



# Real and Complex Analysis

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## Definition 1.1 (Exponential Function)

Exponential function is defined, for every complex number  $z$ , by the formula

$$\exp(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}. \quad (1.1)$$

We define the number  $e$  to be  $\exp(1)$ , and shall usually replace  $\exp(z)$  by the customary shorter expression  $e^z$ . Note that  $e^0 = \exp(0) = 1$ , by (1.1).



## Property

(a) The series (1.1) converges absolutely for every  $z$  and converges uniformly on every bounded subset of the complex plane. Thus  $\exp$  is a continuous function.

(b) For all complex numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , we have

$$\exp(a) \exp(b) = \exp(a + b). \quad (1.2)$$

**Proof** (a) is obvious. Next proof (b).

The absolute convergence of (1.1) and Cauchy's theorem shows that computation

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(a) \exp(b) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^k}{k!} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{b^m}{m!} \xrightarrow{\text{Add them in square order}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^k b^m}{k! m!} \\ &\xrightarrow[\text{Add them up in diagonal order}]{\text{Cauchy's theorem (华师大数分下册 P20)}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{m+k=n \\ m, k \in \mathbb{N}}} \frac{a^k b^m}{k! m!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a^k b^{n-k}}{k! (n-k)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n! a^k b^{n-k}}{k! (n-k)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n C_n^k a^k b^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a+b)^n}{n!} = \exp(a+b). \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem 1.1 (The conclusions of exponential function)

(a) For every complex  $z$  we have  $e^z \neq 0$ .

(b)  $\exp$  is its own derivative:  $\exp'(z) = \exp(z)$ .

(c) The restriction of  $\exp$  to the real axis is a monotonically increasing positive function, and

$$e^x \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty, \quad e^x \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow -\infty.$$

(d) There exists a positive number  $\pi$  such that  $e^{\frac{\pi}{2}i} = i$  and such that  $e^z = 1$  if and only if  $z/(2\pi i)$  is an integer.

(e)  $\exp$  is a periodic function, with period  $2\pi i$ .

(f) The mapping  $t \rightarrow e^{iz}$  maps the real axis onto unit circle.

(g) If  $w$  is a complex number and  $w \neq 0$ , then  $w = e^z$  for some  $z$ .



## Proof