle A^* A x, y \rangle$ (true but not necessary here)~~

~~$= \langle x, y \rangle$ (if A is unitary:~~

~~recall $Sp(n) = U(2n) \cap Sp(n; \mathbb{C})$)~~

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \langle Jz, w \rangle &= w(z, w) = -w(w, z) \\ &= -\langle Jw, z \rangle \\ &= -\overline{\langle z, Jw \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

and also $J^2 = -I$.

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Proposition. If U belongs to $U(2n)$ then

$$U \in Sp(n) \longrightarrow U \text{ commutes with } J.$$

(i.e. $U \in Sp(n, \mathbb{C})$)

Proof. For $U \in U(2n)$, we have for all $z, w \in \mathbb{C}^{2n}$,

$$\omega(Uz, Uw) = \langle JUz, Uw \rangle = \langle U^* J U z, w \rangle = \langle U^{-1} J U z, w \rangle$$

and

$$\omega(z, w) = \langle Jz, w \rangle$$

So that these are the same iff $U^{-1} J U = J$, i.e. $JU = UJ$.

So then for $U \in Sp(n)$, U commutes with J .

U also commutes with ~~multiplication~~
the scalar matrix ~~i~~

$$i = \begin{pmatrix} i & & \\ & \dots & \\ & & i \end{pmatrix}$$

and iJ .

Note that $J(iz) = -iJ(z)$ (J is conjugate linear).

Write $\vec{i} = i$, $\vec{J} = J$, $\vec{k} = iJ$.

$$\text{Then } i^2 = -I$$

$$J^2 = -I$$

$$(iJ)^2 = iJiJ = -i \cdot i \cdot J \cdot J = -I$$

$$iJ = -Ji$$

$$i(iJ) = -(iJ)i$$

$$J(iJ) = -(iJ)J.$$

So we've checked that $\vec{i}^2 = \vec{J}^2 = \vec{k}^2 = -I$,

$$\vec{i}\vec{J} = -\vec{J}\vec{i} = \vec{k}, \quad \vec{k}\vec{i} = -\vec{i}\vec{k}.$$

3.3 So what?

Recall that the Hamiltonian quaternions are

$\mathbb{H} = \{ \text{vector space algebra} \text{ gen. by } 1, \vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k} \text{ subject to above relations} \}$

and so we have made \mathbb{C}^{2n} into a "vector space" over \mathbb{H} .

In other words, we write

$$\vec{i} \cdot z = iz$$

$$\vec{j} \cdot z = Jz$$

$$\vec{k} \cdot z = iJz$$

and extend by linearity, and $U \in Sp(n)$ commutes with $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$, hence any $a + b\vec{i} + c\vec{j} + d\vec{k}$.

Therefore U is "quaternion linear": $U(\gamma z) = \gamma U(z)$ for any quaternion γ .

All this proves:

Proposition. A $2n \times 2n$ matrix U belongs to $Sp(n)$ iff U is quaternion linear and preserves the norm, (i.e. the inner product)

3.4. Another perspective on the same thing. (Stillwell)

Recall that complex numbers can be represented by 2×2 real matrices.

$$1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

then $i^2 = -1$ so we're golden.

We can also represent quaternions as 2×2 complex matrices:

$$1 \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{i} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{j} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \vec{k} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\text{i.e. } a + b\vec{i} + c\vec{j} + d\vec{k} = \begin{pmatrix} a + di & -b - ci \\ b - ci & a - di \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Check, } \vec{i}^2 = \vec{j}^2 = \vec{k}^2 = -1; \quad \vec{i}\vec{j} = -\vec{j}\vec{i} = \vec{k} \\ \vec{j}\vec{k} = -\vec{k}\vec{j} = \vec{i} \\ \vec{k}\vec{i} = -\vec{i}\vec{k} = \vec{j}.$$

Properties. (1) If q is a quaternion,

$$\det(q) = (a + di)(a - di) + (b - ci)(b + ci) \\ = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$$

and so $|q_1 q_2| = |q_1| |q_2|$ by multiplicativity of determinants.

$$(2) q^{-1} = \frac{a - b\vec{i} - c\vec{j} - d\vec{k}}{|q|} \quad (\text{invert the matrix!})$$

(3) The unit quaternions $\{q : |q| = 1\}$ form the 3-sphere $S^3 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^4$.

3.5. Proposition. Let n, m be integers which are sums of four integer squares. Then so is $n \cdot m$.

Proof. We can write $n = |q_1|$ for a quaternion q_1 with integer coeffs

$$m = |q_2| \quad "$$

and so $nm = |q_1 q_2|$. Done.

This is true for two also, but not three.

Theorem (Legendre) Every positive integer is the sum of four squares.

Sketch of proof. (1) By above, reduce to every ~~a~~ prime p .
 (2) Prove that $mp = \text{sum of four squares}$ for some $m \geq 1$.

(3) Infinite descent.

There is also an inner product ~~on~~ for quaternions. Given (p_1, \dots, p_n) and $(q_1, \dots, q_n) \in \mathbb{H}^n$,

$$\langle (p_1, \dots, p_n), (q_1, \dots, q_n) \rangle = \bar{p}_1 q_1 \quad (\text{Hall})$$

$$\text{or } p_1 \bar{q}_1 \quad (\text{Stillwell}) \quad (\text{ARRRRGGHHH!!})$$

Def. $Sp(n) := \left\{ A \in M_n(\mathbb{H}) : \langle Av, Aw \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle \text{ for all } v, w \in \mathbb{H}^n \right\}$.

3.6. How to reconcile these?

Restriction of scalars.

We represented complex numbers as 2×2 real matrices.

Prop. There exists an injective homomorphism

$$GL_n(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}} GL_{2n}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ for any } n \geq 1.$$

Proof. \mathbb{C}^n is certainly a $2n$ -dimensional real vector space, and if ϕ is \mathbb{C} -linear it is certainly \mathbb{R} -linear as well.

We had an injection

$$\mathbb{C}^* = GL_1(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{R})$$

$$a+bi \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\cos \theta + i \sin \theta \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

and just duplicate this, e.g.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a+bi & c+di \\ e+fi & h+ji \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ -b & a & -d & c \\ e & f & h & j \\ -f & e & -j & h \end{pmatrix}$$

We can say still more. A linear transformation $\phi \in GL_n(\mathbb{C})$ is (as required) i -linear if $\phi(iv) = i\phi(v)$ for all v .

So we have to have

$$\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}} \phi \left(\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}} \begin{pmatrix} i & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & i & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} (v) \right)$$

$$= \text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}} \begin{pmatrix} i & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & i & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \left(\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}} \phi(v) \right) \quad \forall v,$$

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so we have to demand that

~~Res~~ $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}$ ϕ commutes with $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}} \left(\begin{matrix} i & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & i & \\ & & & \ddots \end{matrix} \right)$

Call this J_n

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ -1 & 0 & & & \\ & & 0 & 1 & \\ & & -1 & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & 0 & 1 \\ & & & & & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Proposition. This property characterizes $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}$, i.e.,

$$\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}} GL_n(\mathbb{C}) = \left\{ A \in GL_{2n}(\mathbb{R}) : AJ_n = J_n A \right\}.$$

The converse is proved the same way.

Given $A \in GL_{2n}(\mathbb{R})$ with $AJ_n = J_n A$, inverting $\text{Res}_{\mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R}}$ yields a function $\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ which we check is a \mathbb{C} -linear transformation (because it commutes with i).