

Topics: Limit, Continuity, Differentiability.

Definition: Let $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be defined around a point z_0 (not necessarily at z_0) in \mathbb{C} . We say that the limit of $f(z)$ at z_0 exists and equal to number $\ell \in \mathbb{C}$, denoted by

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = \ell$$

if for each ϵ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $|f(z) - \ell| < \epsilon$ whenever $|z - z_0| < \delta$.

1. Use $\epsilon - \delta$ definition to show that $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \alpha = \alpha$ and $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} z = z_0$. (Here $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ is a given constant.)

2. By producing two paths, show that limit of the following functions at a given point z_0 do not exists.

(a) $f(z) = \left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)^2$ at $z_0 = 0$

(b) $f(z) = z^{1/2}$ at $z_0 = -1$. Here $f(z)$ is taken to be the principal branch.

3. Let $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f_1(z) = \ell_1$ and $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f_2(z) = \ell_2$. Then prove (by using $\epsilon - \delta$ definition) any two of the following facts:

(a) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (f_1(z) + f_2(z)) = \ell_1 + \ell_2$.

(b) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (f_1(z) \cdot f_2(z)) = \ell_1 \cdot \ell_2$.

(c) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left(\frac{f_1(z)}{f_2(z)}\right) = \frac{\ell_1}{\ell_2}$ provided $\ell_2 \neq 0$.

(d) For a given $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (\alpha \cdot f_1(z)) = \alpha \cdot \ell_1$.

(e) Suppose $f(z) = u(x, y) + \iota v(x, y)$ for $z = x + \iota y \in \mathbb{C}$. Then at $z_0 = x_0 + \iota y_0$ in \mathbb{C}

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = a + \iota b \iff \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} u(x, y) = a \quad \& \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} v(x, y) = b.$$

4. Define the continuity of $f(z)$ at a point z_0 . Use the above facts to prove the following:

(a) All polynomials are continuous on entire complex plane \mathbb{C} .

(b) All rational functions $R(z) = \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}$ are continuous on whole complex plane except where $g(z) = 0$.