

# Complex Function Theorem

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Complex Numbers

Defined as  $\mathbb{C} = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$  subject to conditions, for  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in \mathbb{C}$

- Addition (+):  
 $(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$
- Multiplication ( $\cdot$ ):  
 $(x_1, y_1) \cdot (x_2, y_2) = (x_1x_2 - y_1y_2, x_2y_1 + x_1y_2)$

$(\mathbb{C}, +), (\mathbb{C}, \cdot)$  are abelian groups, with units  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 0)$  respectively

### Lemma 1.1

$(\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$  is a field with multiplicative inverse

$$z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 0\}, \quad z^{-1} = \left( \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

such that  $z \cdot z^{-1} = (1, 0)$

We will define as follows:

$$1 := (1, 0), \quad i := (0, 1), \quad 0 := (0, 0)$$

Allowing us to write complex numbers as

$$z = 1 \cdot x + i \cdot y$$

We also define the real and imaginary parts of complex numbers as

$$\operatorname{Re}(z) := x = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}, \quad \operatorname{Im}(z) = y = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

The modulo and argument are

$$|z| = \sqrt{z\bar{z}} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\arg(z) = \phi \pmod{2\pi}, \text{ so that } \cos \phi = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(z)}{|z|}, \sin \phi = \frac{\operatorname{Im}(z)}{|z|}$$

And all  $z$  have a polar co-ordinate representation

$$z = |z|(\cos(\arg(z)) + i \sin(\arg(z))) = r(\cos \phi + i \sin \phi)$$

Then by eulers formula

$$z = |z|(\cos \phi + i \sin \phi) = |z|e^{i\phi}$$

## 1.2 Sequences, Series and Convergence

The space  $(\mathbb{C}, |\cdot|)$  is a *metric space* which can be identified with  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the euclidean distance.

### Definition 1.5

A sequence  $\{z_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = w$  iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |z_n - w| = 0$$

Since  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is complete, so is  $\mathbb{C}$ . Namely every Cauchy sequence in  $\mathbb{C}$  has a limit in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

### Proposition 1.6

A sequence  $\{z_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges iff

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N > 0, \text{ s.t. } n, m > N \Rightarrow |z_n - z_m| < \epsilon$$

A series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_n$  converges iff the sequence of partial sums  $(s_n)$  converges

$$\text{where } s_n = \sum_{j=0}^n z_j$$

The series of real numbers  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$ , for  $b_n \geq 0$  converges if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |b_n|^{1/n} < 1$ , and diverges to  $+\infty$  if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |b_n|^{1/n} > 1$

### Theorem

If a series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_n$  converges absolutely, then it too converges.

*Proof.* Let  $T_n = \sum_{j=0}^n |z_j|$ ,  $S_n = \sum_{j=0}^n z_j$ . Since the series converges absolutely, we know for some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$|T_n - T_m| = |a_n| + \cdots + |a_{m+1}| < \epsilon \text{ for } n > m > N, \epsilon > 0$$

and by the triangle inequality we can show

$$\begin{aligned} |S_n - S_m| &= |a_n + \cdots + a_{m+1}| \\ &\leq |a_n| + \cdots + |a_{m+1}| \\ &= |T_n - T_m| < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

Hence the sequence  $(S_n)$  is cauchy and must converge □

## 2 Holomorphic Functions

### 2.1 Differentiation of Complex functions

#### Definition 2.1

A subset  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  is called a *domain* if it is open and connected.

#### Definition 2.2

A function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  has a limit  $c$  at a point  $z_0 \in G$  if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ s.t. } |z - z_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(z) - c| < \epsilon$$

#### Definition 2.3

The function  $f$  is continuous at a point  $z_0 \in G$  if the limit of  $f$  at  $z_0$  exists and

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

If  $f$  is continuous at every point  $z \in G$  then  $f$  is continuous in  $G$ .

We use the notation

$$z = x + iy, \quad f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$$

Where  $u(x, y), v(x, y)$  are functions from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . From this we can write

$$\operatorname{Re}(f) = u, \quad \operatorname{Im}(f) = v$$

So we can say  $f$  is continuous in  $G \iff u, v$  are continuous in  $G$ .

#### Definition 2.4

Let  $G$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  a complex function on  $G$ . The function  $f$  is (complex) differentiable at a point  $z_0 \in G$  iff the limit

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

exists and is finite. The limit is independent from the direction in the complex plane in which  $h$  tends to zero.

## 2.2 Basic Properties of Complex Differentiation

Complex differentiability shares several properties with real differentiability. Those being it is linear and obeys the product rule, quotient rule, and chain rule.

Let  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  be an open set and  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, g : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  complex functions on  $G$ , with  $z_0 \in G$ .

- i) Suppose  $f, g$  are differentiable at  $z_0$  then  $f + g, af, fg (a \in \mathbb{C})$  are also differentiable at said point and

$$(f + g)'(z_0) = f'(z_0) + g'(z_0), (af)'(z_0) = af'(z_0)$$

$$(fg)'(z_0) = f'(z_0)g(z_0) + g'(z_0)f(z_0)$$

- ii) Suppose  $f, g$  are differentiable at  $z_0$  and  $(g)'(z_0) \neq 0$ . Then  $f/g$  is differentiable at the point and

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(z_0) = \frac{f'(z_0)g(z_0) - g'(z_0)f(z_0)}{g^2(z_0)}$$

- iii) Suppose  $f$  is differentiable at  $z_0$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $z_0$ .

proof

As  $f$  is differentiable at  $z_0$  then we know  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = f'(z_0)$  and we wts  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0)$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (f(z) - f(z_0)) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0) \frac{(f(z) - f(z_0))}{z - z_0} \\ &= \left[ \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0) \right] \left[ \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{(f(z) - f(z_0))}{z - z_0} \right] \\ &= 0 \cdot f'(z_0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

- iv) Let  $B \subset \mathbb{C}$  also be an open set. Suppose  $f$  is differentiable at  $z_0$ ,  $f(G) \subset B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is differentiable at  $f(z_0) \in B$ . Then we can say the composition  $g \circ f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is differentiable at  $z_0$  and

$$(g(f))'(z_0) = g'(f(z_0))f'(z_0)$$

proof

We know  $g, f$  are differentiable at  $z_0, f(z_0)$  respectively. Thus we can write

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

Now let's define

$$v := \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h} - f'(z_0), \quad u := \frac{g(f(z_0) + h) - g(f(z_0))}{h} - g'(f(z_0))$$

This allows us to write

$$f(z_0 + h) = f(z_0) + [f'(z_0) + v]h, \quad g(f(z_0) + h) = g(f(z_0)) + [g'(f(z_0)) + u]h$$

So we can say

$$g(f(z_0 + h)) = g(f(z_0)) + [f'(z_0) + v]h$$

and then

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

as both  $u, v \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ .

Hence the limit exists and is finite so we can say  $g \circ f$  is differentiable at  $z_0$  and

$$(g(f))'(z_0) = g'(f(z_0))f'(z_0)$$

□

### Definition 2.11

A function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined on a domain  $G$  is called *holomorphic* in  $G$  if it has a complex derivative at all points in  $G$ .

## 2.3 Derivative as a linear approximation

### Definition 2.12

Let  $w(z)$  be a complex function in a neighbourhood of  $z = 0$ . The function  $w(z) = o(z)$  if

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{w(z)}{z} = 0$$

$w(z) = O(z)$  if

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{w(z)}{z} = c, \quad c \neq 0$$

### Lemma 2.13

Let  $G$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  a complex function on  $G$ .  $f$  is complex differentiable at  $z_0 \in G$  iff there exists a constant  $A \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0) = Ah + o(h), \quad \forall h \in G_{z_0}$$

where  $G_{z_0}$  is a neighbourhood of  $z_0$  in  $G$  and  $A = f'(z_0)$ .

Proof

Suppose  $f$  differentiable at  $z_0$ . Let  $A = f'(z_0)$ . Define  $w : G_{z_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}; h \rightarrow f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0) - Ah$ . Then

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

Hence  $w(h) = o(h)$  is satisfied.

Now suppose that  $A \in \mathbb{C}, w : G_{z_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}; h \rightarrow f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0) - Ah = o(h)$ . Then

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

It follows that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h}$  exists and  $f'(z_0) = A$ . □

## 2.4 Real versus Complex Differentiation

We consider arbitrary maps of the form

$$F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2; (x, y) \rightarrow (u(x, y), v(x, y))$$

### Theorem 2.14

The function  $F$  is real differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$  if there exists a linear map  $A : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.

$$F(x, y) - F(x_0, y_0) = (x - x_0, y - y_0)A + o(\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2})$$

*The matrix  $A$  is the transpose of the Jacobian of  $F$  calculated in  $(x_0, y_0)$ , namely*

$$A^t = JF(x_0, y_0) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x(x_0, y_0) & u_y(x_0, y_0) \\ v_x(x_0, y_0) & v_y(x_0, y_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0, y \rightarrow y_0} \frac{o(\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2})}{\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2}} = 0$$



## 2.5 Cauchy-Riemann Equations

### Theorem 2.17 (*Cauchy-Riemann Theorem*)

Suppose  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}; z \rightarrow u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is complex differentiable in  $z_0 \in G$ . Then  $u, (x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  satisfy the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\delta u}{\delta x}(x_0, y_0) &= \frac{\delta v}{\delta y}(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\delta u}{\delta y}(x_0, y_0) &= -\frac{\delta v}{\delta x}(x_0, y_0)\end{aligned}$$

Moreover the derivative of  $f$  at  $z$  can be represented as:

$$f'(z_0) = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\delta v}{\delta x}(x_0, y_0)$$

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is differentiable at  $z_0$  we can chose  $h = t \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.

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

We could also chose  $h = it \in i\mathbb{R}$  s.t.

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

Comparing the above two expressions we obtain the Cauchy-Riemann Equations.  $\square$

### Theorem 2.18

The function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}; z \rightarrow u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is complex differentiable at  $z_0 \in G$  if the functions  $u, v$  are differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0) \in G$  and satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann Equations.

*Proof.*  $\square$

**Lemma 2.22**

If the function  $f = u + iv$  is holomorphic in a domain  $G \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , the Cauchy-Riemann equations can be written in the form:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} f = 0$$

*Proof.* Let us calculate:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} f = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) (u + iv) = \frac{1}{2} (u_x + i u_y) + \frac{i}{2} (v_x + i v_y) = \frac{1}{2} (u_x - v_y) + \frac{i}{2} (v_x + u_y)$$

Hence the Cauchy-Riemann equations are equivalent to  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} f = 0$ . □

## 3 Integration of complex functions

### 3.1 Paths and contours on the plane