# Non-self-adjoint Toeplitz matrices with purely real spectrum and related problems 

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## Remark:

It is a very surprising feature of banded Toeplitz matrices that the asymptotic reality of the eigenvalues (claim 1) forces all eigenvalues of all $T_{n}(b)$ to be real (claim 3). Hence, if, for instance, the $2 \times 2$ matrix $T_{2}(b)$ has a non-real eigenvalue, there is no chance for the limiting set $\Lambda(b)$ to be real!

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