

EXERCISE 2.6.1

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Exercise 1 (2.6.1). *At which points are the following function f differentiable?*

- $f(z) = x$.

Proof. For a complex variable $z = x + yi$, $f(x + yi) = x + 0i$. Define $g(x, y) = (x, 0)$. Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So f is nowhere differentiable. □

- $f(z) = \bar{z}$.

Proof. For a complex number $z = x + iy$, $f(x + iy) = x - iy$. Define $g(x, y) = (x, -y)$, then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

So f is nowhere differentiable. □

- $f(z) = \bar{z}^2$.

Proof. For a complex number $z = x + yi$, $f(z) = (x - yi)^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + (-2xy)i$. Define $g(x, y) = (x^2 - y^2, -2xy)$. Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2x & -2y \\ -2y & -2x \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let f is differentiable at $(0, 0)$. □

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