

Notes for Complex Analysis

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0 Reading Week

0.1 Algebra of Complex Numbers

Complex numbers are an extension of \mathbb{R} . We adjoin $\sqrt{-1}$ and allow addition & multiplication. The set of complex numbers is denoted \mathbb{C} .

$$\mathbb{C} = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

For every complex number $z \in \mathbb{C}$, the real part is denoted $\operatorname{Re}(z)$ and the imaginary part is denoted $\operatorname{Im}(z)$.

$$z = a + bi \longrightarrow \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}(z) = a \\ \operatorname{Im}(z) = b \end{cases}$$

We denote the absolute value or “modulus” of z as $|z|$. It’s pretty simple, $|z|^2 = a^2 + b^2$ for $z = a + bi$.

$$|z|^2 = (\operatorname{Re}(z))^2 + (\operatorname{Im}(z))^2$$

The Inverse: For every $z \in \mathbb{C}$ that is nonzero, there exists a $z^{-1} \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $zz^{-1} = 1$. Namely,

$$z^{-1} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}i$$

The Complex Conjugate: For every $z = a + bi \in \mathbb{C}$, the complex conjugate is $\bar{z} = a - bi$. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division work as expected, which is nice.

$$\begin{aligned} |z|^2 &= z\bar{z} \\ \overline{z_1 + z_2} &= \overline{z_1} + \overline{z_2} \\ \overline{z_1 - z_2} &= \overline{z_1} - \overline{z_2} \\ \overline{z_1 z_2} &= \overline{z_1} \cdot \overline{z_2} \\ \overline{z_1/z_2} &= \overline{z_1}/\overline{z_2} \end{aligned}$$

The Triangle Inequalities: Cf. triangle inequalities for \mathbb{R}

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 + z_2| &\leq |z_1| + |z_2| \\ |z_1 - z_2| &\geq ||z_1| - |z_2|| \end{aligned}$$

0.2 Polar Coordinates

Let $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$. Then there are multiple values of θ that can create a given z (e.g. $\theta, \theta + 2\pi, \dots$)

A possible θ for a given z is called an argument of z , denoted $\arg(z)$.

$$\arg(z) = \{\theta \mid z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)\}$$

A unique argument θ of z satisfying $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ is called the principal argument of z , denoted $\operatorname{Arg}(z)$. It can be thought of as a function from \mathbb{C} (excluding 0) to a number between $-\pi$ and π .

$$\operatorname{Arg} : \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow (-\pi, \pi]$$

We can represent a complex number $z \in \mathbb{C}$ in polar coordinates, using $r = |z|$ and $\theta \in \arg(z)$. It’s often easier to multiply and divide complex numbers in this form.

$$z = re^{i\theta}$$

1 Week 1 (Jan 12 - 16)

1.1 Roots of Complex Numbers

- All nonzero real numbers have 2 square roots in \mathbb{C} .
- All nonzero elements of \mathbb{C} have a square root in \mathbb{C} (cf: not the case in \mathbb{R}).
- Note that 0 has only 1 square root: 0.

For any positive, nonzero integer n and $z \in \mathbb{C}$, all n -th roots of z lie in \mathbb{C} . The set of n -th roots of $z = re^{i\theta}$ are given by

$$\left\{ \sqrt[n]{re^{i(\frac{\theta+2\pi k}{n})}} \mid k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \right\}$$

Proof: Let $a_k = \sqrt[n]{re^{i(\theta+2\pi k)/n}}$. Then a calculation shows that $a_k^n = re^{i\theta} = z$ as expected.

We also need to show that all a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} are distinct. Proof by contradiction: assume $a_r = a_s$ and $0 \leq r < s \leq n-1$. Then $(\theta + 2\pi r)/n = (\theta + 2\pi s)/n - 2\pi j$ for some integer j . Solving, we should get

$$\frac{2\pi(r-s)}{n} = 2\pi j$$

But this is impossible, since $s - r < n$. This is a contradiction, so all a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} must be distinct.

We know that a polynomial of degree n has at most n zeros. Apply this to $x^n - z$ to see that z has at most n n -th roots. So a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k are all the n -th roots of z .

Geometrically, if $n > 0$ and $z \neq 0$, then the elements of the set $z^{1/n}$ lie at the vertices of a regular n -gon centered at the origin. Each vertex is equidistant from 0, and the angle between successive vertices is $2\pi/n$.

A special case is the n -th roots of 1, or “unity.” These are given by

$$\left\{ e^{i0}, e^{2\pi i/n}, e^{4\pi i/n}, \dots, e^{2(n-1)\pi i/n} \right\}$$

If $\omega^n = 1$ but $\omega^k \neq 1$ if $k < n$, then ω is a *primitive n-th root of unity*. For example, let $\omega = e^{2\pi i/n}$. $\omega^n = 1$, but not for any $0 < k < n$.

We can define the set of n -th roots using primitive n -th roots. Let $z \neq 0$, $\alpha^n = z$, and ω be a primitive n -th root of unity. Then

$$z^{1/n} = \left\{ \alpha, \alpha\omega, \alpha\omega^2, \dots, \alpha\omega^{n-1} \right\}$$

Proof: For any k , $(\alpha\omega^k)^n = z(1^k) = z$, so $\alpha\omega^k$ is indeed an n -th root.

The n -th roots are also unique. To prove this, assume $\alpha\omega^s = \alpha\omega^r$ for $0 \leq r < s \leq n-1$. Then $\omega^{s-r} = 1$, but $0 < s - r < n$, so ω can't be a primitive n -th root of unity.

1.2 Open vs. Closed Sets

Given $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, we define the ϵ -neighborhood of z_0 as the subset

$$\{z \mid |z - z_0| < \epsilon\}$$

We also define the deleted ε -neighborhood as the subset

$$\{z \mid 0 < |z - z_0| < \varepsilon\}$$

The ε -neighborhood is like a circular region around z_0 , except the outline. The deleted ε -neighborhood is that minus z_0 .

We call $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ as an interior point of some set S if there exists an ε -neighborhood of z_0 contained in S .

Similarly, $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ is an exterior point of some set S if there exists an ε -neighborhood of z_0 contained in the complement of S , namely $\mathbb{C} \setminus S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z \notin S\}$.

There also exists points that are neither interior nor exterior points of S . This is the boundary of S , denoted ∂S . A point z_0 is in ∂S iff. every ε -neighborhood of z_0 intersects both S and $\mathbb{C} \setminus S$.

A set S is open if no boundary points lie in S (think of intervals from Calc BC).

$$S \cap \partial S = \emptyset$$

Theorem: S is open iff. every point in S is an interior point.

Proof: If $S = \emptyset$, there's nothing to prove, so assume $S \neq \emptyset$.

- First direction: Let $z \in S$. If S is open, then $z \notin \partial S$, but since $z \in S$, z must be an interior point.
 - Second direction: If every $z \in S$ is an interior point, then for every z , we have $z \notin \partial S$. Use the notation $S = \{z\}$, the set of all z . Then $S \cap \partial S = \emptyset$, so S must be open.
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A set S is closed if its boundary lies in S (again, think of closed intervals from Calc BC).

$$\partial S \subset S$$

For example, $\{z \mid |z - 1| \leq 2\}$ has the boundary given by $|z - 1| = 2$.

For any given S , the set $S \cup \partial S$ is closed. We call $S \cup \partial S$ the *closure* of S . The closure of S is the intersection of all closed sets containing S .

Note 1: A set can be neither open nor closed. Back to the Calc BC example, think of the interval $[0, 1]$. For sets, it's similar. A set could contain just a few of its boundary points.

Note 2: If S is both open and closed, $S = \mathbb{C}$ or $S = \emptyset$.

We call S connected if for $z_1, z_2 \in S$, there exists a polygonal path in S , composed of straight line segments, that connects z_1 and z_2 .

S is bounded if for some $r \in \mathbb{R}$, S can be constrained in a finite disk:

$$S \subset \{z \mid |z| < r\}$$

We call z_0 an accumulation point of S if every deleted ε -neighborhood of z_0 contains points of S (except z_0 , per definition). It's kind of like the "center" of a set, I guess.

Theorem: If S is closed, then S contains all its accumulation points.

Proof: Suppose z is an accumulation point of a closed set S , and $z \notin S$. Then each ε -neighborhood of z contains a point not in S . But every ε -neighborhood of z must contain some point in S , since z is an accumulation point of S . Every ε -neighborhood of z contains both points in S and points not in S , thus $z \in \partial S$.

Since S is closed, $\partial S \subset S$, so $z \in S$. This contradicts our assumption that $z \notin S$, which completes the proof.

A domain is defined to be a set that's both open and connected (think of intervals on the real line in Calc). This can conflict with our usual definition of "domain" as the inputs to a function, but they're different. Be careful.

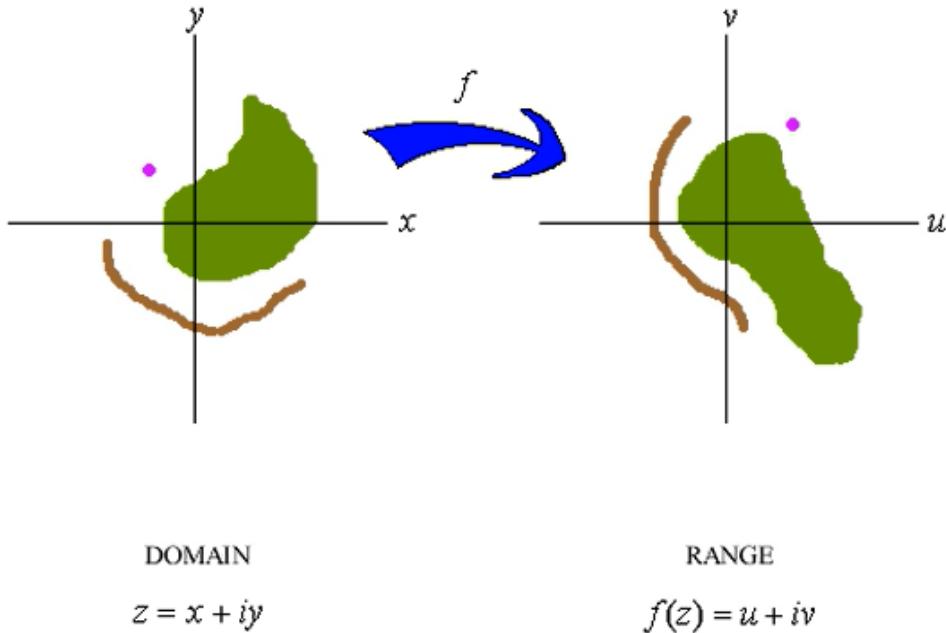
A region is a domain plus some (maybe none, maybe all) of its boundary points.

1.3 Complex Functions

A function f defined on set A is a rule that assigns to each $a \in A$ an element $f(a) \in B$.

In Complex Analysis, we'll consider functions of a complex value: $A \subset C$.

Graphing is a bit tricky because we have to map from a complex plane \rightarrow complex plane, total 4 dimensions. Use colors to get around this.



Graphing Complex-Valued Functions. Consider points, lines, or curves in the domain, parametrize them, and map with the function.

2 Week 2 (Jan 19 - 23)

2.1 Limits of Complex Functions

Suppose f (function of a complex variable) is defined in some deleted ϵ -neighborhood of z_0 , and w_0 is some complex number. Then $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = w_0$ means

For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every z in the domain of f ,
 $0 < |z - z_0| < \delta$ implies $|f(z) - w_0| < \epsilon$

An equivalent formulation can be made in terms of neighborhoods:

For any ϵ -neighborhood of w_0 , there exists a deleted δ -neighborhood of z_0 such that f takes every point in this deleted δ -neighborhood into the ϵ -neighborhood of w_0 .

Baically, as the input z gets arbitrarily close to z_0 , the function's output gets arbitrarily close to w_0 . If that happens, w_0 is the limit.

Limit theorems are pretty much the same from Real Analysis. Suppose that $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f_1(z) = w_1$ and $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f_2(z) = w_2$. Then

- i) Limits are unique. If for some $w \in \mathbb{C}$, we have $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f_1(z) = w$, then $w = w_1$.
- ii) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (f_1 + f_2)(z) = w_1 + w_2$
- iii) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (cf_1)(z) = cw_1$
- iv) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (f_1 \cdot f_2)(z) = w_1 w_2$
- v) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left(\frac{f_1}{f_2} \right)(z) = \frac{w_1}{w_2}$, given $w_2 \neq 0$

We can also reduce complex-valued limits to real-valued ones.

Theorem: Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$, and $w_0 = u_0 + iv_0$. Then

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = w_0 \text{ if and only if } \begin{aligned} \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} u &= u_0 \text{ and } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} v = v_0 \end{aligned}$$

Limits of polynomials are similar to before. Given $P(z) = c_0 + c_1 z + \cdots + c_n z^n$,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} P(z) = P(z_0)$$

If $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z)$ exists, then it can be computed by considering f restricted to *any* path of inputs that get arbitrarily close to z_0 . The specific path doesn't matter.

For example, when we try to find the limit $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z)$ for $f(z) = \operatorname{Re}(z)/z$, we can consider two paths:

1. Path such that $\operatorname{Re}(z) = z$ (pure real), and z gets arbitrarily close to 0.
2. Path such that $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 0$ (pure imaginary), and z gets arbitrarily close to 0.

In the first case, $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = 1$, but in the second case, $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = 0$. Thus the limit of f doesn't exist at $z = 0$.

2.2 Limits Involving ∞

For complex numbers, there's no distinction between $-\infty$ and $+\infty$. When we say $z \rightarrow \infty$, we just mean that z gets arbitrarily far away from 0, so $|z| \rightarrow +\infty$.

There are three basic cases for limits:

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

For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every z in the domain of f ,
 $0 < |z - z_0| < \delta$ implies $|f(z)| > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

ii) $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = w$

For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every z in the domain of f ,
 $|z| > \frac{1}{\delta}$ implies $|f(z) - w| < \epsilon$

iii) $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = \infty$

For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every z in the domain of f ,
 $|z| > \frac{1}{\delta}$ implies $|f(z)| > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

Note that $\infty \notin \mathbb{C}$. But it's a useful concept to use. We can rewrite limits involving ∞ with real numbers by taking the reciprocal. So for example, limit (i) and (ii) could be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = \infty &\longrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{f(z)} = 0 \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = w &\longrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = w\end{aligned}$$

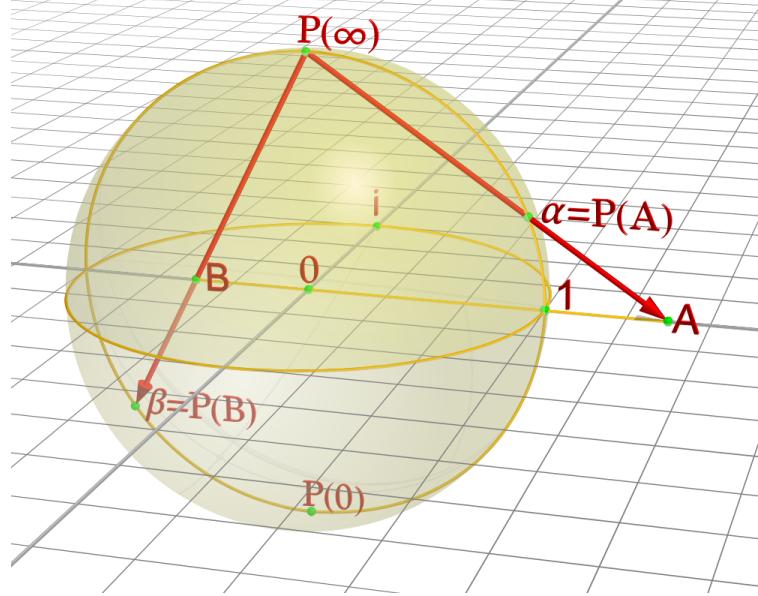
Example: Show that $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = \infty$, where $f(z) = \frac{1+z+iz^4}{z^2-2}$.

Rewriting, we want to prove that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{f(1/z)} = 0$$

which is easily seen by substituting and using the appropriate limit theorems.

An interpretation of ∞ can be done with a Riemann sphere.



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/3/32/Riemann_sphere1.svg

The plane in which the sphere lies is the complex plane. The North Pole of the sphere is ∞ . We see that all points in the plane correspond to points on the sphere in some small disk around the North Pole.

$$\left\{ z \mid |z| > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right\}$$

2.3 Continuity

We say that f is continuous at z_0 if $f(z_0)$ is defined, the limit $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z)$ exists, and

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

For every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every z in the domain of f ,
 $|z - z_0| < \delta$ implies $|f(z) - f(z_0)| < \epsilon$

If f is continuous at all points in some set D , we say that f is continuous on/throughout D . For example, polynomials are continuous on/throughout \mathbb{C} .

Continuity theorems are the same from Real Analysis. If f and g are continuous at z_0 , then

- i) $f + g$ is continuous at z_0
- ii) $f \cdot g$ is continuous at z_0
- iii) f/g is continuous at z_0 , assuming $g(z_0) \neq 0$

Theorem: Suppose g is continuous at z_0 and f is continuous at $g(z_0)$. Then $f \circ g$ is continuous at z_0 .

Proof: We have to show that $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(g(z)) = f(g(z_0))$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since f is continuous at $g(z_0)$, there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that for all w in the domain of f ,

$$|w - g(z_0)| < \delta_1 \implies |f(w) - f(g(z_0))| < \epsilon$$

Since g is continuous at z_0 , there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for all z in the domain of g ,

$$|z - z_0| < \delta \implies |g(z) - g(z_0)| < \delta_1$$

Thus for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|z - z_0| < \delta \implies |f(g(z)) - f(g(z_0))| < \epsilon$$

Theorem: Suppose $z_0, w_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and f is continuous at z_0 . If $f(z_0) \neq w_0$, then there exists a neighborhood N around z_0 such that $f(z) \neq w_0$ for all $z \in N$.

Essentially, if $f(z_0) \neq w_0$, we can find a neighborhood around z_0 such that f is not w_0 for any points in that neighborhood.

Proof: Since $f(z_0) \neq w_0$, there exists $\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$|w_0 - f(z_0)| > \epsilon$$

Since f is continuous at z_0 , there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|z - z_0| < \delta \implies |f(z) - f(z_0)| < \epsilon$$

Let N be the δ -neighborhood around z_0 . The above two statements imply that no $z \in N$ satisfies $f(z) = w_0$.

2.3.1 Uniform Continuity

If f is a complex function, continuous on a closed and bounded D , then $|f|$ attains a maximum on D .

If f is continuous on a closed and bounded set D , then $|f|$ is uniformly continuous on D . In epsilon-delta form,

f is uniformly continuous on D if for all $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for every $z_1, z_2 \in D$, $|z_1 - z_2| < \delta$ implies $|f(z_1) - f(z_2)| < \epsilon$

The difference with normal continuity is that uniform continuity has a “universal delta” that applies to *all* ϵ , not just *each* ϵ .

Note: A closed and bounded set is called “compact.”

3 Week 3 (Jan 26 - 30)

3.1 Derivatives

Let f be defined in some neighborhood of z_0 . We define the derivative of f at z_0 similarly to the real-valued counterpart:

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h} \quad (\text{option 1})$$

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} \quad (\text{option 2})$$

We can also denote the derivative w.r.t z as $\frac{d}{dz} f$.

The same properties hold as for real-valued derivatives:

- i) $(f + g)'(z_0) = f'(z_0) + g'(z_0)$
 - ii) $(f \cdot g)'(z_0) = f'(z_0)g(z_0) + f(z_0)g'(z_0)$
 - iii) $(f/g)'(z_0) = \frac{f'(z_0)g(z_0) - f(z_0)g'(z_0)}{g(z_0)^2}, \quad g(z_0) \neq 0$
 - iv) $(cf)'(z_0) = cf'(z_0)$
 - v) $\frac{d}{dz} c = 0$
 - vi) $\frac{d}{dz} z^n = nz^{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
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Theorem (Chain Rule): Suppose g is differentiable at z_0 and f is differentiable at $g(z_0)$. Then $f \circ g$ is differentiable at z_0 , and

$$(f \circ g)'(z_0) = f'(g(z_0)) \cdot g'(z_0)$$

Proof: Using the definition of the derivative,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(z_0 + h)) - f(g(z_0))}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(z_0 + h)) - f(g(z_0))}{g(z_0 + h) - g(z_0)} \frac{g(z_0 + h) - g(z_0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(z_0 + h)) - f(g(z_0))}{g(z_0 + h) - g(z_0)} \cdot g'(z_0) \end{aligned}$$

It suffices to show that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(z_0 + h)) - f(g(z_0))}{g(z_0 + h) - g(z_0)} = f'(g(z_0))$$

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Since f is differentiable at $g(z_0)$, there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that for all w in the domain of f ,

$$|w - g(z_0)| < \delta_1 \implies \left| \frac{f(w) - f(g(z_0))}{w - g(z_0)} - f'(g(z_0)) \right| < \epsilon$$

We also know that g is continuous at z_0 (since it's differentiable there), i.e. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(z_0 + h) = g(z_0)$. So there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|h| < \delta \implies |g(z_0 + h) - g(z_0)| < \delta_1$$

Let $w = g(z_0 + h)$, a point in the domain of f . Then for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|h| < \delta \implies |g(z_0 + h) - g(z_0)| \implies \left| \frac{f(w) - f(g(z_0))}{w - g(z_0)} - f'(g(z_0)) \right| < \epsilon$$

So we've shown that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(z_0 + h)) - f(g(z_0))}{g(z_0 + h) - g(z_0)} &= f'(g(z_0)) \\ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(g(z_0 + h)) - f(g(z_0))}{h} &= f'(g(z_0)) \cdot g'(z_0) \end{aligned}$$

Complex functions are often not differentiable. E.g. Let f be differentiable and nonzero at z_0 . Then $g(z) = \bar{z}f(z)$ is not differentiable at z_0 .

If we try to take the derivative, we get

$$\begin{aligned} g'(z_0) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\bar{z}_0 + \bar{h})f(z_0 + h) - \bar{z}_0 f(z_0)}{h} \\ &= z_0 \left(\frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h} \right) + \frac{\bar{h}}{h} f(z_0 + h) \end{aligned}$$

The specific “path” we take to approach $h \rightarrow 0$ shouldn’t matter if the derivative is well-defined. However,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{h}}{h} f(z_0 + h) &= f(z_0) && (h \text{ is real}) \\ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{h}}{h} f(z_0 + h) &= -f(z_0) && (h \text{ is imaginary}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus $g(z) = \bar{z}f(z)$ isn’t differentiable at z_0 .

3.2 Cauchy-Riemann Equations

The Cauchy-Riemann equations must be satisfied by any differentiable function. It’s a necessary condition for the differentiability of f . Later, we’ll make it a sufficient condition.

Theorem: Suppose $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$, and f is differentiable at z_0 . Then the function must satisfy

$$\begin{cases} u_x(x_0, y_0) = v_y(x_0, y_0) \\ u_y(x_0, y_0) = -v_x(x_0, y_0) \end{cases}$$

Proof: Since f is differentiable at z_0 , the following limit must exist.

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h}$$

Let $h = s + it$. Then by substitution,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_0 + h) &= f((x_0 + s) + i(y_0 + t)) \\ &= u(x_0 + s, y_0 + t) + iv(x_0 + s, y_0 + t) \end{aligned}$$

Now we try to find the limit:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_0) &= \lim_{s+it \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + s + it) - f(z_0)}{s + it} \\ &= \lim_{s+it \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{u(x_0 + s, y_0 + t) - u(x_0, y_0)}{s + it} + i \frac{v(x_0 + s, y_0 + t) - v(x_0, y_0)}{s + it} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We can restrict $s + it$ to the real axis, so $t = 0$. Then the derivative is

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_0) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{u(x_0 + s, y_0) - u(x_0, y_0)}{s} \right) + i \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{v(x_0 + s, y_0) - v(x_0, y_0)}{s} \right) \\ &= u_x(x_0, y_0) + iv_x(x_0, y_0) \end{aligned}$$

We can also restrict $s + it$ to the imaginary axis, so $s = 0$. Then the derivative is

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_0) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{u(x_0, y_0 + t) - u(x_0, y_0)}{it} \right) + i \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{v(x_0, y_0 + t) - v(x_0, y_0)}{it} \right) \\ &= -iu_y(x_0, y_0) + v_y(x_0, y_0) \end{aligned}$$

For the derivative to be well-defined, both results must be equal, thus

$$\begin{cases} u_x(x_0, y_0) = v_y(x_0, y_0) \\ u_y(x_0, y_0) = -v_x(x_0, y_0) \end{cases}$$

We can also make the Cauchy-Riemann equations a sufficient condition for differentiability by adding an extra condition.

Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ be defined in a neighborhood of $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$. Suppose u_x, u_y, v_x , and v_y are exist throughout the neighborhood and are continuous at (x_0, y_0) .

Then f is differentiable at z_0 if and only if u and v satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations at (x_0, y_0) .

There's also a polar version of the Cauchy-Riemann equations, which can be derived with $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$.

Theorem: If $f(z) = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)$ and f is differentiable at $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta_0}$, then

$$\begin{cases} u_r(r_0, \theta_0) = \frac{1}{r_0} v_\theta(r_0, \theta_0) \\ \frac{1}{r_0} u_\theta(r_0, \theta_0) = -v_r(r_0, \theta_0) \end{cases}$$

Moreover,

$$f'(z_0) = e^{-i\theta_0} (u_r(r_0, \theta_0) + iv_r(r_0, \theta_0))$$

Proof: Rewrite the partial derivatives as

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} = u_x \cos \theta + u_y \sin \theta \\ 2) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} = -u_x r \sin \theta + u_y r \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for v ,

$$\begin{cases} v_r = v_x \cos \theta + v_y \sin \theta \\ v_\theta = -v_x r \sin \theta + v_y r \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

If we use the Cauchy-Riemann conditions $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$, it becomes clear that $r u_r = v_\theta$ and $u_\theta = -r v_r$.

3.3 Analytic Functions

We say f is analytic on some set S if there exists an open set A such that $S \subseteq A$ and f is differentiable at each point of A .

In other words, f is analytic on S if every point in S has a neighborhood on which f is differentiable.

- i) If S is open, then “ f is analytic on S ” just means “ f is differentiable at each point of S .”
- ii) “ f is analytic at z_0 ” just means “ f is differentiable in a neighborhood of z_0 .”

Note: “Analytic at z_0 ” is a stronger condition than “differentiable at z_0 .” Analyticity tells us something about the function’s behavior.

Properties of analytic functions:

- i) If f and g are analytic at D , then so are $f + g$, $f \cdot g$, and f/g (as long as $g(z) \neq 0$ in D).
- ii) If g is analytic on D and f is analytic on the image of g , then $f \circ g$ is analytic on D .

If f is analytic throughout \mathbb{C} , then it’s called “entire.” E.g. polynomials.

We call z_0 a singular point (singularity) of f if f is not analytic at z_0 , but in every neighborhood of z_0 there exists a point at which f is analytic.

- For example, 0 is a singularity for $f(z) = 1/z$.
- However, 0 isn’t a singularity of $g(z) = |z|^2$, because $g(z)$ isn’t analytic anywhere.

Theorem: Suppose f is analytic on D and $f'(z) = 0$ for all of $z \in D$. Then f is constant on D .

Proof: From the Cauchy-Riemann equations,

$$f'(z) = \begin{cases} u_x(x, y) + iv_x(x, y) \\ v_y(x, y) - iu_y(x, y) \end{cases}$$

Since $f'(z) = 0$ on D , $u_x = u_y = v_x = v_y = 0$ on D . It follows that the gradient $\nabla u = \nabla v = \vec{0}$ on D .

Let $r(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ for $0 \leq t \leq 1$ be a parametrized line in D , from $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$ to $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$. Then $u(r(t))$ is a real-valued function with $u(r(0)) = u(x_0, y_0)$ and $u(r(1)) = u(x_1, y_1)$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = u_x \frac{dx}{dt} + u_y \frac{dy}{dt} = \nabla u \cdot r'(t) = 0$$

Thus $u(r(t))$ must be constant. Since the parametrized line was a general one on D , we conclude that u must be constant on D . Similar reasoning for v shows that $f = u + iv$ is constant on D .

3.4 Harmonic Functions

The Cauchy-Riemann equations are very restrictive conditions for a function to be analytic on a region. Which functions can be real or imaginary components of an analytic function?

Theorem: If $f = u + iv$ is analytic on D , and the 1st and 2nd partials of u and v are continuous throughout D , then

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \\ v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Proof: From Cauchy-Riemann, $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$ throughout D . Thus

$$(u_x)_y = (v_y)_x = (v_x)_y = (-u_y)_y$$

Similar reasoning for v can show that $v_{xx} = -v_{yy}$.

Functions that satisfy the above condition are called harmonic. More specifically, suppose ϕ is a real-valued function of 2 real variables x and y . Further, let ϕ have continuous 1st and 2nd partials on D . Then ϕ is harmonic on D if

$$\phi_{xx} + \phi_{yy} = 0 \quad (\text{Laplace's equation})$$

Cauchy-Riemann equations imply that only harmonic functions can be real or imaginary parts of analytic functions.

If $f = u + iv$ is analytic on D , then u and v are harmonic on D .

If u, v are harmonic on D , and u, v satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations, then v is a *harmonic conjugate* of u .

Properties:

- i) The harmonic conjugate isn't symmetric. " v is the harmonic conjugate of u " doesn't imply that " u is the harmonic conjugate of v ".
- ii) If v is the harmonic conjugate of u on D , then $-u$ is the harmonic conjugate of v on D .
- iii) If v_1, v_2 are both harmonic conjugates of u on D , then $v_1 - v_2$ is constant throughout D .
- iv) If u, v are both harmonic conjugates of each other on D , then u, v are both constant throughout D .

Theorem: $f = u + iv$ is analytic on D iff. v is a harmonic conjugate of u on D .

Theorem: If u is harmonic on a simply connected domain D , then there exists a harmonic conjugate v on D .

4 Week 4 (Feb 2 - 6)

4.1 Complex Exponential

We define the complex exponential function as

$$f(z) = e^z (\cos y + i \sin y), \quad z = x + iy$$

This is the counterpart of the real-valued exponential function $f(x) = e^x$. In fact, when $z = x \in \mathbb{R}$, the complex exponential reduces to e^x .

Properties of the complex exponential:

- i) f is entire: it's analytic throughout \mathbb{C} . Thus $\operatorname{Re}(z)$ and $\operatorname{Im}(z)$ have continuous partials satisfying the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

ii) $f' = f$, to see this:

$$f'(z) = u_x + iv_x = e^x \cos y + ie^x \sin y = f(z)$$

iii) $|e^z| = e^x$, assuming $e^z \neq 0$.

iv) $\arg(z) = \{y + e\pi n \mid n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$

v) $e^{z_1+z_2} = e^{z_1}e^{z_2}$ for any $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$

vi) $(e^x)^n = e^{nz}$ for any integer n .

Note that there are differences with the real-valued exponential. For example, $e^x > 0$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, but e^z can be negative for $z \in \mathbb{C}$. The classic example is $e^{\pi i} = -1$.

Additionally, e^z is *not* one-to-one. As seen in property (iv), it has period $2\pi i$. So no single-valued inverse exists, but we'll see a multi-valued log later.

There are potential ambiguities in notation. For example, given e^{iy} , should that be interpreted as a complex exponential? In this case both Euler's formula and the complex exponential return the same answer:

$$e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y \quad (\text{Euler})$$

$$e^{iy} = e^0 (\cos y + i \sin y) \quad (\text{Exponential})$$

However, consider $e^{1/n}$. This could either mean the complex exponential, or the roots of e .

$$e^{1/n} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z^n = e\} \quad (\text{Roots})$$

$$e^{1/n} = e^{1/n} (\cos 0 + i \sin 0) = \sqrt[n]{e} \quad (\text{Exponential})$$

This semester, the convention will be that

If $z \neq e$, then $z^{1/n}$ denotes the n n -th roots of z .

If $z = e$, then $z^{1/n}$ denotes $\sqrt[n]{e}$.

4.2 Complex Trigonometric Functions

We also define the complex trig functions as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin z &= \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} \\ \cos z &= \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

These reduce to the real-valued sin and cos if $z = x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Properties (for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$):

- i) $\sin(-z) = \sin(z)$
- $\cos(-z) = \cos(z)$

ii) $\frac{d}{dz} \sin z = \cos z$
 $\frac{d}{dz} \cos z = -\sin z$

iii) $\sin(z_1 + z_2) = \sin z_1 \cos z_2 + \cos z_1 \sin z_2$
 $\cos(z_1 + z_2) = \cos z_1 \cos z_2 - \sin z_1 \sin z_2$

iv) $\sin^2 z + \cos^2 z = 1$

v) sin and cos are both periodic with period 2π .

There are some differences from the real-valued sin and cos. For example, if $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $|\sin x| \leq 1$ and $|\cos x| \leq 1$. However, in \mathbb{C} , the trig functions aren't bounded.

We can also write the complex trig functions in terms of the hyperbolic sine and cosine. Recall that

$$\sinh y = \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2}, \quad \cosh y = \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2}$$

Thus for $z = x + iy$,

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(z) &= \sin(x) \cosh(y) + i \cos(x) \sinh(y) \\ \cos(z) &= \cos(x) \cosh(y) - i \sin(x) \sinh(y)\end{aligned}$$

Note: the hyperbolic sine and cosine aren't equal to the complex sine and cosine. They look pretty similar, though.

4.3 Complex Logarithm

Given $z \neq 0$, we define the complex logarithm as

$$\log z = \{\ln |z| + i\theta \mid \theta \in \arg(z)\}$$

The complex logarithm is the inverse of the complex exponential. $w \in \log z$ iff. $e^w = z$.

The complex logarithm is a *set* of values, not a single value. This makes sense, as the complex exponential is multi-valued. So for some $z = re^{i\theta}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\log z &= \ln r + i\theta \\ &= \ln r + i(\theta + 2\pi) \\ &= \ln r + i(\theta + 4\pi) \\ &= \dots\end{aligned}$$

So there are some subtleties in notation. For example, $z = e^{\log z}$ doesn't make sense because the log is multi-valued. Instead, we say $z \in e^{\log z}$. Additionally, the equation $\log e^z = \ln |e^z| + i \arg(e^z)$ is describing an equality of sets generated by log and arg.

We can also define a single-valued logarithm. Recall that the principal argument $\text{Arg}(z)$ is the unique $\theta \in \arg(z)$ such that $-\pi < \theta < \pi$. Then the single-valued principal logarithm is

$$\text{Log}(z) = \ln|z| + i\text{Arg}(z)$$

Alternatively, we can define a branch of the multi-valued complex log to make it single-valued. Denote the branch as

$$L_\alpha(z) = \ln r + i\theta , \quad r > 0, \alpha < \theta < \alpha + 2\pi$$

The branch is defined, single-valued, and analytic at all points in its domain excluding $\theta = \alpha$. The “normal” complex logarithm corresponds to $L_{-\pi}$.

$$L_{-\pi} = \ln r + i\theta , \quad r > 0, -\pi < \theta \leq \pi$$

Theorem: The branch of the complex log

$$L_\alpha(z) = \ln r + i\theta , \quad r > 0, \alpha < \theta < \alpha + 2\pi$$

is analytic at every point in its domain of definition, and its derivative at any such z is $1/z$.

Proof: Let $z = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Re}(L_\alpha(z)) &= u(r, \theta) = \ln r \\ \text{Im}(L_\alpha(z)) &= v(r, \theta) = \theta\end{aligned}$$

u and v satisfy the polar version of Cauchy-Riemann, since

$$u_r = \frac{1}{r}v_\theta , \quad \frac{1}{r}u_\theta = -v_r$$

Thus the branch L_α is analytic. Further, for every function $f(z) = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)$, we have

$$f'(z) = e^{-i\theta} (u_r(r, \theta) + iv_r(r, \theta))$$

Substituting $f(z) = L_\alpha(z)$,

$$\frac{d}{dz}L_\alpha(z) = e^{-i\theta} \left(\frac{1}{r} + i \cdot 0 \right) = \frac{1}{re^{i\theta}} = \frac{1}{z}$$

We've shown that L_α is analytic, and its derivative at any point z is $1/z$.

Properties of the complex log:

1. $\log(z_1 z_2) = \log(z_1) + \log(z_2)$ for all $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $z_1, z_2 \neq 0$
 - This is really a statement about sets.
 - This doesn't hold for log branches $L_\alpha(z)$.
2. $\log(z_1/z_2) = \log(z_1) - \log(z_2)$ for $z_1, z_2 \neq 0$
3. $\log(z^n) \neq n \log(z)$ in general for $z \neq 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$
 - A difference with the real logarithm.
 - However, $e^{n \log z} = e^{\log(z^n)} = z^n$. Equal when exponentiated.
4. $z^{1/n} = e^{\frac{1}{n} \log z}$ for any nonzero z and integer n
 - Recall that $z^{1/n} = \{w \mid w^n = z\}$, so this is another statement about sets.

5 Week 5 (Feb 9 - 13)

5.1 Generalized Exponentiation

Suppose $z, c \in \mathbb{C}$ and $z \neq 0$. Then we define the general complex exponent as

$$z^c = e^{c \log z}$$

Note that since the complex log is multi-valued, the exponent is also multi-valued.

For example, 1^i can be found as

$$\begin{aligned} 1^i &= e^{i \log 1} \\ &= e^{i(\ln 1 + i(2\pi n))}, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \\ &= e^{-2\pi n} \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Setting $n = 0$ gives us the real-valued exponent.

To obtain a single-valued exponent, we use a branch of the complex log.

$$\begin{aligned} L_\alpha(z) &= \ln(r) + i\theta \quad | \quad r > 0, \alpha < \theta < \alpha + 2\pi \\ z^c &= e^{cL_\alpha(z)} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{branch of } z^c)$$

Theorem: The branch of $f(z) = z^c$ is analytic on its domain, and $f'(z) = cz^{c-1}$, where z^{c-1} is defined using the same branch L_α .

Proof: The domain of $f(z) = z^c = e^{cL_\alpha(z)}$ is the same as the domain of L_α . Since L_α is analytic on its domain and the exponential function is analytic everywhere, $f(z) = z^c = e^{cL_\alpha(z)}$ is analytic on its domain.

From the chain rule,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} z^c &= \frac{d}{dz} e^{cL_\alpha(z)} \\ &= e^{cL_\alpha(z)} \cdot \frac{c}{z} \\ &= c \cdot \frac{e^{cL_\alpha(z)}}{e^{L_\alpha(z)}} \\ &= ce^{(c-1)L_\alpha(z)} \\ &= cz^{c-1} \end{aligned}$$

The branch here is defined using the same L_α branch as for $f(z) = z^c$.

5.2 Calculus of Complex Functions (of Real Variables)

Eventually, we want to compute integrals of the form

$$\int_C f(z) dz$$

where f is a complex-valued function and C is a curve in \mathbb{C} . Note that we can parametrize complex-valued functions in terms of real variables: e.g. $w(t) = u(t) + iv(t)$

5.2.1 Differentiation

If u, v are defined and differentiable on some $a \leq t \leq b$, then $w(t) = u(t) + iv(T)$ is differentiable on that interval, and the derivative is

$$w'(t) = u'(t) + iv'(t)$$

Suppose $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, and $w_1(t) = u_1(t) + iv_1(t)$ and $w_2(t) = u_2(t) + iv_2(t)$ are differentiable, complex-valued functions on $a \leq t \leq b$. Then for all $a \leq t \leq b$,

- i) $\frac{d}{dt}(w_1 + w_2)(t) = w'_1(t) + w'_2(t)$
- ii) $\frac{d}{dt}(z_0 w_1(t)) = z_0 w'_1(t)$
- iii) $\frac{d}{dt}(w_1 \cdot w_2)(t) = w'_1(t)w_2(t) + w_1(t)w'_2(t)$
- iv) $\frac{d}{dt}e^{z_0 t} = z_0 e^{z_0 t}$

Most of the same properties in the real-valued counterpart hold in the complex-valued realm as well. However, not all of them. For example, the mean-valued theorem doesn't hold for complex functions. You can see this with $w(t) = e^{it} = \cos t + i \sin t$, for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. The derivative is $w'(t) = ie^{it}$.

$$\begin{aligned} |w'(t)| &= 1 , \quad \frac{w(2\pi) - w(0)}{2\pi - 0} = 0 \\ w'(t) &\neq \frac{w(2\pi) - w(0)}{2\pi - 0} \end{aligned}$$

5.2.2 Integration

If $w(t) = u(t) + iv(t)$, then

$$\int_a^b w(t) dt = \int_a^b u(t) dt + i \int_a^b v(t) dt$$

$w(t)$ is integrable on $a \leq t \leq b$ if both u and v are integrable on $a \leq t \leq b$, i.e. if u and v are piecewise continuous on $a \leq t \leq b$.

Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus): Let $w_1(t) = u_1(t) + iv_1(t)$ and $w_2(t) = u_2(t) + iv_2(t)$. Suppose w_1, w_2 are continuous and $w'_2(t) = w_1(t)$ for all $a \leq t \leq b$. Then

$$\int_a^b w_1(t) dt = w_2(b) - w_2(a)$$

Proof: $w'_2 = w_1$ implies $u'_2 = u_1$ and $v'_2 = v_1$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b w_1(t) dt &= \int_a^b u_1(t) dt + i \int_a^b v_1(t) dt \\ &= u_2(b) - u_2(a) + i(v_2(b) - v_2(a)) \\ &= w_2(b) - w_2(a) \end{aligned}$$

This is the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus for complex-valued functions of a real variable.

5.2.3 Arcs

We call a curve $w(t) = u(t) + iv(t)$ with $a \leq t \leq b$ an *arc* if both u, v are continuous on $a \leq t \leq b$. An arc is notated $z(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$, for $a \leq t \leq b$.

- An arc is *simple* if it doesn't cross itself: $z(t_1) \neq z(t_2)$ unless $t_1 = t_2$.
- An arc is a *simple closed curve* (Jordan curve) if only its endpoints meet: $z(t_1) = z(t_2)$ iff. $\{t_1, t_2\} = \{a, b\}$.

Arcs have a natural orientation, given by the direction traversed by its output as the input increases.

In general, $\int_C f(z) dz$ is independent of the arc C 's parametrization. However, the signs flip if the orientations are different:

$$\int_C f(z) dz = - \int_{-C} f(z) dz$$

An arc is differentiable if $x(t), y(t)$ have continuous derivatives for all $a \leq t \leq b$. If $z(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$ is a differentiable arc, its length is defined as

$$L = \int_a^b |z'(t)| dt = \int_a^b \sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2} dt$$

A differentiable arc is *smooth* if $z'(t)$ is continuous on $a \leq t \leq b$ and nonzero for $a < t < b$.

A *contour* is an arc composed of a finite number of smooth arcs, joined end-to-end. Thus a contour is like a “piecewise smooth” arc.

A *simple closed contour* $z(t)$ for $a \leq t \leq b$ is a contour that's also a simple closed curve. That is, $z(a) = z(b)$, and there's no other intersections.

Theorem (Jordan Curve Theorem): A set of points on a simple closed contour C is the boundary of 2 disjoint domains—one bounded, one not.

It helps to think of the bounded points as the “interior” of the shape defined by the contour. The unbounded points are the “exterior.”

Proof: Too hard.