



CS61A Lecture 22

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Announcements



- HW7 due tonight
- Ants project due Monday
- HW8 due next Wednesday at 7pm
- Midterm 2 next Thursday at 7pm

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Other languages require interfaces to be explicitly implemented

Example: Rational Numbers



```
class Rational(object):

    def __init__(self, numer, denom):
        g = gcd(numer, denom)
        self.numerator = numer // g
        self.denominator = denom // g

    def __repr__(self):
        return 'Rational({0}, {1})'.format(self.numerator,
                                            self.denominator)

    def __str__(self):
        return '{0}/{1}'.format(self.numerator,
                               self.denominator)

    def __add__(self, num):
        return add_rational(self, num)

    def __mul__(self, num):
        return mul_rational(self, num)

    def __eq__(self, num):
        return eq_rational(self, num)
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It allows zero-argument methods to be called without an explicit call expression.

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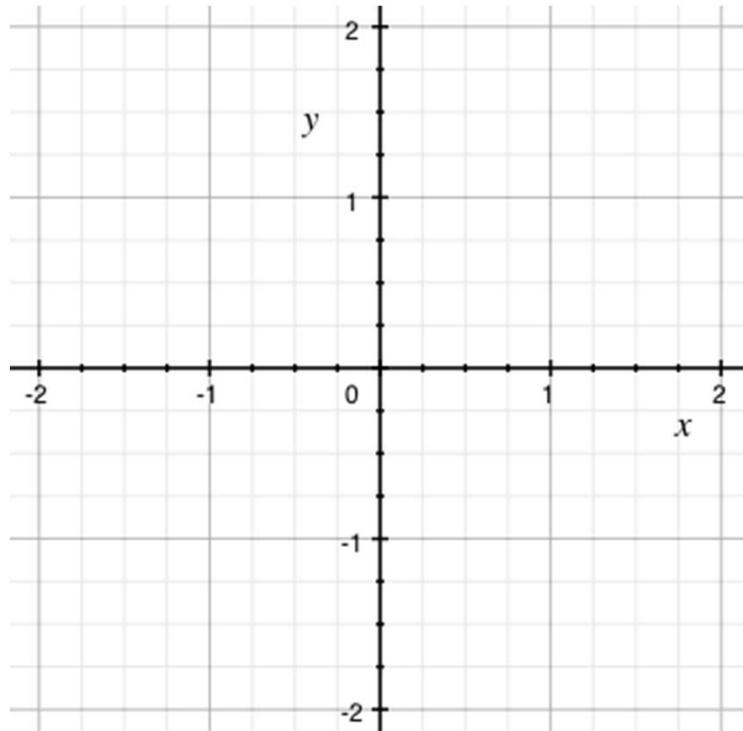


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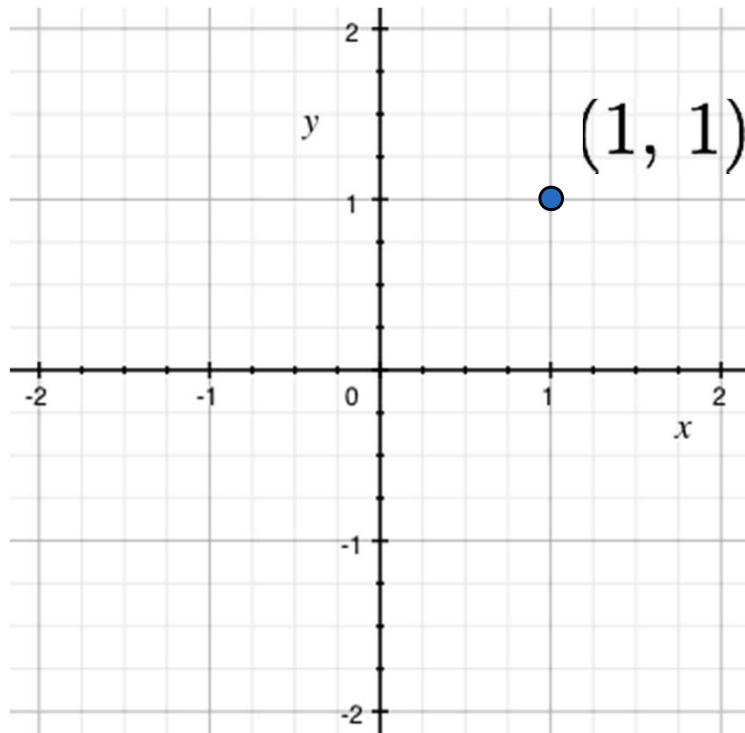
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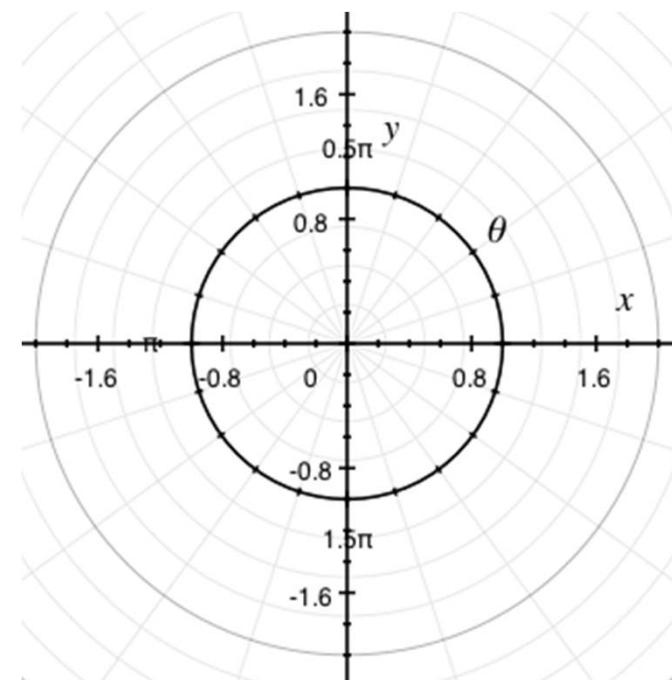
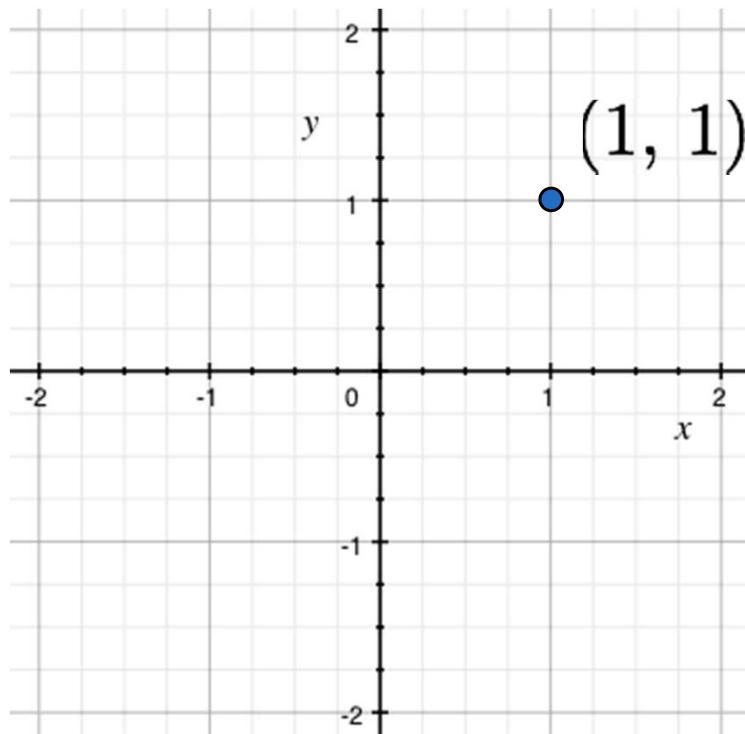
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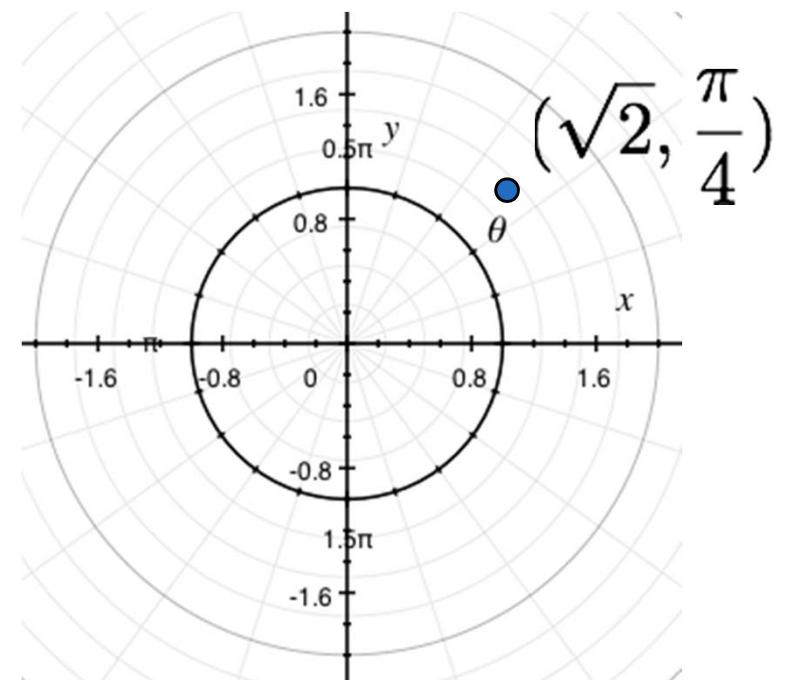
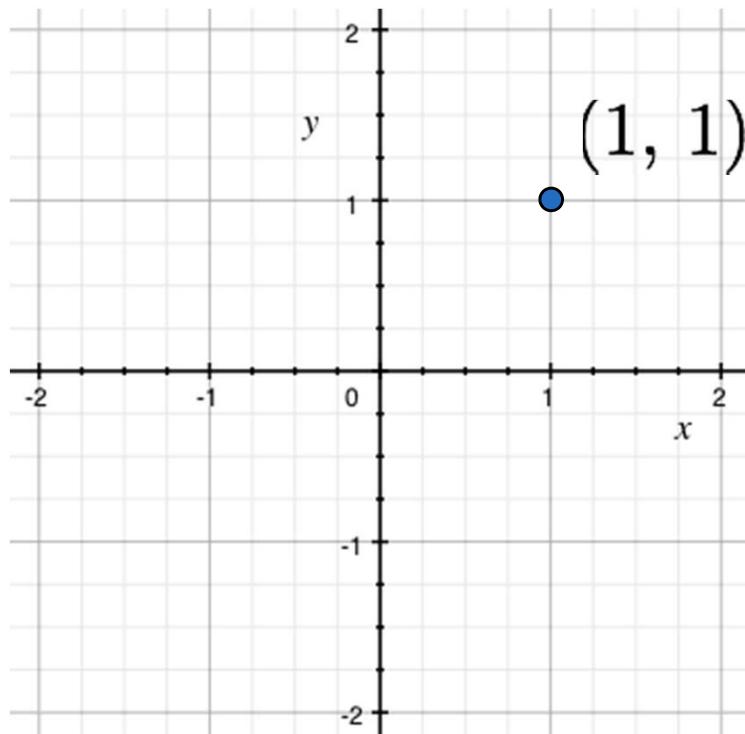
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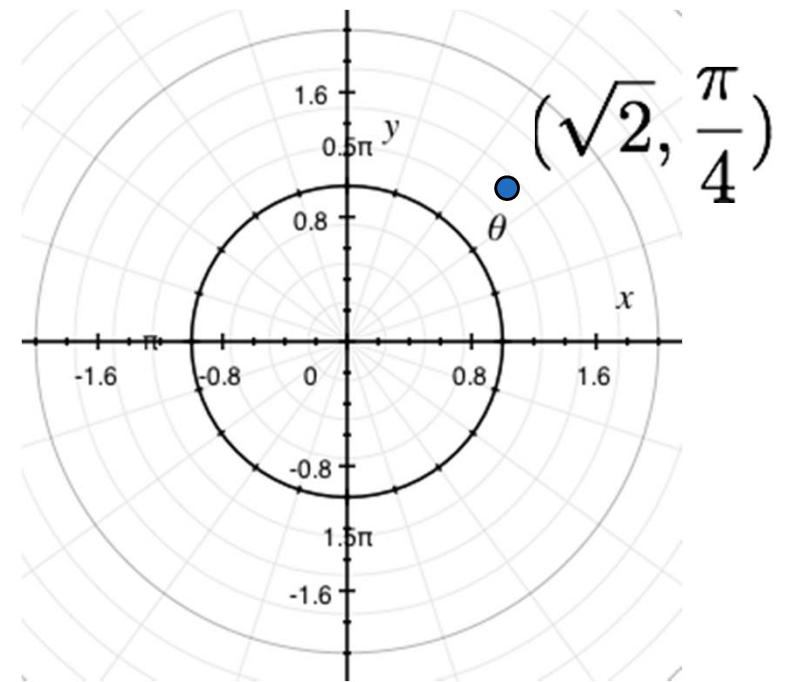
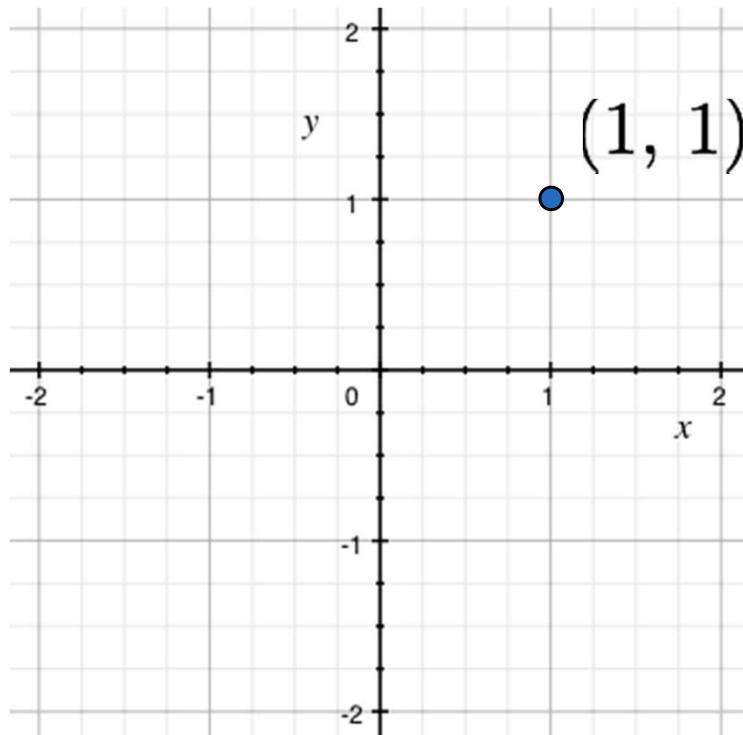
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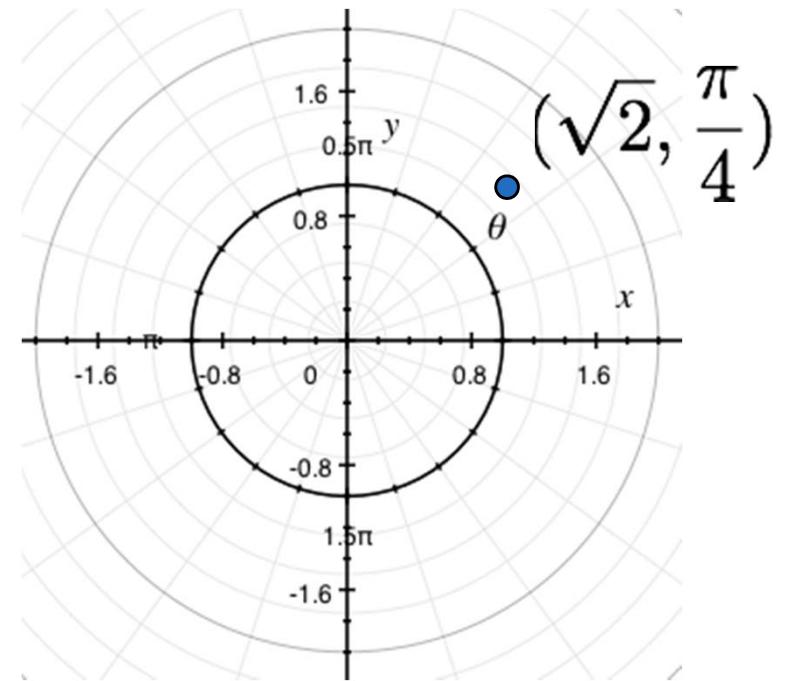
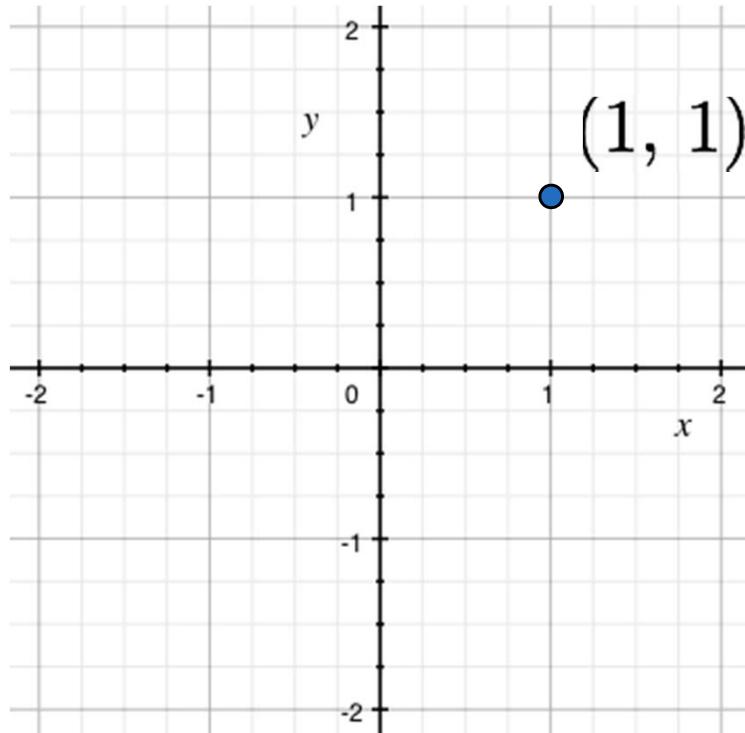


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Some mathematical operations are easier on one than the other.

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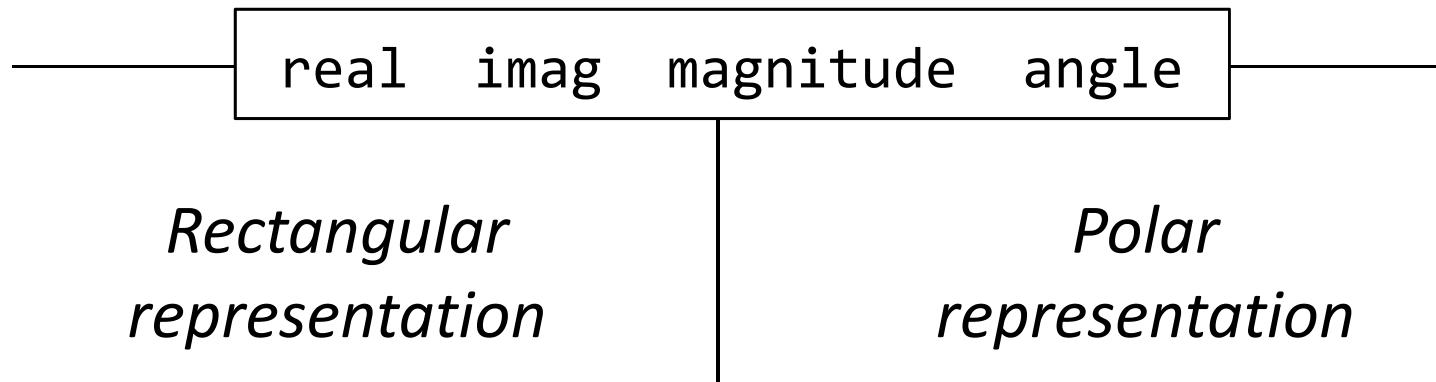
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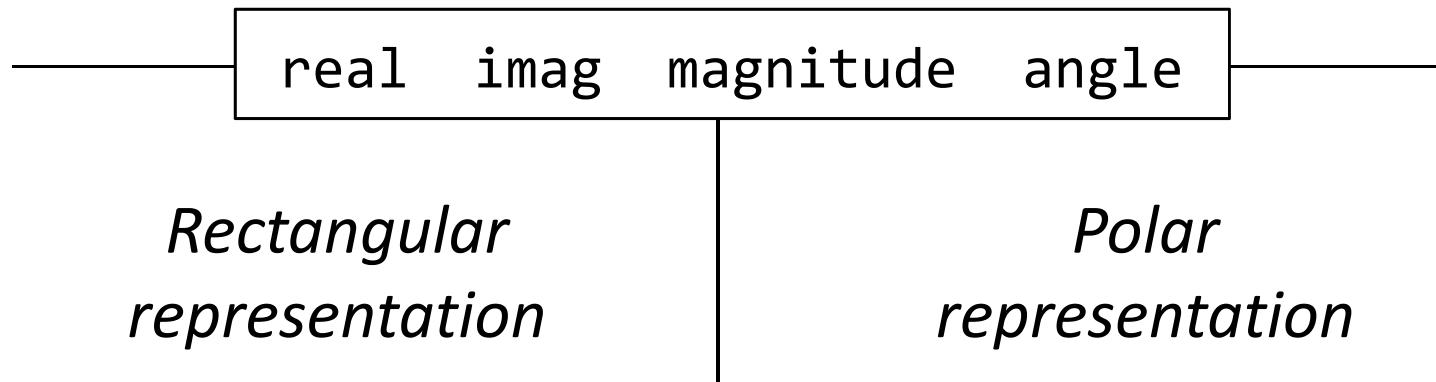
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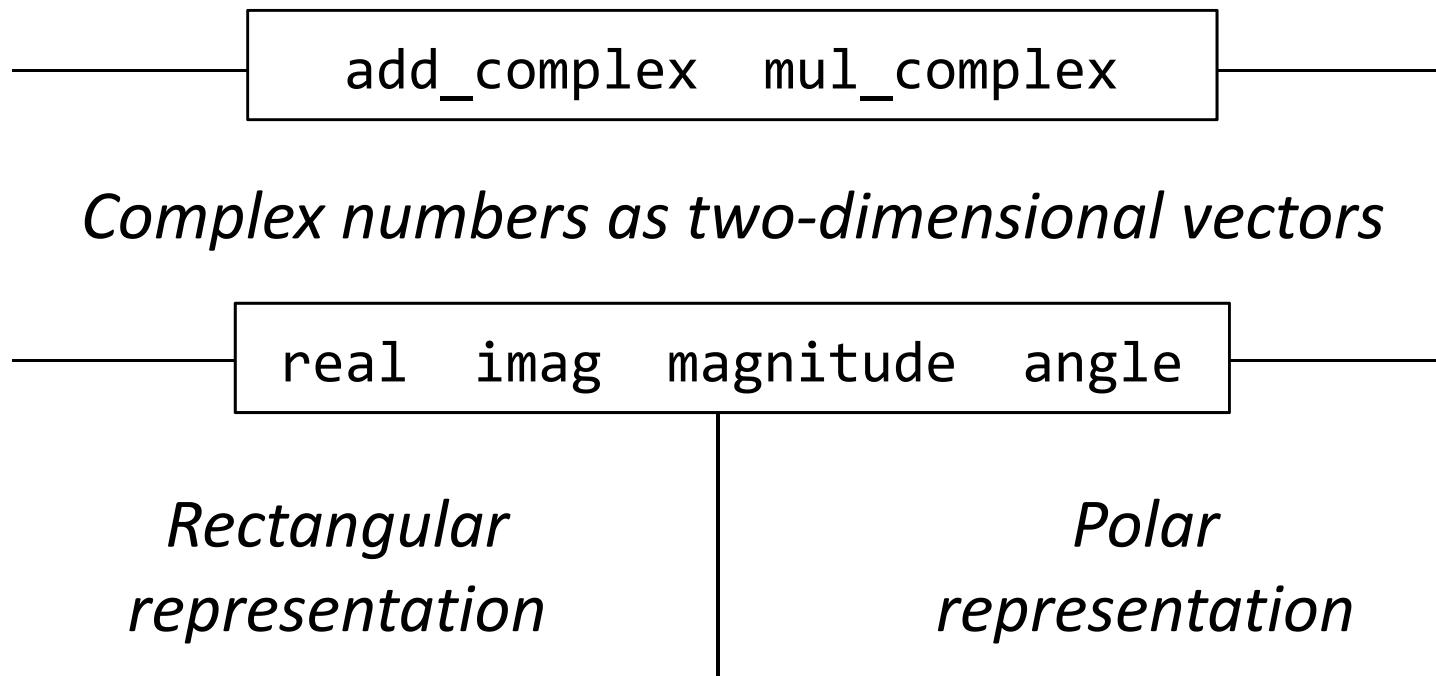
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Complex numbers as two-dimensional vectors



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Complex numbers as whole data values

```
add_complex  mul_complex
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real  imag  magnitude  angle
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    @property  
    def real(self):
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We can also define `__add__` and `__mul__` in both classes.

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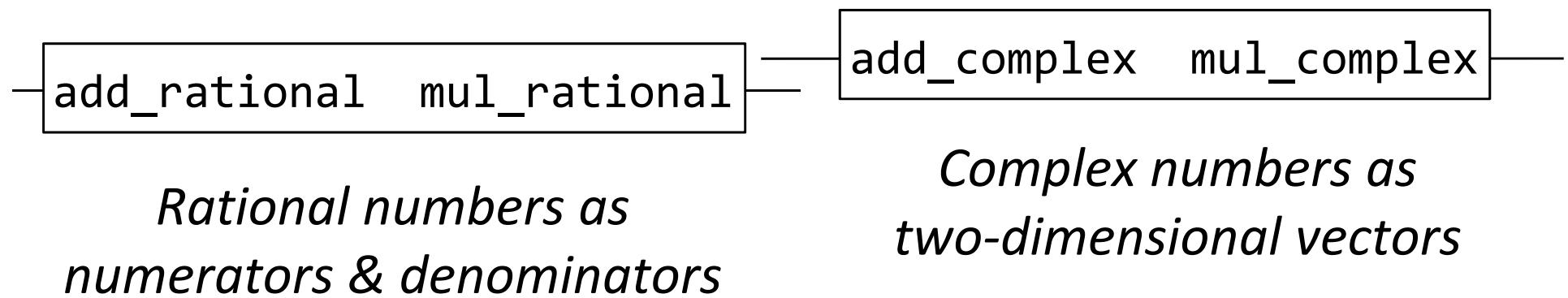
*Rational numbers as
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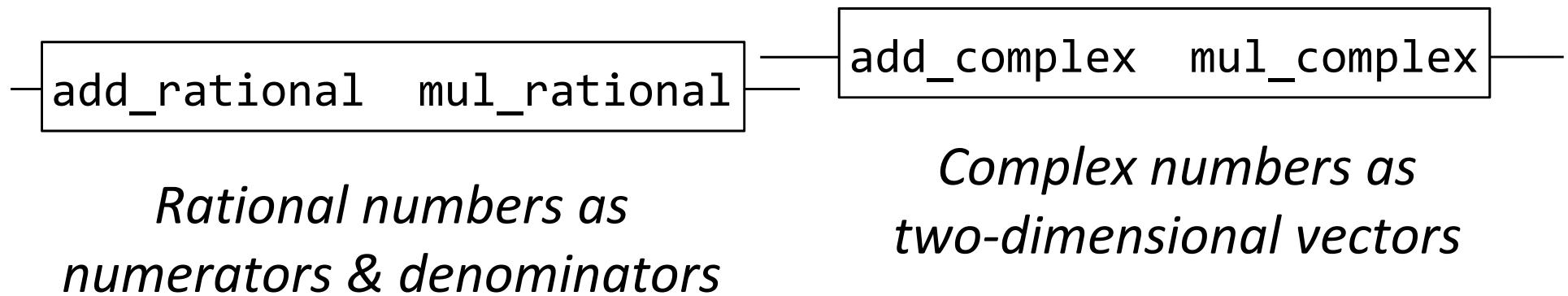
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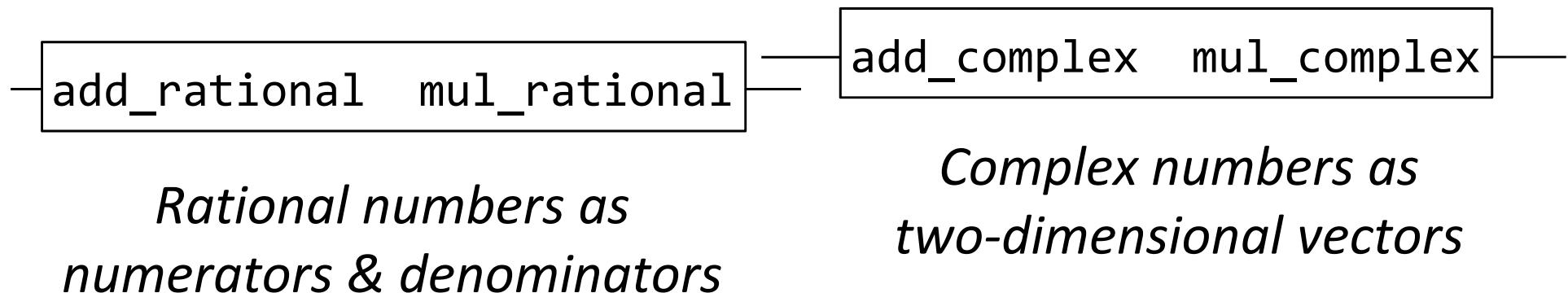
The Independence of Data Types



Data abstraction and class definitions keep types separate

Some operations need to cross type boundaries

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There are many different techniques for doing this!

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