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We will see that vectors in  $C^n$  have natural analogs as rank 2 projections in  $R^{2n}$  and that this association transfers many vector properties into properties of rank two projections. We believe that this association will answer many open problems in  $C^n$  where the corresponding problem in  $R^n$  has already been answered - and vice versa. As a application, we will see that phase retrieval in  $C^n$  transfers to a variation of phase retrieval by rank 2 projections on  $R^{2n}$ . As a consequence, we will answer the open problem: Give the complex version of Edidin's Theorem which classifies when projections do phase retrieval in  $R^n$ . As another application we answer a longstanding open problem concerning fusion frames by showing that fusion frames in  $C^n$  associate with fusion frames in  $R^{2n}$  with twice the dimension and the same fusion frame bounds. As another application, we will show that a family of mutually unbiased bases in  $C^n$  has a natural analog as a family of mutually unbiased rank 2 projections in  $R^{2n}$ . We will also show that equiangular tight frames in  $C^n$  have an analog as equiangular tight families of rank 2 projections in  $R^{2n}$ . (Received June 29, 2017)