

Complex Analysis

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Chapter 1

Complex Numbers and Functions

1.1 Complex Numbers

1.2 Complex Valued Functions

Definition. We define a **complex valued function** to be a function $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, where $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. Writing $f(z) = f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, where $u : U_1 \times U_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $v : V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are real valued functions (with U_1, U_2, V_1, V_2 open in \mathbb{R}), we define the **real part** of f to be $\operatorname{Re} f = u(x, y)$, and the **imaginary part** of f to be $\operatorname{Im} f = v(x, y)$.

Remark. It should be noted that the domain of a complex valued function f depends on the domain of its real and imaginary parts, and vice versa.

Example 1.1. (1) The real and imaginary parts of the complex valued function $f(z) = x^3y + i \sin(x + y)$ to be $u(x, y) = x^3y$ and $v(x, y) = \sin(x + y)$, respectively.

(2) Consider the complex valued function $f(z) = z^n$, for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Writing $z = re^{i\theta}$, we get $f(z) = r^n \cos n\theta + ir^n \sin n\theta$. The real part of f is then $u(x, y) = r^n \cos n\theta$, and the imaginary part of f to be $v(x, y) = r^n \sin n\theta$.

Let $\overline{B^1} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$ the closed unit ball. Notice if $z \in \overline{B^1}$, then $|z^n| = |z|^n \leq 1^n = 1$, so that $z^n \in \overline{B^1}$, and hence $f(\overline{B^1}) = \overline{B^1}$.

Definition. We call the solutions to the polynomial $z^n - 1$ over \mathbb{C} the complex **n -th roots of unity**.

Theorem 1.2.1. Let ξ be a complex n -th root of unity. Then $\xi = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{n}}$.

Corollary. If ξ is an n -th root of unity, then so is ξ^k for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$.

1.3 Complex Differentiation and Holomorphic Functions

Definition. Let U be an open set of \mathbb{C} , and let $w \in U$. We call a complex valued function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ **complex differentiable** at w if the limit

$$f'(w) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(w+h) - f(w)}{h} = \lim_{z \rightarrow w} \frac{f(z) - f(w)}{z - w}$$

exists. We call $f'(w)$ the **complex derivative** of f at w .

Theorem 1.3.1. Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be complex valued functions. If f and g are complex differentiable at a point $z \in U$, then following are true

(1) $f + g$ is complex differentiable at z , with

$$(f + g)'(z) = f'(z) + g'(z)$$

(2) $(fg)'$ is complex differentiable at z , with

$$(fg)'(z) = f'(z)g(z) + f(z)g'(z)$$

Corollary. The function $\frac{f}{g}$ is complex differentiable at z , provided $g(z) \neq 0$, with

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(z) = \frac{g(z)f'(z) - f(z)g'(z)}{(g(z))^2}$$

Example 1.2. For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, the function $f(z) = z^n$ is complex differentiable on all of \mathbb{C} , with $f'(z) = nz^{n-1}$. In fact, z^n is what we call a “holomorphic” function.

Theorem 1.3.2 (The Chain Rule). Let U and V be open sets of \mathbb{C} , and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, and $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be complex valued functions, with $f(U) \subseteq V$. If f is complex differentiable at a point $z \in U$, and g is complex differentiable at the point $f(z) \in f(U)$, then $g \circ f$ is complex differentiable at z with

$$(g \circ f)'(z) = (g' \circ f)(z)f'(z) = g'(f(z))f'(z)$$

Definition. We call a complex valued function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ **holomorphic** on U if it is complex differentiable at every point of U .

Remark. It is convention to simply say that f is “holomorphic” when it is holomorphic on all of \mathbb{C} .

Definition. Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a complex valued function with $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$. We define the **vector field** of f to be the map $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$F(x, y) = (u(x, y), v(x, y))$$

Where U and V are open in \mathbb{R} .

Theorem 1.3.3. *If f is holomorphic on its domain, then F is real differentiable on its domain (resepctively to the domain of f) and has derivative*

$$\text{Jac } F = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Where $\text{Jac } F$ is the Jacobian of F .

Corollory. $f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - i\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$, and the we have the following of equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.3.4. *If $u : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $v : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuously real differentiable realvalued functions satisfying the equations*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then the function $f(z)u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is holomorphic on its domain.

Definition. Let $u : U_1 \times U_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $v : V_1 \times V_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuously real differentiable real valued functions. We define the **Cauchy-Riemann equations** to be the set of equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Chapter 2

Power Series

2.1 Formal Power Series

Definition. Let F be a field, we define the set $F[[x]]$ of all series of the form

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \text{ where } a_0, \dots, a_n, \dots \in F$$

the set of **formal power series** over F . We call the elements of $F[[x]]$ **formal power series**.

Definition. Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ a formal power series over a field F . We define the **order** of f to be the smallest integer n for which $a_n \neq 0$, and write $\text{ord } f = n$. We call the term a_0 of f the **constant term** of f .

Lemma 2.1.1. Let F be a field, and define the operations $+$ and \cdot on F by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) + g(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \text{ where } c_n = a_n + b_n \\ f(x)g(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n x^n \text{ where } d_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

Where $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ and $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$ are formal power series over F . Then $F[[x]]$ forms a commutative ring under $+$ and \cdot .

Corollary. Define the action $F \times F[[x]] \rightarrow F[[x]]$ by

$$\alpha f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\alpha a_n) x^n$$

Then $F[[x]]$ is an F -module under this action.

Lemma 2.1.2. Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ and $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$ be formal power series over a field F . Then $\text{ord } fg = \text{ord } f + \text{ord } g$.

Definition. Let $f \in F[[x]]$ be a formal power series over a field F . We say that a formal power series $g \in F[[x]]$ is an **inverse** of f if $fg = 1$.

Lemma 2.1.3. If $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ is a formal power series over a field F , with nonzero constant term, then there exists an inverse of f .

Proof. Consider the series $a_0^{-1}f(x)$ instead of f . Recall also that the geometric series

$$\frac{1}{1-r} = 1 + r + r^2 + \dots$$

is a formal power series in r over F . Then $(1-r)(1+r+r^2+\dots) = 1$. Now, let $f(x) = 1-h(x)$, where $h(x) = -(a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots)$ and consider $\phi(h) = 1 + h + h^2 + \dots$. Observe that $\text{ord } h^n \geq n$ since $h^n = (-1)^n a_1^n x^n + \dots$. Thus, if $m > n$, then h^m has all coefficients of order less than n equal to 0, and the n -th coefficient of ϕ is the n -th coefficient of the sum

$$1 + h + h^2 + \dots + h^n$$

Then, we get by the above geometric series that

$$(1 - h(x))\phi(h) = (1 - h(x))(1 + h + h^2 + \dots) = 1 + \dots = 1$$

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Example 2.1. Let $\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$. By lemma 2.1.3, since $\cos x$ has nonzero constant term, it has an inverse $g(x) = \frac{1}{\cos x}$. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots} &= 1 + \left(\frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots\right) + \left(\frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots\right)^2 + \dots \\ &= 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^4}{(2!)^2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \left(-\frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{4}\right)x^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Which gives coefficients of $g(x)$ up to order 4.

Definition. Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ a power series over a field F , and let $h(x) = c_1x + \dots$ a power series of order greater than 1. We define the **substitute** of h in f to be the power series

$$f \circ h(x) = a_0 + a_1h(x) + a_2h(x)^2 + \dots$$

Definition. Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ and $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n$ be power series over a field F . We call f **congruent** to g **modulo** x^n if $a_k = b_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$. That is, f and g have the same coefficients of terms of order up to $n-1$. We write $f \equiv g \pmod{x^n}$.

Lemma 2.1.4. Congruence of power series modulo x^n defines an equivalence relation.

Lemma 2.1.5. *If $f_1 \equiv f_2 \pmod{x^n}$ and $g_1 \equiv g_2 \pmod{x^n}$, then $f_1 + g_1 \equiv f_2 + g_2 \pmod{x^n}$ and $f_1 g_1 \equiv f_2 g_2 \pmod{x^n}$. Moreover, if h_1 and h_2 are formal power series with zero constant term, and $h_1 \equiv h_2 \pmod{x^n}$, then $f_1 \circ h_1 \equiv f_1 \circ h_2 \pmod{x^n}$.*

Proof. We prove for substitutions of h_1 in f_1 only. Let p_1 and p_2 polynomials of degree $\deg = n - 1$ such that $f_1 \equiv p_1(x) \pmod{x^n}$ and $f_2 \equiv p_2(x) \pmod{x^n}$. By hypothesis, we get $p_1 \equiv p_2 \pmod{x^n}$, and since $\deg p_1, \deg p_2 = n - 1$, this makes $p_1 = p_2$. Then $f_1 \circ h \equiv p_1 \circ h = p_2 \circ h \equiv f_2 \circ h$. Now, let $q(x)$ the polynomial of degree $n - 1$ such that $h_1 \equiv h_2 \equiv q(x) \pmod{x^n}$. Writing $p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$. Then we get $p_1 \circ h_1 \equiv p_2 \circ h_2 \pmod{x^n}$ and we are done. ■

Corollary. *Two power series f and g are equal if, and only if $f \equiv g \pmod{x^n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.*

Corollary. *$(f_1 + f_2) \circ h = (f_1 \circ h) + (f_2 \circ h)$, and $(f_1 f_2) \circ h = (f_1 \circ h)(f_2 \circ h)$. That is, composition of power series distributes over the addition and multiplication of power series.*

Corollary. *Provided that $\text{ord } f_2 = 0$, then*

$$\left(\frac{f_1}{f_2}\right) \circ h = \frac{f_1 \circ h}{f_2 \circ h}$$

Example 2.2. Consider the power series for $\frac{1}{\sin x}$. We have by definition that

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots = x\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!}\right)$$

so that

$$\frac{1}{\sin x} = \frac{1}{x\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!}\right)} = \frac{1}{x}\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{3!} - \frac{x^4}{5!} + \left(\frac{x^2}{3!}\right)^2 + \dots\right) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{3!} + \left(\frac{1}{(3!)^2} - \frac{1}{5!}\right)x^3 + \dots$$

2.2 Convergent Power Series

For the remainder of this chapter, we consider only formal power series in $\mathbb{C}[[z]]$.

Definition. Let $\{z_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ a sequence of complex numbers, and consider the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_n$. We define the **n -th partial sum** to be

$$s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k$$

and we say that the series **converges** if there exists a $w \in \mathbb{C}$ for which $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{s_n\} = w$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. We call w the **sum** of the series.

Lemma 2.2.1. *Let $A = \sum \alpha_n$ and $B = \sum n$ be convergent series with n -th partial sums s_n and t_n . Then the sum and product of A and B converge, with*

$$A + B = \sum (\alpha_n + t_n) \text{ and } AB = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{s_n t_n\}$$

Definition. Let $\sum \alpha_n$ a series of complex numbers. We say that $\sum \alpha_n$ **converges absolutely** if the series of real numbers $\sum |\alpha_n|$ converges.

Lemma 2.2.2. *If $\sum \alpha_n$ is a series of complex numbers which converges absolutely, then it converges.*

Proof. Let $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k$, then for $m \leq n$, notice that $s_n - s_m = \alpha_{m+1} + \cdots + \alpha_n$, hence $|s_n - s_m| \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^n |\alpha_k|$. By absolute convergence, let $\varepsilon > 0$ then there exists an $N > 0$ such that $\sum |\alpha_k| < \varepsilon$ whenever $m, n \geq N$. Thus $|s_n - s_m| < \varepsilon$ which makes $\sum \alpha_n$ converge. ■

Lemma 2.2.3. *Let $\sum c_n$ be a convergent series of real numbers greater than 0. If $\{\alpha_n\}$ is a sequence of complex numbers such that $|\alpha_n| < c_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then $\sum \alpha_n$ converges absolutely.*

Proof. Notice that the partial sums $\sum_{k=1}^n c_k$ are bounded, hence $\sum |\alpha_n| \leq \sum c_k$. ■

Lemma 2.2.4. *Let $\{\alpha_n\}$ a sequence of complex numbers. Then the following are true*

- (1) *If $\sum \alpha_n$ is absolutely convergent, then the series obtained by permuting terms is absolutely convergent, with the same limit.*
- (2) *If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sum_{m=1}^n \alpha_{mn})$ is absolutely convergent, then so is the series $\sum_{m=1}^n (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{mn})$, and they converge to the same limit.*

Definition. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, and let f be a bounded complex valued function on S . We define the **sup norm** of f on S to be

$$\|f\|_S = \sup_{z \in S} \{|f(z)|\}$$

Lemma 2.2.5. *Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. The sup norm of a complex valued function on S defines a metric on \mathbb{C} .*

Definition. Let $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+}$ a sequence of complex valued functions on a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. We say that the $\{f_n\}$ **converges uniformly** on S if there exists a bounded complex valued function f on S such that for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an $N > 0$ for which

$$\|f_n - f\|_S < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } n \geq N$$

We call $\{f_n\}$ **Cauchy** if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an $N > 0$ for which

$$\|f_n - f_m\|_S < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } n, m \geq N$$

Theorem 2.2.6. *Let $\{f_n\}$ be a sequence of complex valued functions on a set $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. If $\{f_n\}$ is Cauchy, then it converges uniformly.*

Proof. We have for all $z \in S$, take $f(z) = \lim f_n(z)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then for $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an $N > 0$ for which $|f_n(z) - f_m(z)| < \varepsilon$ for all $z \in S$ and $m, n \geq N$. Now, for $n \geq N$, take $m(n) \geq N$ large enough so that $|f(z) - f_{m(n)}(z)| < \varepsilon$. Then we get that

$$|f(z) - f_n(z)| \leq |f(z) - f_{m(n)}(z)| + |f_{m(n)}(z) - f_n(z)| < \varepsilon + \|f_{m(n)} - f_n\| < 2\varepsilon$$

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Corollary. If $\{f_n\}$ is bounded for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then so is f .

Definition. We say a series of complex valued functions on a domain $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, $\sum f_n$ **converges uniformly** if the sequence $\{s_n\}$ of n -th partial sums converges uniformly. We say that $\sum f_n$ **converges absolutely** if for all $z \in S$, $\sum |f_n(z)|$ converges.

Theorem 2.2.7 (The Comparison Test). Let $\{c_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers greater than 0 such that $\sum c_n$ converges. Let $\{f_n\}$ a sequence of complex valued functions on a domain $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ such that $\|f_n\|_S \leq c_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then the series $\sum f_n$ converges uniformly, and converges absolutely.

Proof. Let $m \leq n$. Then $\|s_n - s_m\| \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^n \|f_k\|_S \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^n c_k$. Since $\sum c_k$ converges, the uniform and absolute convergence of $\sum f_n$ follows. ■

Theorem 2.2.8. Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ and $\{f_n\}$ a sequence of continuous complex valued functions on S . If $\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly to a complex valued function f on S , then f is also continuous.

Proof. let $\alpha \in S$ and n be large enough such that $\|f - f_n\|_S < \varepsilon$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$. By the continuity of f_n at α , choose $\delta > 0$ such that $|f_n(z) - f_n(\alpha)| < \varepsilon$ whenever $|z - \alpha| < \delta$. Then observe that $|f(z) - f(\alpha)| \leq |f(z) - f_n(z)| + |f_n(z) - f_n(\alpha)| + |f_n(\alpha) - f(\alpha)| < 2\varepsilon + \varepsilon = 3\varepsilon$ ■

Theorem 2.2.9. Let $\{a_n\}$ a sequence of complex numbers, and let $r > 0$ such that $\sum |a_n| r^n$ converges. Then the power series $\sum a_n z^n$ converges absolutely and converges uniformly whenever $|z| \leq r$.

Example 2.3. (1) Let $r > 0$ and consider the series

$$\exp z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

Then $\exp z$ converges absolutely and uniformly whenever $|z| \leq r$. Indeed, let $c_n = \frac{r^n}{n!}$, then

$$\frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} = \frac{r}{n+1}$$

Taking $n \geq 2r$, notice that $\frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ so that $c_{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{2}c_n$ for n large enough. Therefore there exists an n_0 such that

$$c_n \leq \frac{C}{2^{n-n_0}} \text{ for some constant } C$$

whenever $n \geq n_0$. Comparing this with the geometric series, we get absolute and uniform convergence as was required. Moreover, notice that the series $\exp z$ defines a continuous function on all of \mathbb{C} .

- (2) Take the series $S(z) = \sum (-1)^n \frac{2^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$ and $C(z) = \sum (-1)^n \frac{2^{2n}}{(2n)!}$. Both $S(z)$ and $C(z)$ converge absolutely and uniformly for all $|z| \leq r$. Moreover, they define continuous functions on all of \mathbb{C} .

Theorem 2.2.10. *Let $\sum a_n z^n$ a power series. If it does not converge absolutely for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$, then there exists a real number $r > 0$ such that $a_n z^n$ converges absolutely whenever $|z| \leq r$.*

Proof. Suppose that $\sum a_n z^n$ does not converge absolutely for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Let $r = \sup_{s \geq 0} \{s\}$ where $\sum a_n s^n$ converges. Then notice that $\sum |a_n| |z|^n$ diverges whenever $|z| > r$ and converges when $|z| < r$, by the comparison test. ■

Definition. The **radius of convergence** of a power series $\sum a_n z^n$ is a number $r > 0$ for which the series converges absolutely whenever $|z| < r$, and diverges whenever $|z| > r$. $\sum a_n z^n$ converges absolutely for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$, then we write $r = \infty$. We call $\sum a_n z^n$ a **convergent power series** if $r \neq 0$, and we say that it **converges** on an open ball $B(0, r)$.

Theorem 2.2.11. *Let $\sum a_n z^n$ a convergent power series with radius of convergence r . Then*

$$\frac{1}{r} = \limsup \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$$

If $r = 0$, then the sequence of points $\{\sqrt[n]{|a_n|}\}$ is not bounded.

Proof. Let $t = \limsup \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$, suppose first that $t \neq 0$ and that $t \neq \infty$. Given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a finite number of points $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ for which $\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \geq t + \varepsilon$. Thus, for all but finitely many n , we get $|a_n| < (t + \varepsilon)^n$, and $\sum a_n z^n$ converges if $|z| < \frac{1}{t + \varepsilon}$. By comparison with the geometric series, we conclude that $r \geq \frac{1}{t + \varepsilon}$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$; that is

$$r \geq \frac{1}{t}$$

Conversely, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exist infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $\sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \geq t - \varepsilon$, and hence $|a_n| \geq (t - \varepsilon)^n$. So we get that $\sum a_n z^n$ does not converge if $r = \frac{1}{t - \varepsilon}$, and its radius of convergence satisfies $r \leq \frac{1}{t - \varepsilon}$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$. That is

$$r \leq \frac{1}{t}$$

and equality is established. ■

Corollary. *If $\lim \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = t$ exists, then $r = \frac{1}{t}$.*

Corollary. *If $\sum a_n z^n$ has radius of convergence $r > 0$, then there exists a $C > 0$ such that if $A > \frac{1}{r}$, then $|a_n| \leq CA^n$ for all n .*

Example 2.4. (1) The radius of convergence of the series $\sum n! z^n$ is $r = 0$, since $\sqrt[n]{n!}$ is unbounded as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

(2) The radius of convergence for the series $\exp z = \sum \frac{z^n}{n!}$ is $r = \infty$, as $\sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n!}} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. That is, the series $\exp z$ converges on all of \mathbb{C} .

(3) The radius of convergence of $\sum \frac{n!}{n^n} z^n$ is $r = e$, where e is Euler's constant. Observe that $\lim \frac{n!}{n^n} = \frac{1}{e}$.

Theorem 2.2.12 (The Ratio Test). *If $\{a_n\}$ is a sequence of positive real numbers, for which $\lim \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = A$ exists, then $\lim \sqrt[n]{a_n} = A$.*

Proof. Suppose that $A > 0$, given $\varepsilon > 0$, take n_0 such that $A - \varepsilon \leq \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \leq A + \varepsilon$, for all $n \geq n_0$. Without loss of generality, suppose that $\varepsilon < A$, so that $A - \varepsilon > 0$. Then

$$a_n = a_1 \prod_{k=1}^{n_0-1} \frac{a_k + 1}{a_k} \prod_{k=n_0}^n \frac{a_k + 1}{a_k}$$

By induction, there exists constants $C_1(\varepsilon)$ and $C_2(\varepsilon)$ such that

$$C_1(\varepsilon)(A - \varepsilon)^{n-n_0} \leq a_n \leq C_2(\varepsilon)(A + \varepsilon)^{n-n_0}$$

Put $C'_1(\varepsilon) = C_1(\varepsilon)(A - \varepsilon)^{-n_0}$ and $C'_2(\varepsilon) = C_2(\varepsilon)(A + \varepsilon)^{-n_0}$, then

$$(A - \varepsilon) \sqrt[n]{C'_1(\varepsilon)} \leq \sqrt[n]{a_n} \leq (A + \varepsilon) \sqrt[n]{C'_2(\varepsilon)}$$

Then, there exists $N \geq n_0$ such that $\sqrt[n]{C'_1(\varepsilon)} = 1 + 1(n)$, with $|1(n)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{A - \varepsilon}$ and $\sqrt[n]{C'_2(\varepsilon)} = 1 + 2(n)$ and $|2(n)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{A + \varepsilon}$ for all $n \geq N$. Then

$$A - \varepsilon + 1(n)(A - \varepsilon) \leq \sqrt[n]{a_n} \leq A + \varepsilon + 2(n)(A + \varepsilon)$$

which shows that

$$|\sqrt[n]{a_n} - A| < 2\varepsilon$$

For the case that $A = 0$, it is easy. ■

Example 2.5. Let $a \neq 0$ a complex number. We define the **binomial coefficient** of α choose n , where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ to be

$$\binom{\alpha}{n} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1) \dots (\alpha - n + 1)}{n!}$$

and we define the **binomial series**

$$(1 + z)^\alpha = \sum \binom{\alpha}{n} z^n \text{ where } \binom{\alpha}{0} = 1$$

By the ratio test, we get that $r = 1$ if α is not an integer greater than 0.

2.3 Properties on Power Series

Theorem 2.3.1. *Let $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ be formal power series which converge absolutely on the open ball $B(0, r)$, $r > 0$. Then $f + g$, fg , and αf , where $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, also converge on $B(0, r)$. Moreover, we have*

$$(1) (f + g)(z) = f(z) + g(z)$$

$$(2) (fg)(z) = f(z)g(z)$$

$$(3) (\alpha f)(z) = \alpha f(z)$$

Proof. Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ and let $g(z) = \sum b_n z^n$. Then $fg(z) = \sum c_n z^n$, where $c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k}$. Now, let $0 < r < s$, then there exists a $C > 0$ such that for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $|a_n| \leq \frac{C}{s^n}$, and $|b_n| \leq \frac{C}{s^n}$. So we have

$$|c_n| \leq \sum |a_k b_{n-k}| \leq (n+1) \frac{C^2}{s^n}$$

notice that

$$\lim \sqrt[n]{(n+1)C} = 1$$

so that $\limsup \sqrt[n]{|c_n|} = \frac{1}{s}$ for all $s < r$. Thus we have

$$\limsup \sqrt[n]{|c_n|} \leq \frac{1}{r}$$

and so fg converges absolutely on $B(0, r)$. Notice also that $\sum |a_k| |b_{n-k}| |z|^n$ also converges as well.

Now, let $f_N(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_N z^N$ and $g_N(z) = b_0 + b_1 z + \dots + b_N z^N$ be polynomials in z over \mathbb{C} of degree N (i.e. the terms of f and g of order less than N). Then we get $f(z) = \lim f_N(z)$ and $g(z) = \lim g_N(z)$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$, moreover

$$|(fg)_N(z) - f_N(z)g_N(z)| \leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n |a_k| |b_{n-k}| |z|^n$$

which converges, that is, $(fg)(z) = \lim f_N g_N = f(z)g(z)$. ■

Theorem 2.3.2. Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ and $g(z) = \sum b_n z^n$. Then the following are true

- (1) If f is nonconstant and convergent with radius of convergence $r > 0$ and $f(0) = 0$, then there exists an $s > 0$ for which $f(z) \neq 0$ whenever $|z| \leq s$, provided $z \neq 0$.
- (2) If f and g converge, with $f(x) = g(x)$ for all x in an infinite set having 0 as a limit point, then $f(z) = g(z)$ for all z ; i.e. $a_n = b_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Proof. Write $f(z) = amz^m + A = amz^m(1 + b_1z + b_2z^2 + \dots) = amz^m(1 + h(z))$ where $a_m \neq 0$, and $h(z) = b_1z + b_2z^2 + \dots$ a power series having radius of convergence $r > 0$ and 0 constant term. Then for $|z|$ small, $|h(z)|$ is small, and hence $1 + h(z) \neq 0$. Now, if $z \neq 0$, then $amz^m \neq 0$ and we are done with the first assertion.

Now, let $h(t) = f(t) - g(t) = \sum (a_n - b_n)t^n$. Let S have an infinite set having 0 as a limit point. Then for every $x \in S$, $h(x) = 0$, by above, we get that $h(z) = 0(z) = 0 + 0z + 0z^2 + \dots$; i.e. $a_n - b_n = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and we are done with the second assertion. ■

Example 2.6. (1) There exists at most one convergent power series $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ for which $f(x) = e^x$ for all $x \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$, given some $\varepsilon > 0$. Then any extension of e^x to \mathbb{C} is unique, moreover, the series $\exp z = \sum \frac{z^n}{n!}$ coincides with that extension, i.e. $\exp z = e^z$.

Moreover, we have that

$$\exp iz = \sum \frac{(iz)^n}{n!}$$

so that $\exp iz = C(z) + iS(z)$, where $S(z)$ and $C(z)$ were defined in example 2.3. It can also be shown that $C(z)$ and $S(z)$ coincide with expanding \cos and \sin to \mathbb{C} ; i.e. $C(z) = \cos z$ and $S(z) = \sin z$.

In fact, if $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ are power series, with constant term 0, then $(\exp f(z))(\exp g(z)) = \exp(f(z) + g(z))$. Indded, by defition, we have that

$$\exp(f(z) + g(z)) = \sum \frac{(f(z) + g(z))^n}{n!}$$

On the other hand, we get

$$(\exp f(z))(\exp g(z)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f(z)^n g(z)^{n-k}}{k!(n-k)!} = \sum \frac{(f(z) + g(z))^n}{n!}$$

Taking $f(z) = z$ and $g(w) = w$ (i.e. the constant series $0 + 1z + 0z^2 + \dots$ and $0 + 1w + w^2 + \dots$). We get $(\exp z)(\exp w) = \exp(z + w)$; and we get the familiar properties for e^x extended to the complex function $\exp z = e^z$.

- (2) Let $C(z)$ and $S(z)$ the power series for which $\exp z = C(z) + iS(z)$. Notice that the series $S(z)^2 + C(z)^2$ has radius of convergence 1, indeed, $S(z)^2 + C(z)^2 = 1$, since there exists at most one series with this property, the series $1 + 0z + 0z^2 + \dots$. Thus $\sin z$ and $\cos z$ have the property that $\sin^2 z + \cos^2 z = 1$.
- (3) Consider the binomial series $B(z) = \sum \binom{\alpha}{n} z^n$, for $\alpha = \frac{1}{m}$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then $B(z)$ has radius of convergence $r = 1$. Moreover, by some elementary calculus, it can be shown that

$$B(z)^m = z + x \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ small enough}$$

Thus $B(z)^m = 1 + z$, and so the series $(1 + z)^{\frac{1}{m}}$ converges whenever $|z| < 1$.

Definition. Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ be a formal power series, and let $\phi(z) = \sum c_n z^n$ a formal power series with nonnegative real coefficients. We say that f is **dominated** by ϕ if $|a_n| \leq c_n$ for al $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. We write $f = O(\phi)$, or $f \preceq \phi$.

Lemma 2.3.3. *If ϕ and ψ are power series with nonnegative real coefficients, and let $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ be formal power series. Then if $f \preceq \phi$ an $g \preceq \psi$, then*

$$f + g \preceq \phi + \psi \text{ and } fg \preceq \phi\psi$$

Theorem 2.3.4. *Let $f(z)$ be a convergent power series with radius of convergence $r > 0$ and nonzero constant term. Let g be the inverse of f . Then g is also convergent with nonzero radius of convergence.*

Proof. Without loss of generality, suppose that the constant term of f is 1. That is

$$f(z) = 1 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots = 1 - h(z)$$

where $h(z)$ is a power series with constant term 0. Then there exists an $A > 0$ such that $|a_n| \leq A$ for all $n \geq 1$. Choosing A large enough, choose $C = 1$. Then

$$\frac{1}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{1 - h(z)} = 1 + h(z) + h(z)^2 + \dots$$

But $h(z)$ is dominated by the series $\sum A^n z^n = \frac{Az}{1-Az}$. SO that $\frac{1}{f(z)} = g(z)$ satisfies

$$g(z) \preceq 1 + \frac{Az}{1-Az} + \left(\frac{Az}{1-Az}\right)^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{Az}{1-Az}} = (1-Az)(1+2Az+(2Az)^2+\dots)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{Az}{1-Az}} = (1-Az)(1+2Az+(2Az)^2+\dots) \preceq (1+Az)(1+2Az+(2Az)^2+\dots)$$

That is, $g(z)$ is dominated by a convergent power series; hence g converges and has nonzero radius of convergence. ■

Theorem 2.3.5. Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ and $h(z) = \sum b_n z^n$ be convergent power series where the constant term of h is 0. If f is absolutely convergent whenever $|z| \leq r$, given $r > 0$, and there is an $s > 0$ for which

$$\sum |b_n| s^n \leq r$$

then the formal power series $f \circ h(z) = \sum a_n (\sum b_k z^k)^n$ converges absolutely whenever $|z| \leq s$.

Proof. Let $g(z) = \sum c_n z^n$. Then

$$g(z) \preceq \sum |a_n| \left(\sum |b_k|\right)^n$$

by hypothesis, we have that $\sum |a_n| (\sum |b_k|)^n$ converges absolutely whenever $|z| \leq s$, so that g does as well.

Now, let $f_N(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_{N-1} z^{N-1}$ a polynomial of degree $N-1$. Observe then that

$$f \circ h(z) - f_N \circ h(z) \preceq \sum |a_n| \left(\sum |b_k|\right)^n$$

so that $f \circ h(z) = g(z)$. By absolute convergence, given $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an $N_0 > 0$ such that

$$|g(z) - f_N \circ h(z)| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } N \geq N_0 \text{ and } |z| \leq s$$

Since $f_N \rightarrow f$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$ on the open ball $B(0, r)$, choose N_0 large enough so that $|f_N \circ h(z) - f \circ h(z)| < \varepsilon$ for all $N \geq N_0$; i.e. $|g(z) - f \circ h(z)| < 2\varepsilon$. ■

Example 2.7. (1) Let $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $h(z)$ a convergent power series with constant term 0. We take the m -th root $\sqrt[m]{1+h(z)}$ using the binomial series with $\alpha = \frac{1}{m}$. Thus $B \circ h(z) = B(h(z))$ converges.

(2) Define $f(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{w^n}{n}$. Define $\log z$ for all $|z-1| < 1$ by $\log z = f(z-1)$. It can be shown that $\exp(\log z) = z$.

2.4 Analytic Functions

Definition. We say a complex valued function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ on an open domain U of \mathbb{C} is **analytic** at a point $z_0 \in U$ if there exists a convergent power series $\sum a_n(z - z_0)^n$ with radius of convergence $r > 0$ for which

$$f(z) = \sum a_n(z - z_0)^n$$

and we call $\sum a_n(z - z_0)^n$ the **power series expansion** of f at z_0 . We say that f is **analytic** on U if it is analytic at every point of U . If $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, we say that f is **analytic** on S if f is the restriction of an analytic function on some open set containing S . If $a_0 = 0$ in the power series, we call z_0 a **zero** of f if $f(z_0) = 0$.

Theorem 2.4.1. *Let f and g be analytic functions on an open domain U of \mathbb{C} . Then $f + g$, and fg are analytic on U .*

Proof. Let $f(z) = \sum a_n(z - z_0)^n$, $g(z) = \sum b_n(z - z_0)^n$ for any $z_0 \in U$. Then $(f + g)(z) = \sum (a_n + b_n)(z - z_0)^n$ and $(fg)(z) = \sum c_n(z - z_0)^n$. Since the power series expansions of f and g at z_0 are convergent, the power series expansions of $f + g$ and fg at z_0 are also convergent by theorem 2.3.1. Therefore $f + g$ and fg are analytic. ■

Corollary. $\frac{f}{g}$ is analytic on U provided that $g(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in U$.

Theorem 2.4.2. *Let U, V be open sets in \mathbb{C} . If $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are analytic functions on U and V , respectively, and $g(U) \subseteq V$, then $f \circ g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is analytic on U .*

Proof. Since compositions of convergent power series are convergent, this makes $f \circ g$ convergent. ■

Theorem 2.4.3. *Let $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ be a convergent power series with radius of convergence $r > 0$. Then f is analytic on the open ball $B(0, r)$ as a complex valued function.*

Proof. Choose $z_0 \in B(0, r)$ so that $|z_0| < r$ and let $s > 0$ such that $|z_0| + s < r$. Then f can be represented as a power series at z_0 which converges absolutely on an open ball $B(z_0, s)$ (see figure 2.1). Writing $z = z_0 + (z - z_0)$ so that $z^n = (z_0 + (z - z_0))^n$, we have that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} z_0^{n-k} (z - z_0)^k$$

Now, if $|z - z_0| < s$, then $|z_0| + |z - z_0| < r$ and the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| (|z_0| + |z - z_0|)^n$$

converges. Interchanging the order of summation gives us the required result. ■

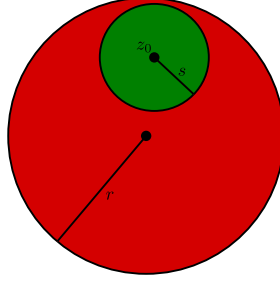


Figure 2.1:

Example 2.8. (1) Consider $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{z+2}$ and $z_0 = 1$. Writing $z = 1 + (z - 1)$, and $z + 2 = 3 + (z - 1)$, then $z^2 = 1 + 2(z - 1) + (z - 1)^2$, $z + 2 = 3(1 + \frac{1}{3}(z - 1))$, and

$$\frac{1}{z+2} = \frac{1}{3}\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}(z-1) + \frac{1}{3^2}(z-1)^2 - \frac{1}{3^3}(z-1)^3 + \dots\right)$$

Thus, we get the power series expansion of f at $z_0 = 1$ to be

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z^2}{z+2} &= (1 + 2(z-1) + (z-1)^2 + \dots)\left(\frac{1}{3}\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}(z-1) + \frac{1}{3^2}(z-1)^2 - \frac{1}{3^3}(z-1)^3 + \dots\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}\left(1 + \frac{5}{3}(z-1) + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2}\right)(z-1)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3}\right)(z-1)^3 + \dots\right) \end{aligned}$$

2.5 Differentiation of Power Series

Definition. Let $B(0, r)$ be an open ball in \mathbb{C} with $r > 0$. A function f on $B(0, r)$ for which there exists a convergent power series $\sum a_n z^n$ or radius of convergence greater than or equal r for which

$$f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$$

is said to **admit a power series expansion** on $B(0, r)$. We define the **formal derived series** of $\sum a_n z^n$ to be the series

$$\sum n a_n z^{n-1}$$

Theorem 2.5.1. *Of $f(z)$ is a complex valued function admitting a power series expansion of radius of convergence $r > 0$. Then the following are true.*

- (1) *The formal derived series of the power series expansion of f is convergent, with the same radius of convergence.*
- (2) *If f is holomorphic on $B(0, r)$, then the complex derivative of f on $B(0, r)$ admits as power series expansion, the formal derived series of the power series expansion of f ; that is if $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$, then*

$$f'(z) = \sum n a_n z^{n-1}$$

Proof. Observe that we have $\limsup \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \frac{1}{r}$, but that $\limsup \sqrt[n]{|na_n|} = \limsup \sqrt[n]{n} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \frac{1}{r}$. Then the sequences $\{\sqrt[n]{|a_n|}\}$ and $\{\sqrt[n]{|na_n|}\}$ have the same limit superior; so that $\limsup \sqrt[n]{|na_n|} = \frac{1}{r}$. Now, since the power series expansion of f converges, and has the same radius of convergence as its formal derived series, then the formal derived series

$$\sum na_n z^{n-1}$$

also converges on the same radius.

Now, let $|z| < r$ and $h \neq 0$, such that $|z| + |h| < r$. Consider $h \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|h| < r - |z|$, then we have $f(z+h) = \sum a_n (z+h)^n = \sum a_n (z^n + nz^{n-1}h + h^2 p_n(z, h))$, where

$$p_n(z, h) = \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{n}{k} z^{n-k} h^{k-1}$$

Then we have the estimate

$$|p_n(z, h)| = \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{n}{k} |z|^{n-k} |h|^{k-1} = |z|^{n-1} \sum_{k=2}^n \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{|h|}{|z|}\right)^{k-1}$$

Subtracting $f(z)$, we get

$$f(z+h) - f(z) = \sum na_n z^{n-1} h + h^2 \sum a_n p_n(z, h)$$

The series are absolutely convergent so that

$$\frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} = \sum na_n z^{n-1} + h \sum a_n p_n(z, h)$$

Then for $|h| < r - |z|$, we have $|\sum a_n p_n(z, h)| \leq \sum |a_n| |p_n(z, h)| \leq \sum |a_n| |p_n(|z|, |h|)|$. Multiplying by h , and as $h \rightarrow 0$ we get $\lim |h \sum a_n p_n(z, h)| = 0$. Therefore

$$f'(z) = \sum na_n z^{n-1}$$

■

Corollary. If f is holomorphic in its domain, then the coefficients of the power series expansion of f , at some point z_0 in the domain of f are given by

$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!}$$

Definition. Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a complex function on an open domain U of \mathbb{C} . If g is an holomorphic function such that $g' = f$, then we call g a **primitive** of f .

Example 2.9. the function $\frac{1}{z}$ is analytic on the domain $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$; the punctured complex plane. Indeed, for $z_0 \neq 0$, we get the power series expansion of $\frac{1}{z}$ at z_0 to be

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z_0}(z - z_0) + \dots\right)$$

which converges on the open ball $B(0, r)$. Hence $\frac{1}{z}$ has a primitive on $B(z_0, r)$, which we may denote as $\log z$.

Chapter 3

Cauchy's Theorem

3.1 Holomorphic Functions on Connected Sets

Definition. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$. We define a **simple path** to be a complex valued function $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ of class C^1 . We call the point $\alpha = \gamma(a)$ the **initial point** of γ and we call $\omega = \gamma(b)$ the **end point** of γ . We say γ **lies** in an open set U of \mathbb{C} if $\gamma([a, b]) \subseteq U$.

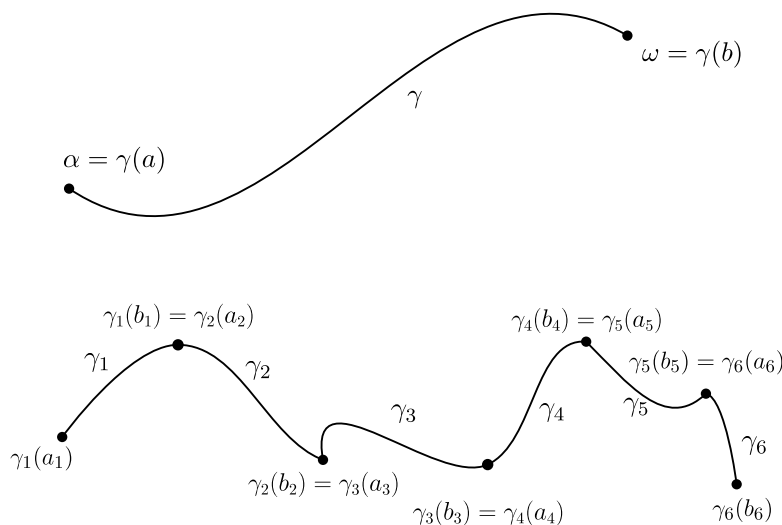


Figure 3.1: A simple path γ , and the path $\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_6\}$.

Example 3.1. The path given by $\gamma(t) = \cos t + i \sin t$, where $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ is precisely the unit sphere S^1 .

Lemma 3.1.1. Let γ be a simple path lying in an open set U , and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a holomorphic function, then $f \circ \gamma$ is real differentiable with $(f \circ \gamma)'(t) = (f' \circ \gamma)(t)\gamma'(t) = f'(\gamma(t))\gamma'(t)$.

Proof. Notice that $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, so that $f \circ \gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defines a complex valued function. Now, since f is holomorphic, and γ is of class C^1 , they are real

differentiable; i.e. consider the values of f and γ with imaginary part 0. Then the rest follows by the chain rule for real differentiable functions. ■

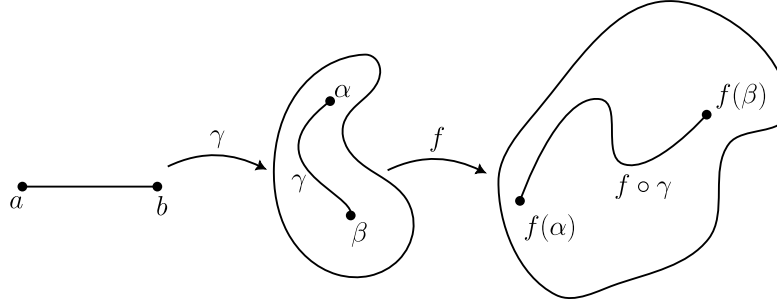


Figure 3.2: The composition of a complex valued function f with a simple path $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Definition. We define a **path** to be a sequence $\gamma = \{\gamma_i\}_{i=1}^n$ of simple paths such that the endpoint of the path γ_i is the initial point of γ_{i+1} ; that is, if γ_i is defined on $[a_i, b_i]$, then $\gamma_i(b_i) = \gamma_{i+1}(a_{i+1})$. We call the point $\alpha = \gamma_1(a_1)$ the **initial point** of the path γ , and $\omega = \gamma_n(b_n)$ the **end point** of γ . We say that γ **lies** in an open set U if each γ_i lies in U .

Figure 3.1 shows a simple path γ , and a path $\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_6\}$.

Definition. We call an open set U of \mathbb{C} **path connected** if for every $\alpha, \omega \in U$, there exists a path $\gamma := \{\gamma_i\}_{i=1}^n$ from α to ω ; that is, α is the initial point of γ , and ω is the end point of γ .

Theorem 3.1.2. Let U be a path connected open set, and $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a holomorphic function on U . If $f' = 0$, then f is constant.

Proof. Let $\alpha, \omega \in U$ and let $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a simple path from α to ω ; i.e. $\alpha = \gamma(a)$ and $\omega = \gamma(b)$. By the lemma 3.1.1, $f \circ \gamma$ is real differentiable with

$$(f' \circ \gamma)(t)\gamma'(t) = 0$$

I.e. $f \circ \gamma$ is constant, and $f \circ \gamma(a) = f(\alpha) = f(\omega) = f \circ \gamma(b)$. This makes f constant. ■

Definition. If $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a complex valued function on an open set U of \mathbb{C} , and g is holomorphic on U such that $g' = f$, then we call g a **primitive** of f on U .

Lemma 3.1.3. On path connected open sets, primitives of complex valued functions are uniquely defined up to a constant.

Proof. By theorem 3.1.2. ■

Example 3.2. The function $f(z) = z^n$ has as primitive the function $g(z) = \frac{z^{n+1}}{n+1}$.

Definition. Let S be an arbitrary set of \mathbb{C} . We say a point $z_0 \in S$ is an **isolated point** in S if there exists an open ball $B(z_0, r)$, with $r > 0$ such that z_0 is the only point of S in $B(z_0, r)$; that is, $B(z_0, r) \cap S = \{z_0\}$. We call S **discrete** if every point of S is an isolated point.

Theorem 3.1.4. *Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be a path connected open set in \mathbb{C} . The following are true for any complex valued functions $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.*

- (1) *If f is analytic on U , and not constant, then the set of zeros of f on U is discrete.*
- (2) *If f and g are analytic on U , and S is a nondiscrete subset of U , and $f(z) = g(z)$ for all $z \in S$, then $f = g$ on U .*

Proof. By theorem 2.3.2, we have that f is locally constant on an open ball $B(z_0, r)$, with $f = 0$, or z_0 is an isolated point. Suppose that $f = 0$ on $B(z_0, r)$, and let $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : f(z) = 0 \text{ in } B(z_0, r)\}$. Then S is open. Now let $z_1 \in \text{cl } S$, by the continuity of f , it follows that $f(z_1) = 0$, if $z_1 \notin S$, then there is a point arbitrarily close to z_1 , and it follows that $f = 0$ locally on $B(z_1, r)$. This makes $z_1 \in S$ so that S is closed. The second assertion follows from the first. ■

Definition. Let f be analytic on an open set U of \mathbb{C} , and let g be analytic on an open set V of \mathbb{C} ; where $U \cap V$ is nonempty. If U and V are path connecte, and $f(z) = g(z)$ for all $z \in U \cap V$, then we call g the **analytic continuation** of f to V .

Theorem 3.1.5 (The Maximum Modulus Theorem). *Let U be an open path connected set of \mathbb{C} , and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be analytic on U . If $z_0 \in U$ is a maximum for $|f|$, then f is constant on U .*

Corollory. *Let U an open path connected set of \mathbb{C} , and let $f : \text{cl } U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be continuous on U , and analytic and nonconstant on U . If z_0 is a maximum for f on $\text{cl } U$, then $z_0 \in \partial \text{cl } U$.*

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