

***Implementing Imaginary Elementary  
Mathematical Functions  
(or Leveraging Chapel's `imag(w)` primitive types)***

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# Multiples of $\sqrt{-1}$

- These are what (since the 1920s) have been called imaginary numbers
- Chapel supports these with a primitive (or base) floating point type
- It is the parameterized type **imag**( $w$ ),  $w \in [32, 64]$
- Chapel is one of the few HPC compiled languages to support such numbers
- C, D and Ada are the others (neither Fortran nor Julia nor C++ do)

Background (not spoken):

- It was Leonard Euler who first introduced the Greek symbol  $\iota$  for  $\sqrt{-1}$
- These days, mathematical texts (and C++) use  $i$ , or  $\mathbf{i}$ , or  $\mathbf{i}$  for  $\iota$
- Some engineering & physics texts (and Python) use  $j$ , or  $\mathbf{j}$ , or  $\mathbf{j}$  for  $\iota$  
- Chapel and this presentation use  $\mathbf{i}$

# Why are imaginary types needed? - SKIP

Imaginary numbers as a distinct type are necessary if you are going to do complex arithmetic without weird errors ...(Walter Bright)

Multiplying by  $y \mathbf{i}$  does not have quite the same semantics as multiplying by  $0 + y \mathbf{i}$  ...(Walter Bright)

Programming with an imaginary base type allows real and complex arithmetic to mix without forcing unnecessary coercions of real to complex. It also avoids a little wasteful arithmetic (with zero real parts) that compilers can have trouble optimizing away ... (W. Kahan)

+ papers by Kahan, Thomas, Coonen and others

# History of Imaginary Numbers - SKIP

- Gardano 1500s - wrote them as  $6 + \sqrt{-81}$
- Bombelli 1500s - called  $\sqrt{-1}$  plus of minus
- Descartes 1600s unimpressed - coined the term *imaginary numbers*
- Euler 1700s – introduces (iota)  $\mathbf{i} = \sqrt{-1}$  - legitimacy at last!!!
  - he spoke in terms of points with rectangular coordinates
- Lots of work on these numbers from late 1700s to late 1800s
- Argand 1805 - *Interpretation of Imaginary Quantities*

# Imaginary Numbers => Complex Numbers - SKIP

- Gauss 1830 – he was initially sceptical of such numbers
  - saying they were “enveloped in mystery, surrounded by darkness”
  - but he did finally accept them, coining the term **complex number**
  - the term *imaginary numbers* went out of favour
  
- 1920s - the term *imaginary number* reappears
  - but now used solely for multiples of  **$\mathbf{i}$** , e. g.  $9\mathbf{i}$
  - sometimes called “a (purely) imaginary number”

Given  $a = 0 + 2\mathbf{i}$  and  $b = \infty - 3\mathbf{i}$  - **SKIP**

- Mathematically,

- $a \times b = (0 + 2\mathbf{i}) \times (\infty - 3\mathbf{i}) = 6 + \infty \mathbf{i}$

- Computationally,  $a \times b$  is

- $0 \times \infty - 0 \times 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{i} \times \infty - 6\mathbf{i}^2$

- NaN -  $0 + \mathbf{i} \times \infty - 6 \times (-1)$

- NaN +  $\mathbf{i} \times \infty$  ... Antisocial

- But with  $a$  purely imaginary,  $a \times$  is

- $2\mathbf{i} \times (\infty - 3\mathbf{i}) = 2\infty \mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{i}^2$

- $\infty \mathbf{i} - 6(-1) = 6 + \infty \mathbf{i}$  ... Desirable

# Elementary mathematical functions

- These exist for **real**( $w$ ) and **complex**( $w$ ) arguments
- But those of **imag**( $w$ ) arguments are missing?
- If they did, they would return a result which is ...
  - an **imag**( $w$ ) - often, a **complex**( $w$ ) – less often, a **real**( $w$ ) - occasionally
- Consider the square root of an imaginary number **sqrt**( $\pm y\mathbf{i}$ ) where  $y \geq 0$
- We call  $y$  the **multiplier**
- Its formula is just  $s \pm s \mathbf{i}$  where  $s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}y} = \mathbf{sqrt}(y/2)$
- It needs only to compute  $s$  with a single **real**( $w$ ) function
- It needs **NO** computations involving complex arithmetic



# Supporting Coercion Routines – for readability - SKIP

```
inline proc cmplx(x : real(?w), y : real(w)) // x + y i where x and y are real
```

```
{
```

```
  const z : complex(2 * w);
```

```
  z.re = x; z.im = y; // split initialization
```

```
  return z;
```

```
}
```

```
inline proc cmplx(u : imag(?w)) // provide 0 + u where u is imaginary
```

```
{
```

```
  return cmplx(0:real(w), u:real(w)); // avoids type promotion issues
```

```
}
```



# Compile Time Expression – for Readability - SKIP

```
inline proc pix(param f : real(?w)) param // the compile time value of  $\pi \times f$ 
{
    // value from the On-line Encyclopedia
    // of Integer Sequences (OEIS™) [11]
    // (should use more digits to be safe)
    param A000796 = 3.1415926535897932384626;

    return (A000796 * f):real(w);
}
```

# Some Really Basic Elementary Functions

- Rewriting the polynomial form of a complex number  $z = x + y \mathbf{i}$  in polar form
  - $x + y\mathbf{i} = r \times e^{\mathbf{i}\theta}$  where  $e^{\mathbf{i}\theta} = \cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta) \mathbf{i}$  (Euler's formula)
  - $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  or the magnitude (or absolute value) of  $z$
  - $\theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$  or the phase of  $z$
- Restricting ourselves to an imaginary number, say  $y\mathbf{i}$ , i.e.  $x \equiv 0$ , we have:
  - the magnitude of  $y\mathbf{i}$  or  $|y\mathbf{i}| \equiv \mathbf{abs}(y)$  - defined for all numeric types in Chapel
  - $\mathbf{phase}(\pm y\mathbf{i}) = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$  where  $y \neq 0$
  - $\mathbf{phase}(\pm y\mathbf{i}) = \pm y$  where  $y \equiv 0$  or  $y$  is a NaN
  - $e^{y\mathbf{i}} = \mathbf{exp}(y\mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{cos}(y) + \mathbf{sin}(y) \mathbf{i}$
  - $\mathbf{log}(y\mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{log}(|y|) + \mathbf{phase}(y\mathbf{i}) \mathbf{i}$



# Square Root and Phase

```
// sqrt(±yi) = s ± s i where  $s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}y}$ 
inline proc sqrt(u : imag(?w))
{
    param half = 0.5:real(w); // ensure correct type
    const y = u:real(w); // grab the multiplier
    const s = sqrt(abs(y) * half);
    // handle NaN and signed zeros appropriately
    const i = if y > 0 then s else if y < 0 then -s else y;

    return cmplx(r, i); // better than (r, i):complex(w+w)
}
```

```
// phase(±yi) = ± $\frac{\pi}{2}$  where  $y \neq 0$ 
// phase(±yi) = ±y where  $y \equiv 0$  ... also handles NaN
inline proc phase(u : imag(?w))
{
    param half = 0.5:real(w); // ensure correct type
    param p = pix(half); // returns  $\pi \times$  half
    const y = u:real(w); // grab the multiplier
    // handle NaN and signed zeroes appropriately

    return if y > 0 then p else if y < 0 then -p else y;
}
```



# Exponential and Logarithm Routines

```
inline proc exp(u : imag(?w)) // this is just Euler's formula
{
    const y = u:real(w); // grab the multiplier

    return cmplx(cos(y), sin(y)); // this is suboptimal
}
inline proc log(u : imag(?w))
{
    return cmplx(log(abs(u:real(w))), phase(u));
}
```



# Elementary Functions - Trigonometrics

$$\cos(y \mathbf{i}) = \cosh(y)$$

$$\sin(y \mathbf{i}) = \sinh(y) \mathbf{i}$$

$$\tan(y \mathbf{i}) = \tanh(y) \mathbf{i}$$

$$\operatorname{asin}(y \mathbf{i}) = \operatorname{asinh}(y) \mathbf{i}$$

$$\operatorname{acos}(y \mathbf{i}) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \operatorname{asin}(y \mathbf{i}), \text{ complex}$$

$$\operatorname{atan}(y \mathbf{i}) = \operatorname{atanh}(y) \mathbf{i}, \text{ limited domain}$$

Note:

$$-1 \leq r = \tanh(x) \leq +1, |x| \leq \infty$$



# Trigonometrics

```
inline proc cos(u : imag(?w)) : real(w)
{
    return cosh(u:real(w));
}
inline proc sin(u : imag(?w))
{
    return sinh(u:real(?w)):imag(w);
}
inline proc tan(u : imag(?w))
{
    return tanh(u:real(w)):imag(w);
}
inline proc asin(u : imag(?w))
{
    return asinh(u:real(w)):imag(w);
}
```

```
inline proc acos(u : imag(?w)) // Eq(16)
{
    param half = 0.5:real(w); // ensure correct type
    param p = pix(half); // returns  $\pi \times half$ 
    // asin (defined earlier) is imag(w) by definition
    return cmplx(p, -asin(u):real(w));
}
inline proc atan(u : imag(?w)) // Eq(17)
{
    return atan(cmplx(u)); // atan(0 + u)
}
```



# Elementary Functions - Hyperbolics

$$\cosh(y \mathbf{i}) = \cos(y)$$

$$\sinh(y \mathbf{i}) = \sin(y) \mathbf{i}$$

$$\tanh(y \mathbf{i}) = \tan(y) \mathbf{i}$$

$$\operatorname{asinh}(y \mathbf{i}) = \operatorname{asin}(y) \mathbf{i} \quad , \text{ limited domain}$$

$$\operatorname{acosh}(\pm y \mathbf{i}) = \pm \operatorname{acos}(\pm y \mathbf{i}) \mathbf{i} \quad , \text{ complex}$$

$$\operatorname{atanh}(y \mathbf{i}) = \operatorname{atan}(y) \mathbf{i}$$

Note:

$$-1 \leq r = \sin(x) \leq +1 \quad , \quad |x| \leq \infty$$



# Hyperbolics

```
inline proc cosh(u : imag(?w)) : real(w)
```

```
{
```

```
    return cos(u:real(w));
```

```
}
```

```
inline proc sinh(u : imag(?w))
```

```
{
```

```
    return sin(u:real(w)):imag(w);
```

```
}
```

```
inline proc tanh(u : imag(?w))
```

```
{
```

```
    return tan(u:real(w)):imag(w);
```

```
}
```

```
inline proc asinh(u : imag(?w)) // Eq(21)
```

```
{
```

```
    return asinh(cmplx(u));
```

```
}
```

```
inline proc acosh(u : imag(?w)) // Eq(22)
```

```
{
```

```
    var z = acos(u);
```

```
    if isNegative(u:real(w)) then
```

```
        z.re = -z.re //  $-\infty \leq y \leq -0.0$ 
```

```
    else
```

```
        z.im = -z.im; //  $+0.0 \leq y \leq +\infty$ 
```

```
    return cmplx(z.im, z.re);
```

```
}
```

```
inline proc atanh(u : imag(?w))
```

```
{
```

```
    return atan(u:real(w)):imag(w);
```

```
}
```





# Performance



# Chapel now has **imag**( $w$ ) elementary functions

- Completeness now exists across all floating point types
    - **imag**( $w$ ) argument handling consistent with **real**( $w$ ) or **complex**( $w$ )
  - Implementation was straightforward (mathematics occasionally not so)
    - Chapel easily handled generic arguments
    - The mathematics was mostly done with existing **real**( $w$ ) functions
    - Special case handling is done for us by these same **real**( $w$ ) functions
  - These new routines perform well and as predicted
    - Performance gain came from the mathematics not the coding
    - Implementation showed a need to rework **real**( $w$ ) variants of cosine and sine
  - **Hopefully others might benefit from our work**
- ... **THANK YOU** ... the full version is available

