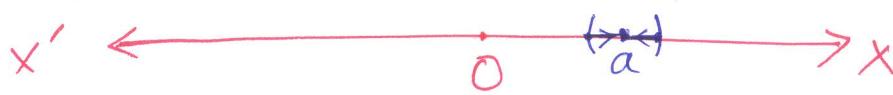


For real valued functions on \mathbb{R} :

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$$y = f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

let $a \in \mathbb{R}$



$$(a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon)$$

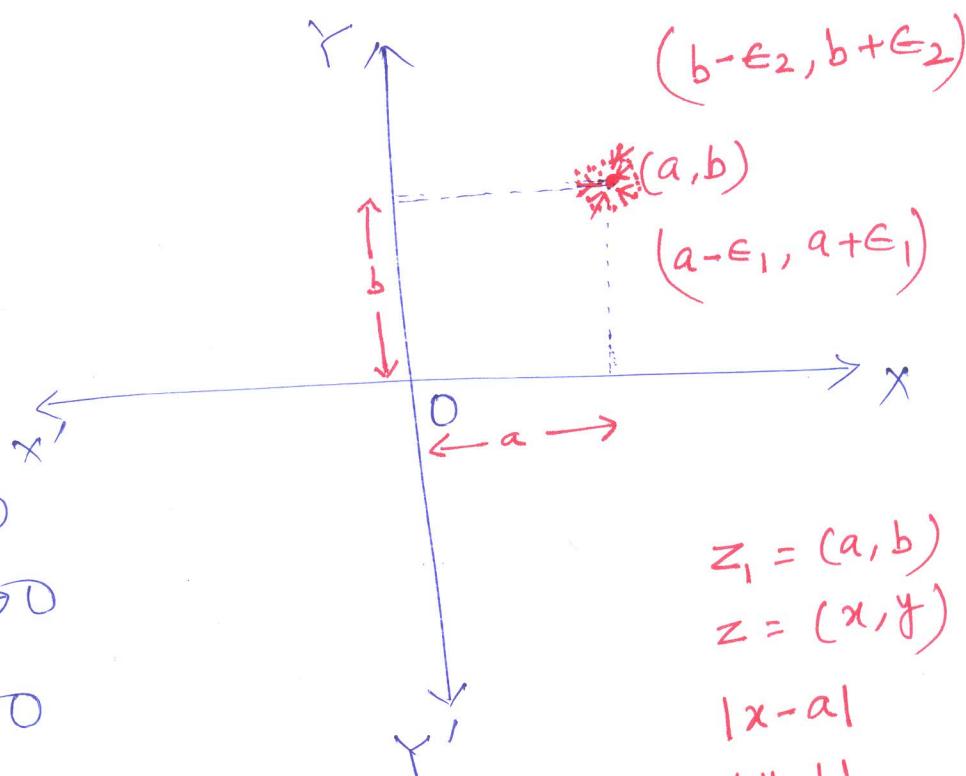
$$[a - \epsilon, a + \epsilon]$$

L.H. limit

R.H. limit

LHD

RHD



$$|x - a| = \delta(a) \rightarrow 0$$

$$|y - b| = \delta(b) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{or } \delta a, \delta b \rightarrow 0$$

$$\delta z_1 = \delta a + i \delta b$$

$$\delta z = \delta x + i \delta y$$

$$z_1 = (a, b)$$

$$z = (x, y)$$

$$|x - a|$$

$$|y - b|$$

$$|z - z_1| < \epsilon ? \quad |z - z_1| \leq \epsilon$$

Ultimately represents a circle.

Neighbourhood of z_1 can consider as a circle or a rectangular region or a square.

Taylor's Theorem:

Let $f(x)$ be a function of x which can be expanded in powers of x and let the expansion be differentiable term by term any number of times. Then

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + h f'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \cdots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a) + \dots$$

[Taylor's Series]

Theorem: If a function $f(x)$ possesses derivative of all orders in the interval $[a, a+h]$, then for every n , however large, there corresponds a Taylor's expansion with Lagrange's form of remainder, namely,

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + h f'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \cdots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(a) + R_n$$

$$\text{where } R_n = \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a+\theta h), \quad 0 < \theta < 1.$$

Let us suppose $R_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + h f'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \cdots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(a) + \dots$$

Taylor's theorem for functions of two variables:

Let $f(x, y)$ be a function of two variables x and y defined on $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$. If $f(x, y)$ has continuous partial derivatives of n th order in some neighbourhood of the point $(a, b) \in D$ and if $(a+h, b+k)$ is any point of this neighbourhood, then there exists some θ in $(0, 1)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(a+h, b+k) &= f(a, b) + \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f(a, b) + \frac{1}{2!} \left(h \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + k \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) f(a, b) \\ &\quad + \cdots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(h \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} + k \frac{\partial^n}{\partial y^n} \right) f(a, b) + \frac{1}{n!} \left(h \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} + k \frac{\partial^n}{\partial y^n} \right) f(a+\theta h, b+\theta k). \end{aligned}$$

Functions of a Complex Variable

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A curve is a particular kind of geometrical configuration. For complex function theory, it is important to consider a curve as having an addition structure, viz. a specific parametric representation.

$x = x(t)$, and $y = y(t)$ in a plane.

$z = z(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$, where $z = x + iy$.

If for each value of the complex variable $z = x + iy$ in a given region D , we have one or more values of $w = u + iv$, then w is said to be a function of z and we write

$$w = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) = f(z)$$

where u, v are real valued functions

of x and y .

Partial Derivatives: (Recalled):

$$z = f(x, y) \quad \text{defined on } D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

We have a point $(a, b) \in D$, then

Limits:

$$(x, y) \xrightarrow{\lim} (a, b) \quad f(x, y) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow a \\ y \rightarrow b}} f(x, y)$$

$$x \xrightarrow{\lim} a \quad y \xrightarrow{\lim} b \quad f(x, y)$$

$$y \xrightarrow{\lim} b \quad x \xrightarrow{\lim} a \quad f(x, y)$$

$$(x, y) \xrightarrow{\lim} (a, b) \quad f(x, y) = f(a, b)$$

(a, b) , a neighbouring point $(a+h, b+k)$, then

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} \right|_{(a, b)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h, b) - f(a, b)}{h}$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} \right|_{(a, b)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a, b+k) - f(a, b)}{k}$$

Homogeneous functions:

$$a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1}y + a_2 x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + a_n y^n.$$

Euler's Theorem on homogeneous functions:

If $u = f(x, y)$ is a homogeneous function of order n in x and y , then $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = nu$.

Total Derivative: $u = f(x, y)$, where $x = \phi(t)$ and $y = \psi(t)$.

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Implicit function: $f(x, y) = c$.

$$0 = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}}$$

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Derivative of $f(z)$:-

Let $w = f(z)$ be a single-valued function of the variable $z = x + iy$. Then the derivative of $w = f(z)$ is defined to be

$$\frac{dw}{dz} = f'(z) : \delta z \xrightarrow{0} \frac{f(z + \delta z) - f(z)}{\delta z}$$

provided the limit exists and has the same value for all the different ways in which δz approaches zero.

Analytic or Holomorphic or Regular Function :-

A single valued function is said to be analytic at a point if it is differentiable everywhere in some neighbourhood of the point.

A function $f(z)$ which is single-valued and possesses a unique derivative with respect to z at all points of a region D , is called an analytic or a regular function of z in that region.

A point at which an analytic function ceases to possess a derivative is called a singular point of the function.

If $f(z)$ is not analytic at a point z_0 , then z_0 is called the singular point of $f(z)$.

The real + imaginary parts of an analytic function are called conjugate functions. The relation between two conjugate functions is given by C-R equations.

Th:- The necessary and sufficient conditions for the derivative of the function $w = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) = f(z)$ to exist for all values of z in a region D , are

(i) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ are continuous functions of x and y in

(ii) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$

The relation (ii) are known as Cauchy-Riemann equations or briefly C-R equations.

Proof:- (a) Condition is Necessary :-

Let δu and δv be the increments of u and v respectively corresponding to the increment δx and δy of x and y ,

so that $\delta z = \delta x + iy$.

If $f(z)$ possesses a unique derivative at $P(z)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= \delta z \xrightarrow{\delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+\delta z) - f(z)}{\delta z} \\ &= \delta z \xrightarrow{\delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{(u+\delta u) + i(v+\delta v) - (u+iv)}{\delta z} \\ &= \delta z \xrightarrow{\delta z \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta z} + i \frac{\delta v}{\delta z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since δz can approach zero in any manner, we can first assume δz to be wholly real and then wholly imaginary. When δz is wholly real, then $\delta y = 0$ and $\delta z = \delta x$

$$\therefore f'(z) = \delta x \xrightarrow{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta x} + i \frac{\delta v}{\delta x} \right) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

When δz is wholly imaginary, then $\delta x = 0$ and $\delta z = idy$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f'(z) &= \delta y \xrightarrow{\delta y \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\delta u}{\delta y} + i \frac{\delta v}{\delta y} \right) = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

Now the existence of $f'(z)$ requires the equality of (1) and (2).

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad \rightarrow (3)$$

Thus the necessary conditions for the existence of the derivative of $f(z)$ is that the C-R equations should be satisfied.

(b) Condition is sufficient :-

Suppose $f(z)$ is a single valued function possessing partial derivatives $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ at each point of the region & that the C-R equations are satisfied.

Then by Taylor's theorem for functions of two variables

$$\begin{aligned} f(z+\delta z) &= u(x+\delta x, y+\delta y) + iv(x+\delta x, y+\delta y) \\ &= u(x, y) + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \delta y \right) + \dots \\ &\quad + i \left[v(x, y) + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \delta x + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \delta y \right) + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(z+\delta z) = f(z) + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \delta x + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \delta y$$

[Omitting terms beyond the first powers of δx & δy)

$$\text{or, } f(z+\delta z) - f(z) = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \delta x + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \delta y$$

Now using the C-R equations, replace $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ by $-\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f(z+\delta z) - f(z) &= \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] \delta x + \left[-\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] \delta y \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] \delta x + \left[i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] i \delta y \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] (\delta x + i \delta y) \\ &= \left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] \delta z \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f'(z) = \delta z \xrightarrow{0} \frac{f(z+\delta z) - f(z)}{\delta z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \text{ or } \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

which by ① or ② proves the sufficiency of conditions.

Note:- 1. Thus, if u and v are real single-valued functions of x and y such that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ are continuous throughout a region R , then the Cauchy-Riemann equations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \longrightarrow ①$$

are both necessary and sufficient conditions for the function $f(z) = u+iv$ to be analytic in R . The derivative of $f(z)$ is then, given by ① or ②.

2. This theorem also restated as

The necessary conditions for $f(z)$ to be analytic :-

St:- The necessary conditions that a function $f(z) = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$ be analytic in a domain D is that in D , u and v satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations i.e. $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$; $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$.

Sufficient Conditions for $f(z)$ to be analytic :-

St:- Let $f(z) = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$ be defined in a domain D . Then $f(z)$ is analytic in D if $u(x,y)$ and $v(x,y)$ have continuous partial derivatives and satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

at all points of the domain D .

Remarks:- In view of Cauchy-Riemann equations the derived function $f'(z)$ can be expressed more concisely as

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u+iv) = -i \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(u+iv)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = -i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}.$$

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}.$$

Derivation: We have

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad \text{so that}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r} = \cos \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}.$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \sin \theta.$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) = -\frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

$$\text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{\cos \theta}{r}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cdot \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cos \theta - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \rightarrow ① \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \sin \theta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \rightarrow ②$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \cos \theta - \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \rightarrow ③$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \sin \theta + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \rightarrow ④$$

Since Cauchy - Riemann equations in cartesian form are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}; \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \rightarrow ⑤$$

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Substituting in these equations from above,
we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \cos\theta - \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\sin\theta}{r} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \sin\theta + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \frac{\cos\theta}{r} \rightarrow (6)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \sin\theta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \frac{\cos\theta}{r} = - \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \cos\theta + \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \frac{\sin\theta}{r} \rightarrow (7)$$

Multiplying (6) by $\cos\theta$ and (7) by $\sin\theta$ and adding,
we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \rightarrow (8)$$

Again multiplying (6) by $\sin\theta$ and (7) by $\cos\theta$
and subtracting, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \rightarrow (9)$$

Thus, the C-R equations in polar form are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}.$$

Note: Differentiating (8) partially w.r.t. r , we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = -\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \theta \partial r} \rightarrow (10)$$

Differentiating (9) partially w.r.t. θ , we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = -r \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r \partial \theta} \rightarrow (11)$$

Hence using (8), (10) and (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \theta \partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{r^2} \left(-r \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r \partial \theta} \right) = 0 \left(\because \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \theta \partial r} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r \partial \theta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

C-R equations:

Cartesian - $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$.

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Polar: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$, $\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$

Simple derivation: If (r, θ) be the coordinate of a point whose cartesian coordinates are (x, y) , then $z = x + iy = re^{i\theta}$

$\therefore u + iv = f(z) = f(re^{i\theta})$, where u and v are now expressed in terms of r and θ .

Differentiating it partially w.r.t. r and θ , we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = f'(re^{i\theta}) \cdot e^{i\theta}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = f'(re^{i\theta}) \cdot rie^{i\theta}$$

$$= ri(f'(re^{i\theta})e^{i\theta}) = ri\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}\right)$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + i r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}}$$

If it is noted that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0 \quad \left(\because \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r \partial \theta} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta \partial r} \right)$$

Ex 1: Show that the function $f(z) = z^n$, where n is a positive integer is an analytic function.

Solⁿ: We have $f'(z) = \lim_{\delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z + \delta z) - f(z)}{\delta z} = \lim_{\delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{(z + \delta z)^n - z^n}{\delta z}$

Now, $f'(z)$ exists provided the above limit exists and is independent of the manner in which δz approaches zero.

$$\therefore f'(z) = \lim_{\delta z \rightarrow 0} [nz^{n-1} + \frac{\delta z}{2} n(n-1)z^{n-2} + \dots + \delta z^{n-1}z]$$
$$= nz^{n-1}.$$

Hence $f'(z)$ exists for all finite values of z .

Applying the above formula for z, z^2, z^3, \dots and we see that a polynomial

$$f(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n$$

is an analytic function of z . Moreover, a rational function

$$f(z) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n}{b_0 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots + b_n z^n}$$

is an analytic function of z throughout any finite domain in the complex plane where the denominator does not vanish.

Remark: 1. A single valued function which is defined and differentiable at each point of a domain D is said to be analytic in that domain.

A function is said to be analytic at a point if its derivative exists not only at that point but in some neighbourhood of that point.

2. The term **Holomorphic function** is also used to denote analyticity in a domain.

3. If a function is analytic at some point in every neighbourhood of a point z_0 except at z_0 itself, then the point z_0 is called an **isolated singularity** of $f(z)$. A function is said to have a removable singularity at a point z_0 of the domain of definition of the function if the function is not analytic at z_0 but can be made analytic by merely assigning a suitable value to the function at the point.

4. Real and imaginary parts of an analytic function satisfy Laplace's equation.

Proof: Let the function $f(z) = u + iv$ be analytic in some domain D . Then by Cauchy-Riemann equations given $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$.

Now, assume that the second order partial derivatives of u and v exist and are continuous functions of x and y (it is proved that when f is analytic, the partial derivatives of u and v of all orders exist and are continuous functions of x and y). We, then have $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y}$, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x}$ so that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$. Similarly, $\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0$.

Harmonic function:

Any function of x, y which has continuous partial derivatives of the first and second orders and satisfies Laplace's equation is called a Harmonic function.

If $f(z) = u + iv$ be analytic, then u, v both are harmonic functions since they satisfy Laplace's equation. In such a case, u and v are called conjugate harmonic function or simply conjugate functions.

5. If harmonic functions u and v satisfy Cauchy-Riemann equations, then $u + iv$ is an analytic function.

Orthogonal System:

Two family of curves $u(x, y) = c_1$ and $v(x, y) = c_2$ are said to form an orthogonal system if they intersect at right angles at each of their point of intersection.

Diff. $u(x, y) = c_1$, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = - \frac{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}} = m_1 \text{ (say).}$$

Similarly from $v(x, y) = c_2$, we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}} = m_2, \text{ say.}$$

Now, the two families of curves will intersect orthogonally if $m_1 m_2 = -1$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0.$$

Example: If $w = f(z) = u + iv$ be an analytic function of $z = x+iy$, show that the curves $u = \text{const.}$, $v = \text{const.}$ represented on the z -plane intersect at right angles.

Soln:- If $f(z) = u + iv$ is regular function of z , then functions u and v satisfy Cauchy-Riemann equations $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$.

Multiplying these, we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

which is the condition that the curve $u = \text{const.}$ and $v = \text{const.}$ intersect at right angles as shown above.

Note:- Hence if $f(z)$ is regular function of z , then the curves

$$u = R[f(z)] = \text{const.}$$

$$\text{and } v = I[f(z)] = \text{const.}$$

form an orthogonal system i.e. they intersect at right angles.

Ex:- Show that a harmonic function satisfies the formal differential equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z \partial \bar{z}} = 0$.

Soln:- If u is a harmonic function, then

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

$$\text{Now, } x = \frac{1}{2}(z+\bar{z}), \quad y = \frac{1}{2i}(z-\bar{z})$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{2i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z \partial \bar{z}} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{2i} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} \cdot \frac{1}{2i} - \frac{1}{2i} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2i} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right) = 0 \quad (\because u \text{ is harmonic}). \end{aligned}$$

Method of constructing a regular function:

(Milne-Thomson's Method):

Since $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ and $x = \frac{1}{2}(z+\bar{z})$, $y = \frac{1}{2i}(z-\bar{z})$, we may write $f(z) = u\left[\frac{1}{2}(z+\bar{z}), \frac{1}{2i}(z-\bar{z})\right] + iv\left[\frac{1}{2}(z+\bar{z}), \frac{1}{2i}(z-\bar{z})\right]$. We may regard ① as a formal identity in two independent variables ① z, \bar{z} . On putting $\bar{z} = z$, we get $f(z) = u(z, 0) + iv(z, 0)$.

$$\text{Now, } f'(z) = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = u_x - iv_x = u_x - iu_y \quad (\text{by C-R equations}).$$

$$\text{Let } u_x = \phi_1(x, y), \quad u_y = \phi_2(x, y); \text{ then}$$

$$f'(z) = \phi_1(x, y) - i\phi_2(x, y) = \phi_1(z, 0) - i\phi_2(z, 0).$$

Integrating, we get $f(z) = \int \phi_1(z, 0) dz - i \int \phi_2(z, 0) dz + C$. Similarly, if ② $v(x, y)$ be given, we have where C is arbitrary constant.

$$f(z) = \int [\psi_1(z, 0) + i\psi_2(z, 0)] dz + C' \quad \text{where } v_y = \psi_1(x, y) \text{ and } v_x = \psi_2(x, y).$$

Application of Cauchy-Riemann equations to find harmonic conjugate:

Theorem: If $f(z) = u + iv$ is an analytic function, where both $u(x,y)$ and $v(x,y)$ are conjugate functions, given one of these, say $u(x,y)$ to find the other $v(x,y)$.

Proof: Since v is a function of two real variables x and y , therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} dv &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy \\ &= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy \quad (\text{By C-R equations}) \end{aligned}$$

The R.H.S. of this equation is of the form $Mdx + Ndy$.

where $M = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ and $N = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$.

Therefore $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(-\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$

and $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

Now, since u is harmonic function, therefore it satisfies Laplace's equation, i.e.

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}.$$

Thus $-\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy$ satisfies exact differential equation. Therefore

$$dv = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy$$

can be integrated and we can get $v(x,y)$.

If $f(z) = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$ is analytic, then v is called a harmonic conjugate of u . Since if $f = i(u+iv) = -v+iu$ is analytic whenever f is analytic, we have the anti-symmetric property that v is a harmonic conjugate of u if and only if u is a harmonic conjugate of $-v$.

Ex:- Show that $u(x,y) = e^{-x} [x \sin y - y \cos y]$ is harmonic and find its harmonic conjugate $v(x,y)$ such that $f(z) = u+iv$ is analytic.

Soln:- We have $u(x,y) = e^{-x} [x \sin y - y \cos y] \rightarrow (1)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^{-x} \sin y - x e^{-x} \sin y + y e^{-x} \cos y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -e^{-x} \sin y + x e^{-x} \sin y - y e^{-x} \cos y$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x e^{-x} \cos y - e^{-x} \cos y + y e^{-x} \sin y$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -x e^{-x} \sin y + 2 e^{-x} \sin y + y e^{-x} \cos y$$

Thus we get $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$. So that $u(x,y)$ is harmonic.

From Cauchy - Riemann equations

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^{-x} \sin y - x e^{-x} \sin y + y e^{-x} \cos y \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -x e^{-x} \cos y + e^{-x} \cos y - y e^{-x} \sin y \rightarrow (3)$$

Integrating (2) w.r.t. y , treating x as constant, we get

$$v(x,y) = y e^{-x} \sin y + x e^{-x} \cos y + g(x) \rightarrow (4)$$

where $g(x)$ is an arbitrary real function

of x . From (3) and (4), we obtain

$$-\cancel{y e^{-x} \sin y} + \cancel{e^{-x} \cos y} - \cancel{x e^{-x} \cos y} + g'(x) = \cancel{e^{-x} \cos y} - \cancel{x e^{-x} \cos y} - \cancel{y e^{-x} \sin y}$$

$$\therefore g'(x) = 0$$

So that $g(x) = c$ (an arbitrary real constant)

Hence from (4), we have

$$v(x,y) = e^{-x} (y \sin y + x \cos y) + c.$$

This is the required harmonic conjugate of $u(x,y)$.



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Example: If $u(x,y) = e^x(x\cos y - y\sin y)$, find the analytic function $U+iv$.

Soln:- We have

$$u(x,y) = e^x(x\cos y - y\sin y) \quad \rightarrow ①$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x(x\cos y - y\sin y) + e^x(\cos y) \\ = xe^x\cos y - ye^x\sin y + e^x\cos y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = e^x\cos y + xe^x\cos y - ye^x\sin y + e^x\cos y$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = e^x(-x\sin y - \sin y - y\cos y) \\ = -xe^x\sin y - e^x\sin y - ye^x\cos y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -xe^x\cos y - e^x\cos y + ye^x\sin y - e^x\cos y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \cancel{e^x\cos y + xe^x\cos y - ye^x\sin y + e^x\cos y} \\ - \cancel{xe^x\cos y - e^x\cos y + ye^x\sin y - e^x\cos y} = 0$$

Therefore, $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$. So that $u(x,y)$ is harmonic.

$$\text{Now, } dv = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy \\ = e^x(x\sin y + \sin y + y\cos y)dx + e^x(x\cos y - y\sin y + \cos y)dy$$

$$\therefore v = \int_y \text{const. } e^x(x\sin y + \sin y + y\cos y)dx + \int(\text{those terms which do not contain } x)dy + C$$

$$= (x\sin y + \sin y + y\cos y)e^x - e^x\sin y + C$$

$$= e^x(x\sin y + y\cos y) + C, \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant.}$$

$$\therefore f(z) = u+iv = e^x[x\cos y - y\sin y + ix\sin y - iy\cos y] + Ci$$

$$= e^x(x+iy)(\cos y + i\sin y) + Ci$$

$$= e^{x+iy} \cdot (x+iy) + Ci = z e^z + Ci. \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

Second method: $v = xe^x\sin y + ye^x\cos y - \cancel{e^x\sin y} - \cancel{e^x\cos y} + e^x\sin y + C$

$$= xe^x\sin y + ye^x\cos y + C \underline{\text{Ans}} \quad (\text{by Diff. } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \text{ w.r.t. } y)$$