

# General CORDIC Description (1A)

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# CORDIC Background

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1. CORDIC FAQ, G. R. Griffin, [www.dspguru.com/info/faqs/cordic2.htm](http://www.dspguru.com/info/faqs/cordic2.htm)

# Complex Multiplication

Given Complex Value

$$C = I_c + j Q_c \quad \left. \right\}$$

Rotation Value

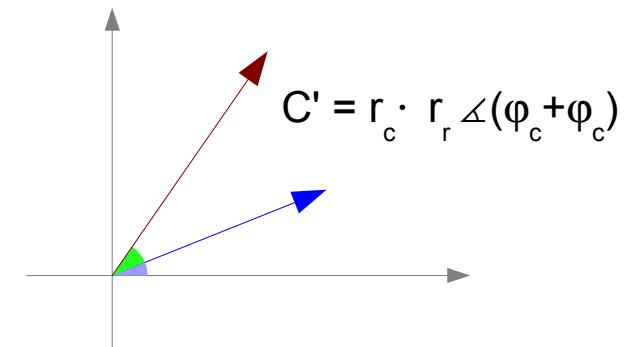
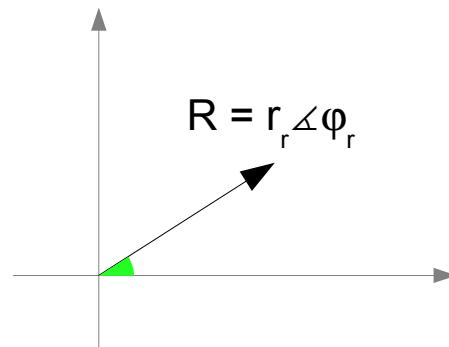
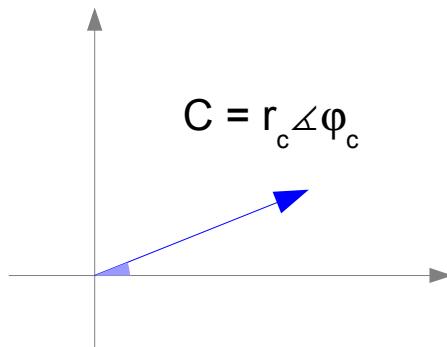
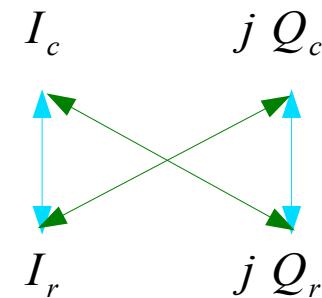
$$R = I_r + j Q_r \quad \left. \right\}$$

Rotated Complex Value

$$C' = I_c' + j Q_c' \quad \leftarrow$$

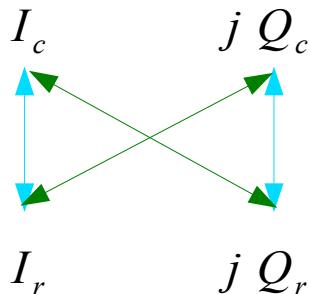
$$C' = C \cdot R$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_c' + j Q_c' &= (I_c + j Q_c) \cdot (I_r + j Q_r) \\ &= (I_c I_r - Q_c Q_r) + j (Q_c I_r + I_c Q_r) \end{aligned}$$



# Adding / Subtracting Phase

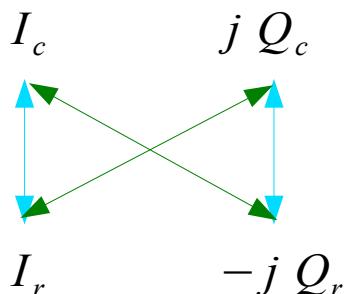
To **add** R' phase to C



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To **sub** R' phase to C

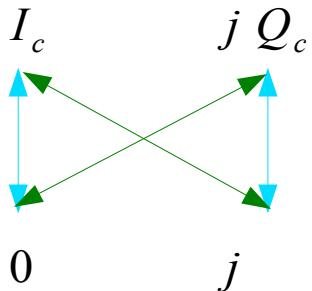


$$C' = C \cdot R^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_c' + j Q_c' &= (I_c + j Q_c) \cdot (I_r - j Q_r) \\ &= (I_c I_r + Q_c Q_r) + j (Q_c I_r - I_c Q_r) \end{aligned}$$

# Adding / Subtracting 90 Degrees

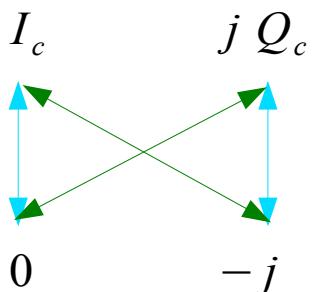
To add R' phase to C



$$C' = C \cdot (+j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_c' + j Q_c' &= (I_c + j Q_c) \cdot (0 + j) \\ &= (-Q_c) + j (I_c) \end{aligned}$$

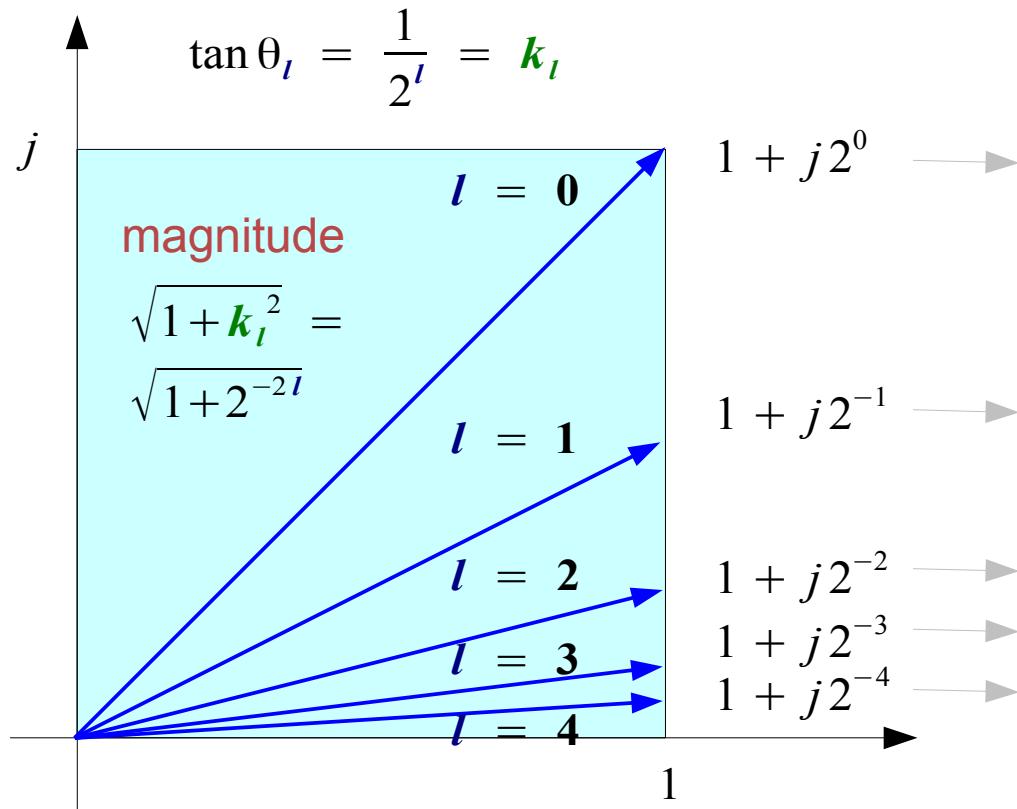
To sub R' phase to C



$$C' = C \cdot (-j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_c' + j Q_c' &= (I_c + j Q_c) \cdot (0 - j) \\ &= (Q_c) + j (-I_c) \end{aligned}$$

# Elementary Angle: $\tan^{-1}(k_l)$



$$\theta_l = \tan^{-1}(2^{-l}) = \tan^{-1}(k_l)$$

$$\theta_0 = \tan^{-1}(2^0) = 45.00000^\circ$$

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-1}) = 26.56505^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-2}) = 14.03624^\circ$$

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-3}) = 7.12502^\circ$$

$$\theta_4 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-4}) = 3.57633^\circ$$

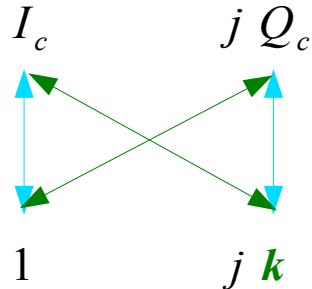
Represent arbitrary angle  $\theta$

in terms of  $\pm\theta_0, \pm\theta_1, \pm\theta_2, \pm\theta_3, \dots, \pm\theta_l, \dots$

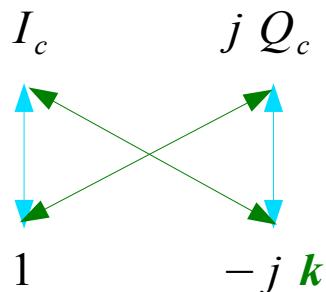
$$\left( k_l = \tan \theta_l = \frac{1}{2^l}, \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots \right)$$

# Adding / Subtracting $\tan^{-1}(k_l)$

To add R' phase to C



To sub R' phase to C



$$C' = C \cdot (1 + j \mathbf{k}_l)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_c' + j Q_c' &= (I_c + j Q_c) \cdot (1 + j \mathbf{k}_l) \\ &= (I_c - \mathbf{k}_l Q_c) + j (Q_c + \mathbf{k}_l I_c) \\ &= (I_c - 2^{-l} Q_c) + j (Q_c + 2^{-l} I_c) \end{aligned}$$

$$C' = C \cdot (1 - j \mathbf{k}_l)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_c' + j Q_c' &= (I_c + j Q_c) \cdot (1 - j \mathbf{k}_l) \\ &= (I_c + \mathbf{k}_l Q_c) + j (Q_c - \mathbf{k}_l I_c) \\ &= (I_c + 2^{-l} Q_c) + j (Q_c - 2^{-l} I_c) \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_l = \tan^{-1}(\mathbf{k}_l) = \tan^{-1}(2^{-l})$$

$$\mathbf{k}_l = \frac{1}{2^l}, \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

# Phase and Magnitude of $1 + jk_l(1)$

Cumulative Magnitude

$L$	$k = \frac{1}{2^L}$	$R = 1 + jk$	Phase of $R$	Magnitude of $R$	CORDIC Gain
0	1.0	$1 + j1.0$	$45^\circ$	1.41421356	1.414213562
1	0.5	$1 + j0.5$	$26.56505^\circ$	1.11803399	1.581138830
2	0.25	$1 + j0.25$	$14.03624^\circ$	1.03077641	1.629800601
3	0.125	$1 + j0.125$	$7.12502^\circ$	1.00778222	1.642484066
4	0.0625	$1 + j0.0625$	$3.57633^\circ$	1.00195122	1.645688916
5	0.03125	$1 + j0.03125$	$1.78991^\circ$	1.00048816	1.646492279
6	0.015625	$1 + j0.015625$	$0.89517^\circ$	1.00012206	1.646693254
7	0.007813	$1 + j0.007813$	$0.44761^\circ$	1.00003052	1.646743507
...	...	...	...	...	...
					1.647 ←

$$R = 1 + jk_l \xrightarrow{k_l = 1/2^l \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots} |R| = \sqrt{1^2 + k_l^2} = \sqrt{1 + 2^{-2l}} > 1.0$$

# Phase and Magnitude of $1 + jk_l$ (2)

Represent arbitrary angle  $\theta$

in terms of  $\pm\theta_0, \pm\theta_1, \pm\theta_2, \pm\theta_3, \dots, \pm\theta_l, \dots$   $\left( k_l = \tan \theta_l = \frac{1}{2^l}, l = 0, 1, 2, \dots \right)$

Binary Search  $\rightarrow$  Shift and Add  $\rightarrow$  No multiplier

*Phase of R*

$\theta_0 = \tan^{-1}(2^0) =$	45°
$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-1}) =$	26.56505°
$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-2}) =$	14.03624°
$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-3}) =$	7.12502°
$\theta_4 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-4}) =$	3.57633°
$\theta_5 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-5}) =$	1.78991°
$\theta_6 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-6}) =$	0.89517°
$\theta_7 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-7}) =$	0.44761°
	...

$\approx \frac{1}{2}$   
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$> 92^\circ$

$$45^\circ + 26.56505^\circ + 14.03624^\circ + 7.12502^\circ \\ = 92.726^\circ > 92^\circ$$

$$\theta \in [-180, +180]$$

$$R = 0 \pm j$$

$$\theta \in [-90, +90]$$

$$R = 1 \pm j k_l$$

4 or more rotations

# Phase and Magnitude of $1 + jk_l$ (3)

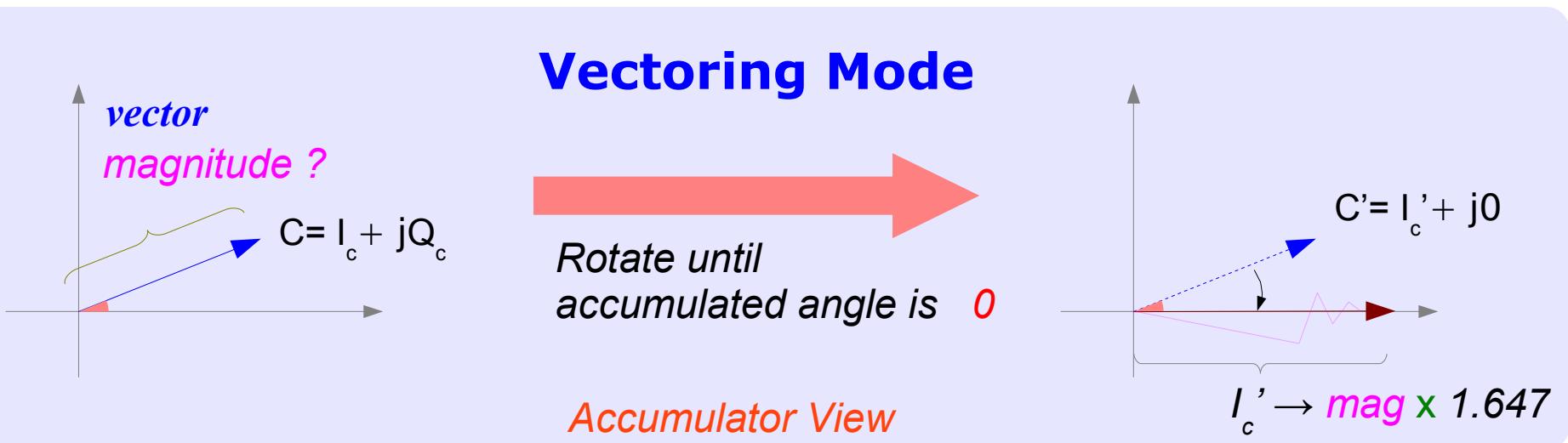
$R = 1 \pm j k_l$	<i>Magnitude of R</i>	$\sqrt{1^2 + k_l^2} > 1.0$	<i>Cumulative Magnitude</i>	<i>CORDIC Gain</i>
$R_0 = 1 \pm j (1/2^0)$	$\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} =$	1.41421356	1.414213562	
$R_1 = 1 \pm j (1/2^1)$	$\sqrt{1^2 + (1/2)^2} =$	1.11803399	1.581138830	
$R_2 = 1 \pm j (1/2^2)$	$\sqrt{1^2 + (1/2^2)^2} =$	1.03077641	1.629800601	
$R_3 = 1 \pm j (1/2^3)$	$\sqrt{1^2 + (1/2^3)^2} =$	1.00778222	1.642484066	
$R_4 = 1 \pm j (1/2^4)$	$\sqrt{1^2 + (1/2^4)^2} =$	1.00195122	1.645688916	
$R_5 = 1 \pm j (1/2^5)$	$\sqrt{1^2 + (1/2^5)^2} =$	1.00048816	1.646492279	
$R_6 = 1 \pm j (1/2^6)$	$\sqrt{1^2 + (1/2^6)^2} =$	1.00012206	1.646693254	
$R_7 = 1 \pm j (1/2^7)$	$\sqrt{1^2 + (1/2^7)^2} =$	1.00003052	1.646743507	
...		...	...	1.647

The actual CORDIC Gain depends on the number of iterations

For each iteration, the corresponding  $\theta_i$  is always used (either  $+\theta_i$  or  $-\theta_i$ )

The magnitude is growing → for correction, multiply by  $0.6073 = 1 / 1.647$

# Vector Mode – Calculating Magnitude



Each iteration, the magnitude is increased by  $\sqrt{1^2 + k_l^2}$

CORDIC Gain (cumulative gain)  
 $\simeq 1.647 = 0.607^{-1}$

$I'_c \rightarrow \text{magnitude} \times 1.647$

$\text{magnitude} \rightarrow I'_c \times 0.607$

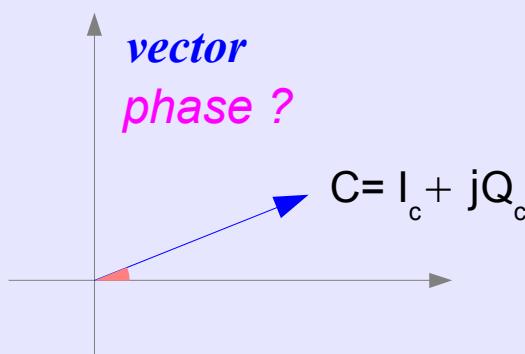
To compensate, multiply by 0.607

Can't perform this gain adjustment by simple shift and add

- This adjustment can be done in other part of a system when relative magnitude is enough

# Vector Mode – Calculating Phase

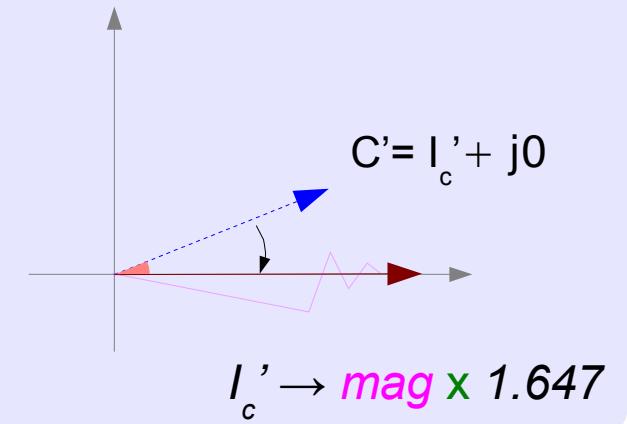
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phase ?



## Vectoring Mode

Rotate until  
accumulated angle is 0

Accumulator View



Phase of R

$$\theta_0 = \tan^{-1}(2^0) = 45^\circ$$

$$\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-1}) = 26.56505^\circ$$

$$\theta_2 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-2}) = 14.03624^\circ$$

$$\theta_3 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-3}) = 7.12502^\circ$$

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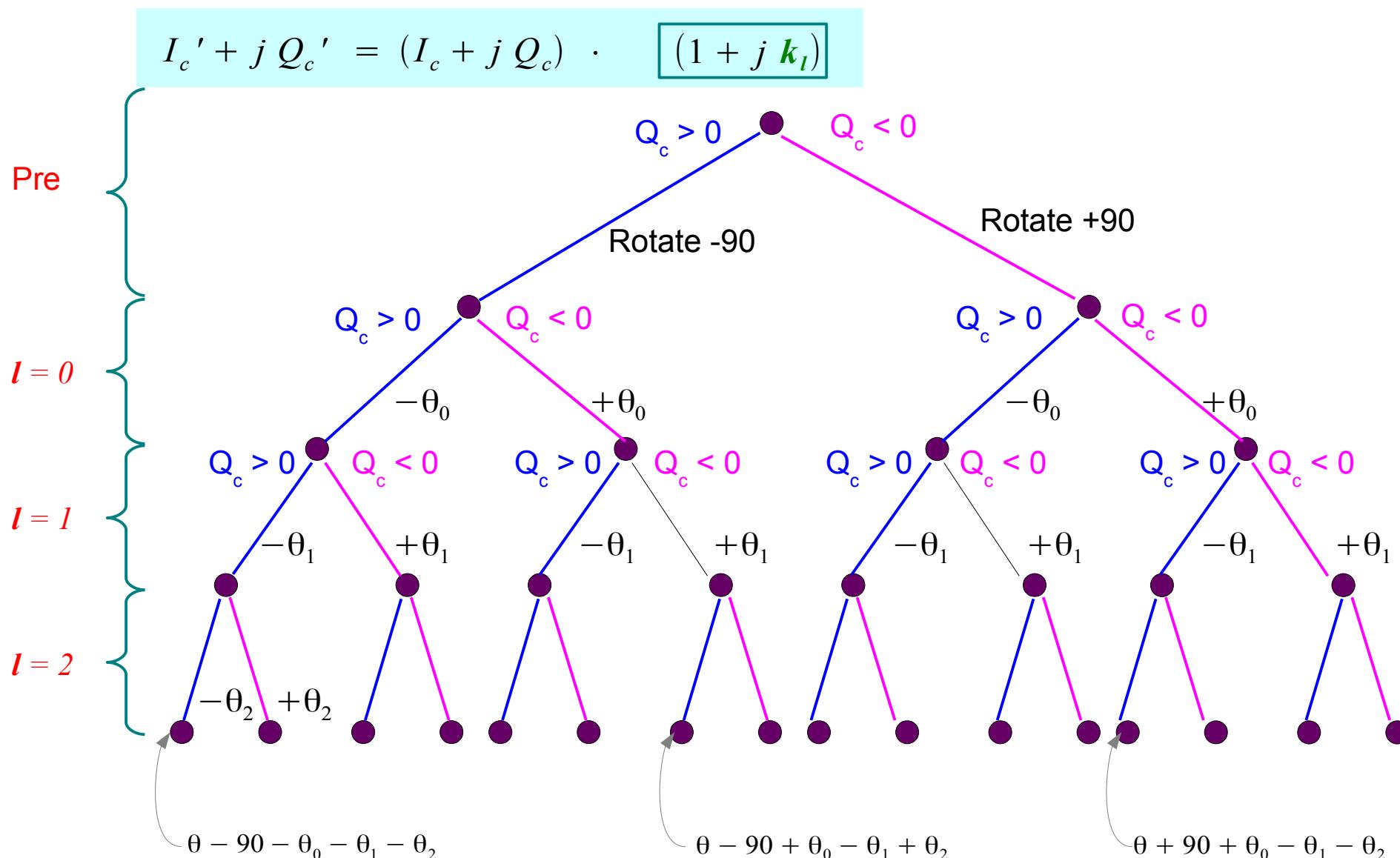
$$\theta_5 = \tan^{-1}(2^{-5}) = 1.78991^\circ$$

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$$\theta \pm \theta_0 \pm \theta_1 \pm \theta_2 \pm \theta_3 \dots = 0$$

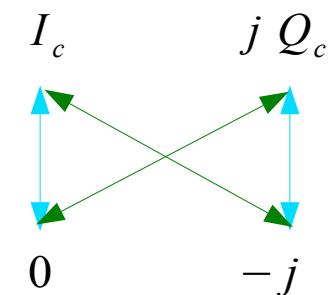
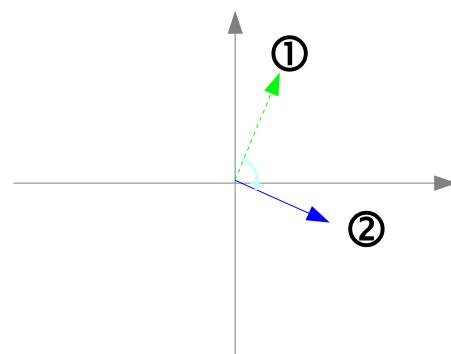
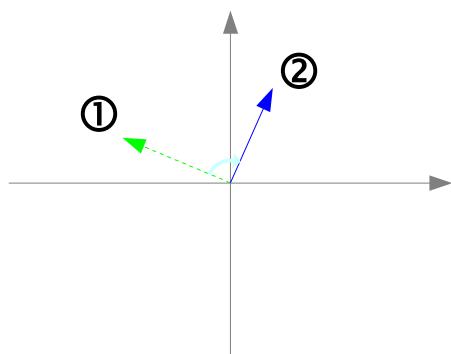
Accumulate each rotating angles  
then negate the result

# Angle Update in Vector Mode



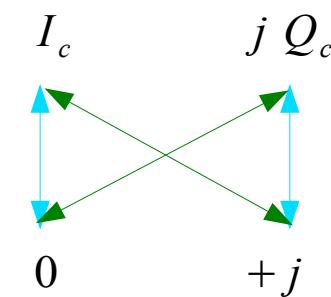
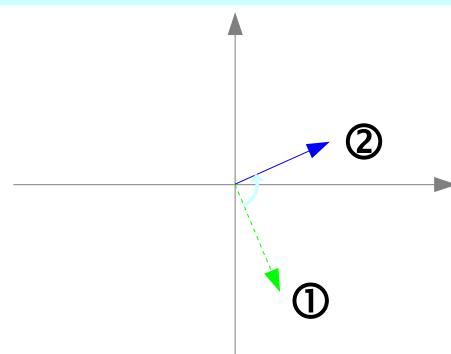
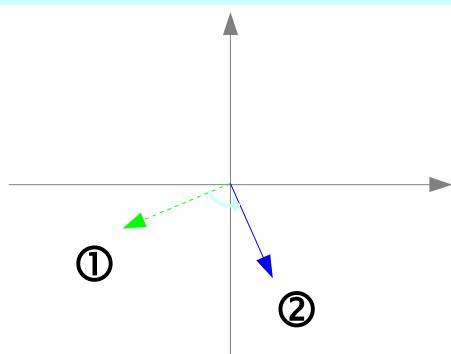
# Multiplication of $\pm j$

Positive Phase ( $Q_c > 0$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Rotate by  $-90$  degrees



$$(Q_c) + j (-I_c)$$

Negative Phase ( $Q_c < 0$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Rotate by  $+90$  degrees

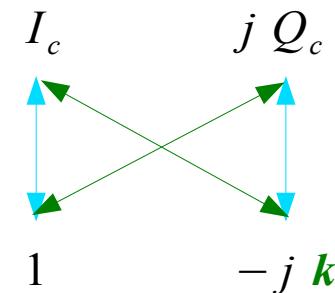
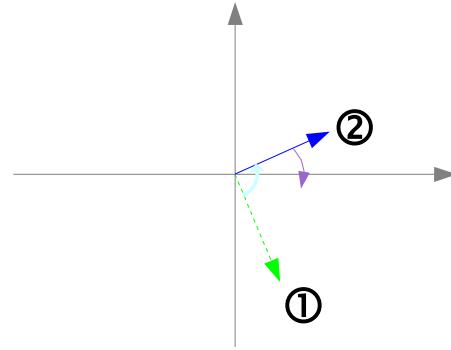
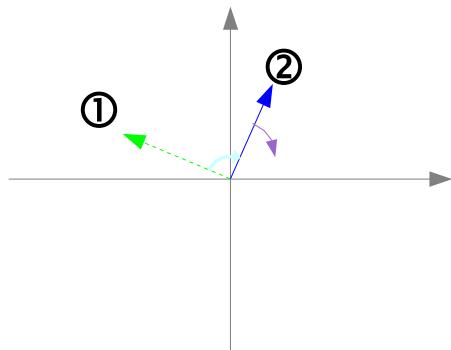


$$(-Q_c) + j (I_c)$$

Resulting Phase  $\Rightarrow [-90, +90]$

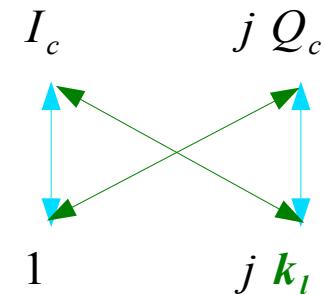
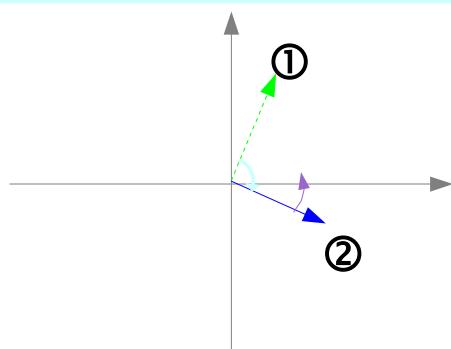
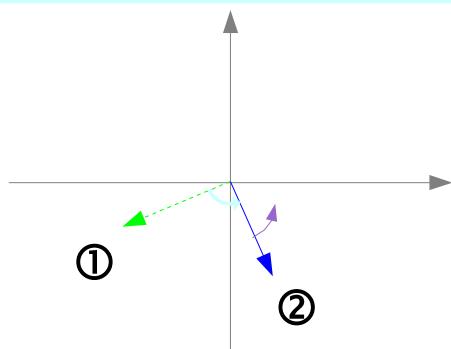
# Multiplication of $1 \pm jk_l$

Positive Phase ( $Q_c > 0$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Rotate by  $1 - j k_l$



$$(I_c + 2^{-l} Q_c) + j (Q_c - 2^{-l} I_c)$$

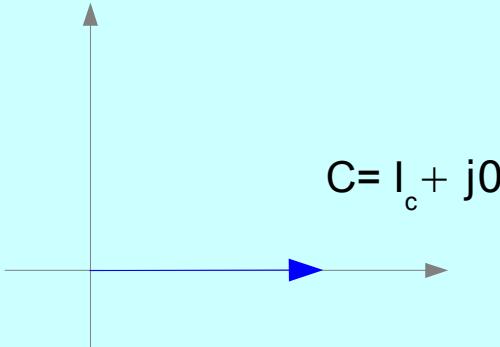
Negative Phase ( $Q_c < 0$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Rotate by  $1 + j k_l$



$$(I_c - 2^{-l} Q_c) + j (Q_c + 2^{-l} I_c)$$

After iterations, the result  $\Rightarrow I_c + j 0$

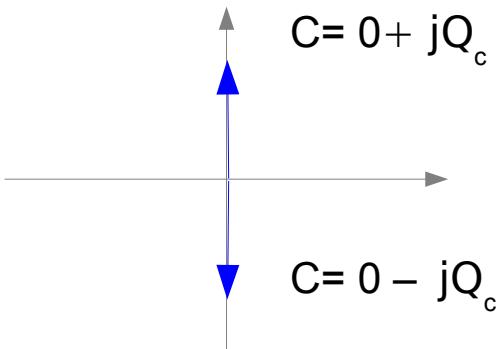
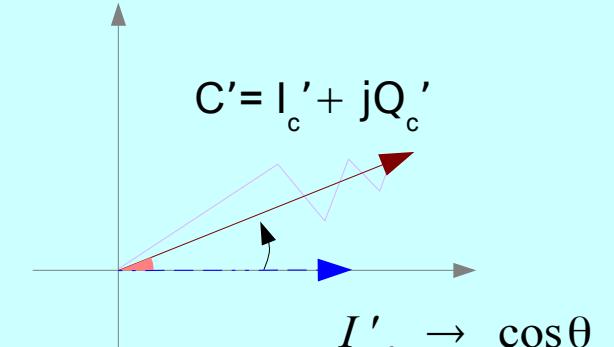
# Rotation Mode – Calculating Sine and Cosine



## Rotation Mode

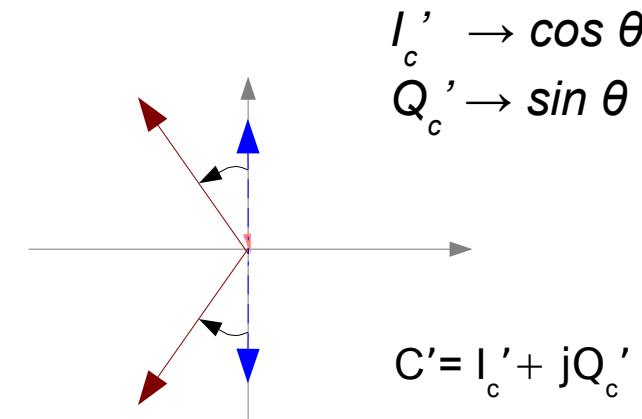
*Rotate until  
accumulated angle is  $\theta$*

*Accumulator View*



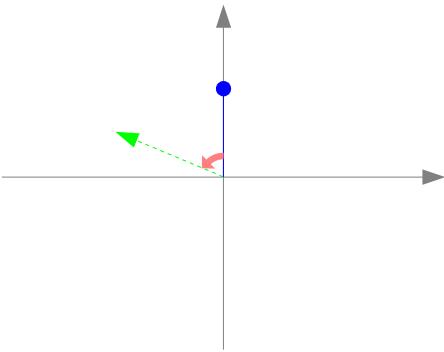
$\theta > +90$

$\theta < -90$

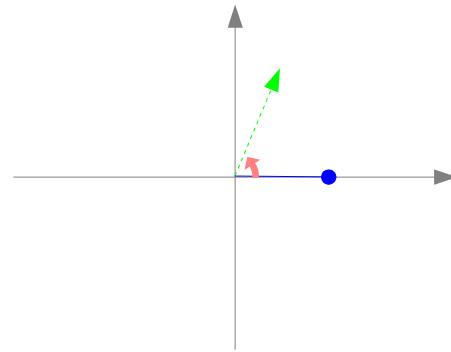


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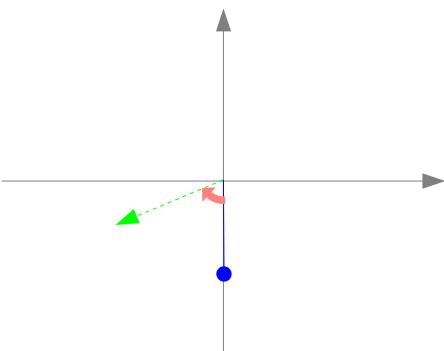
$\Theta > +90$   $\rightarrow$  starting from  $0 + j1$



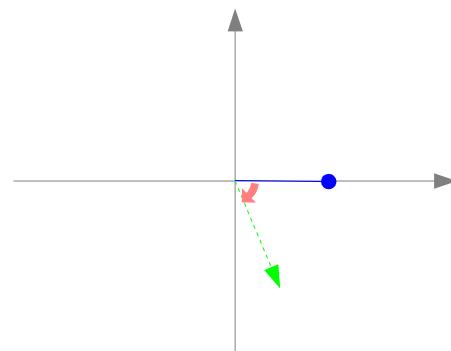
$\Theta < +90$   $\rightarrow$  starting from  $1 + j0$



$\Theta < -90$   $\rightarrow$  starting from  $0 - j1$



$\Theta > -90$   $\rightarrow$  starting from  $1 - j0$



Initialize the accumulate rotation  $\Rightarrow -90, +90, 0$

# Angle Update in Rotation Mode

*In each iteration*

$(\Theta - \text{the accumulated rotation}) < 0$

→ then *add* the next angle

$(\Theta - \text{the accumulated rotation}) > 0$

→ then *subtract* the next angle

*The final*

$I_c$  → cosine

$Q_c$  → sine



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