ECE59500CV Lecture 2: Automatic Differentiation—I

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(Analogous to complex numbers $a + bi$ represented as $\langle a, b\rangle$.)

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$\varepsilon^2 = 0$, but $\varepsilon \neq 0$

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