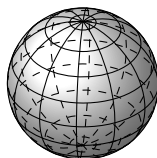


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1 Complex Numbers

Definition 1.0.1. A complex number is a vector in \mathbb{R}^2 . The complex plane denoted by \mathbb{C} is the set of complex numbers.

$$\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

In \mathbb{C} , we usually write,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ 1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ i &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ x &= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ iy &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ y \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

with $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. If $z = x + iy, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, then x is called the real part of z and y the imaginary part of z and write

$$\Re(z) = x \quad \Im(z) = y$$

Definition 1.0.2. We define the sum of two complex numbers to be the vector sum.

$$\begin{aligned} (a + ib) + (c + id) &= \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a + c \\ b + d \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We define the product of two complex numbers by setting $i^2 = -1$ and by requiring the product to be commutative, associative and distributive over the sum. So,

$$\begin{aligned} (a + bi)(c + di) &= ac + iad + ibc + i^2bd \\ &= (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1 (Multiplicative Inverses). *Every complex number has a unique multiplicative inverse denoted by z^{-1} .*

Proof. Let $z = a + bi, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$. We want to solve for x and y such that $(a + bi)(x + iy) = 1$. In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} (ax - by) + i(ay + bx) &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} ax - by \\ bx + ay \end{pmatrix} &= (1, 0) \\ \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= (1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \\ \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \end{pmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

This is unique as the inverse matrix is unique. \square

Remark. The set of complex numbers is a field under the operations of addition and multiplication as operations are associative, commutative and distributive and every element has a unique inverse as before.

Definition 1.0.3. If $z = x + iy, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, then the conjugate of z is $\bar{z} = x - iy$.

Definition 1.0.4. We define the modulus (or length or magnitude) of $z = x + iy, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ to be

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

Remark. For any $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{\bar{z}} &= z \\
z + \bar{z} &= 2\Re(z) \\
z - \bar{z} &= 2i\Im(z) \\
z \cdot \bar{z} &= |z|^2 \\
|z| &= |\bar{z}| \\
\overline{z + w} &= \bar{z} + \bar{w} \\
\overline{zw} &= \bar{z} \cdot \bar{w} \\
|zw| &= |z||w|
\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2. The following inequalities hold for any $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

- (1) $|\Re(z)| \leq |z|$
- (2) $|\Im(z)| \leq |z|$
- (3) $|z + w| \leq |z| + |w|$
- (4) $|z + w| \geq \left| |z| - |w| \right|$

Proof. (1) and (2) follows as

$$|z|^2 = \Re(z)^2 + \Im(z)^2.$$

(3). Notice,

$$\begin{aligned}
|x + iy|^2 &= (x + iy)\overline{(x + iy)} \\
&= (x + iy)(\bar{x} + i\bar{y}) \\
&= x\bar{x} + y\bar{y} + x\bar{y} + y\bar{x}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= |x|^2 + |y|^2 + x\bar{y} + y\bar{x} \\
&= |x|^2 + |y|^2 + 2\Re(x\bar{y}) \\
&\leq |x|^2 + |y|^2 + 2|x\bar{y}| \\
&= |x|^2 + |y|^2 + 2|x| \cdot |\bar{y}| \\
&= |x + y|^2
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the square root of both sides gives the result.

(4). From (3), we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
|z| &= |z - w + w| \leq |z - w| + |w| \\
|w| &= |w - z + z| \leq |w - z| + |z|
\end{aligned}$$

Then, isolating $|z - w|$ implies the result. More specifically since we have the simultaneous inequality,

$$\begin{cases} |z| - |w| \leq |z - w| \\ |w| - |z| \leq |z - w| \end{cases} \Rightarrow |z - w| \geq \left| |z| - |w| \right|$$

as desired. □

Proposition 3. *Every non-zero complex number has exactly 2 square roots.*

Proof. Let $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$ with $x^2 + y^2 \neq 0, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. We want to solve $w^2 = z$ for $w \in \mathbb{C}$. Say w takes the form $w = u + iv, u, v \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
w^2 &= z \\
\Rightarrow (u + iv)^2 &= x + iy \\
\Rightarrow (u^2 - v^2) + i2uv &= x + iy
\end{aligned}$$

So we have that $x = u^2 - v^2$ and $y = 2uv^2$. We can solve for u and v . Take the square of both sides of the second equation to get $4u^2v^2 = y^2$. Now, we multiply the first equation by $4u^2$ to get

$$\begin{aligned}
4u^4 - 4u^2v^2 &= 4xu^2 \\
\Rightarrow 4u^4 - 4xu^2 - y^2 &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

This is a quadratic equation over u^2 so,

$$u^2 = \frac{4x \pm \sqrt{16x^2 + 16y^2}}{8} = \frac{x \pm \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}$$

Suppose that $y \neq 0$. Then we must take the positive solution above to get

$$u^2 = \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}$$

Under the assumption that $x^2 + y^2 > 0$, this solution exists. Notice we cannot take the negative solution as it yields a negative u^2 which is impossible. We can use a similar procedure to find that

$$v^2 = \frac{-x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}$$

Rooting u and v gives 2 solutions for each. However, if y is positive, since $2uv = y$, u and v must take the same sign. Similarly, if y is negative, they must take different signs. In each of these cases, there are 2 solutions for u and v . So,

$$w = \begin{cases} \pm \left[\left(\sqrt{\frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}} \right) + i \left(\sqrt{\frac{-x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}} \right) \right] & , y > 0 \\ \pm \left[\left(\sqrt{\frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}} \right) - i \left(\sqrt{\frac{-x + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{2}} \right) \right] & , y < 0 \\ \pm \sqrt{x} & , x > 0, y = 0 \\ \pm i \sqrt{-x} & , x < 0, y = 0 \end{cases}$$

□

Remark. Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$. The notation \sqrt{z} may represent either one of the square roots of z or both of the square roots.

Remark. The square root doesn't distribute. Consider $z = w = -1 \in \mathbb{C}$. $\sqrt{zw} \neq \sqrt{z}\sqrt{w}$.

Remark. The Quadratic Formula holds true for complex polynomials. In other words, if $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}, a \neq 0$,

$$az^2 + bz + c = 0 \Rightarrow z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Definition 1.0.5. If $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, we define the angle (or argument) of z to be the angle $\theta(z)$ from the positive x -axis counterclockwise to z . In other words, $\theta(z)$ is the angle such that

$$z = |z|(\cos \theta(z) + i \sin \theta(z)).$$

Remark. For $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ (or for $\theta \in \mathbb{R}/2\pi$), we have that

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)$$

Remark. If $z \neq 0$, we have $x = \Re(z)$, $y = \Im(z)$, $r = |z|$ and

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{y}{x}, \text{ if } x \neq 0 \\ z &= re^{i\theta} \\ \bar{z} &= re^{-i\theta} \\ z^{-1} &= \frac{1}{r}e^{-i\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Remark. We now have 2 representations of a complex number $z \in \mathbb{C}$. We say that $z = x + iy$ is the cartesian coordinates of z and $z = re^{i\theta}$, where $r = |z|$, is the polar form of z .

Consider $z = re^{i\alpha}$ and $w = se^{i\beta}$. We have,

$$\begin{aligned} zw &= rs(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)(\sin \beta + i \cos \beta) \\ &= rs((\cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta) + i(\sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= rs(\cos(\alpha + \beta) + i \sin(\alpha + \beta)) \\
&= e^{i(\alpha + \beta)}
\end{aligned}$$

which defines a formula for multiplication in polar coordinates. Notice that the following identity known as De Moivre's Law follows.

$$(re^{i\theta})^n = r^n e^{in\theta}$$

for all $r, \theta \in \mathbb{R}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. We can use this identity to find the n^{th} roots of z . In other words, we solve $w^n = z$. We have,

$$\begin{aligned}
w^n &= z \\
\Rightarrow (se^{i\alpha})^n &= re^{i\theta} \\
\Rightarrow s^n e^{in\alpha} &= re^{i\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

so $s^n = r$ and $n\alpha = \theta + 2\pi k$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. In other words, we have

$$(re^{i\theta}) = \sqrt[n]{r} e^{i(\theta + 2\pi k)/n}, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

Remark. When working with complex numbers, for $0 \neq z \in \mathbb{C}$, and for $0 < n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\sqrt[n]{z}$ or $z^{1/n}$ denotes either one of the n roots, or the set of all n^{th} roots.

Example 1.0.6. Consider the $n-1$ diagonals of a regular n -gon inscribed in a circle of radius 1 obtained by connecting one vector with all the others. Show that the product of these diagonals is n .

Notice that z_2, \dots, z_n are the n^{th} roots of unity other than 1. Let z be the variable and consider the polynomial

$$P(z) := 1 + z + \dots + z^{n-1}.$$

Since the roots of $P(z)$ are n^{th} roots of unity other than 1, we can factorize

$$\begin{aligned}
P(z) &= 1 + z + \dots + z^{n-1} \\
&= (z - z_2) \dots (z - z_n)
\end{aligned}$$

and setting $z = 1$, the result follows. In particular, we have

$$|1 - z_2| \dots |1 - z_n| = n.$$

2 Complex Functions

2.1 Limits

Definition 2.1.1. A sequence of complex numbers $z_1, z_2 \dots$ converges to $z \in \mathbb{C}$ if

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

Equivalently, given any $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ sufficiently large such that $|z_n - z| < \epsilon$ whenever $n > N$.

Remark. If $\{z_n\}_n$ converges to z , we write

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z$$

or $z_n \rightarrow z$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Example 2.1.2. For $|z| > 1$, show that $\{\frac{1}{z^n}\}_{n=1}^\infty$ converges.

Notice,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{z^n} - 0 \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{z^n} \right| = 0$$

as $|z| > 1$.

Example 2.1.3. Show that $\{i^n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ does not converge.

Definition 2.1.4. Let $f : \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. We say

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

if for every sequence $\{z_n\}_n \subseteq \Omega$ we have that $z_n \rightarrow z \Rightarrow f(z_n) \rightarrow L$.

Remark. Here, z_0 need not to be in Ω .

Example 2.1.5. Let $f(z) = \frac{\bar{z}}{z}$, $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. Find $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z)$.

If $z = x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, then $f(z) = \frac{x}{x} = 1$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$. If $z = iy, y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, then $f(z) = \frac{-iy}{iy} = -1$. So $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(iy) = -1$. Hence, the limit does not exist.

Example 2.1.6. Show that $z_n \rightarrow z$ if and only if $\Re z_n \rightarrow \Re z$ and $\Im z_n \rightarrow \Im z$.

2.2 Function Continuity

Definition 2.2.1. Let $f : \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. We say f is continuous at $z_0 \in \Omega$ if for every sequence $\{z_n\} \subseteq \Omega$, we have $z_n \rightarrow z \Rightarrow f(z_n) \rightarrow f(z)$. Equivalently, given any $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists \delta > 0$ such that $|f(z) - f(z_0)| < \epsilon$ whenever $|z - z_0| < \delta$.

Remark. f is continuous on Ω if it is continuous at every point of Ω .

Remark. We may split f into its real and imaginary parts

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

where $u, v : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

2.3 Holomorphic Functions

Definition 2.3.1. An open disk of radius r at z_0 with $r > 0$ is the neighborhood around z_0 denoted by $D(z_0, r)$ with

$$D(z_0, r) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| < r\}$$

Definition 2.3.2. Let $f(z)$ be defined in a neighborhood of z_0 . We say f is complex differentiable (or holomorphic) at z_0 if

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

exists. If it does, we denote the limit by $f'(z_0)$.

Remark. Here, $h \in \mathbb{C}$ can approach zero from any direction in \mathbb{C} .

Example 2.3.3. Where is $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$, $z \neq 0$ holomorphic?

Notice,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{z_0+h} - \frac{1}{z_0}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{(z_0 + h)(z_0)} = -\frac{1}{z_0^2}$$

So, f is holomorphic at any $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, and $f'(z) = -\frac{1}{z^2}$.

Example 2.3.4. $f(z) = \bar{z}$ is not holomorphic at any $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Notice,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\overline{z_0 + h} - \bar{z}_0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{h}}{h}$$

which does not exist from Example 2.1.5. However, the function can be thought of a map from $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined as $(x, y) \mapsto (x, -y)$ which is differentiable as all partial derivatives exist. This distinguishes real analysis from complex analysis.

Remark. If f and g are holomorphic, so are $f + g$, fg and $\frac{f}{g}$ (when $g \neq 0$). The proof is identical to the statements of real functions.



We can now generalize when a function is complex differentiable. If the complex function $f(z) = u + iv$. If the complex derivative $f'(z)$ is to exist, then it must be that the limit exists approaching from both the real and imaginary axis. Thus, we have,

$$f'(z) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+t) - f(z)}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+it) - f(z)}{it}$$

where t is a real number. In terms of u and v , taking the derivative along the real line gives,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+t) - f(z)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x+t, y) + iv(x+t, y) - u(x, y) - iv(x, y)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x+t, y) - u(x, y)}{t} + i \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{v(x+t, y) - v(x, y)}{t} \\ &= \frac{u}{x} + i \frac{v}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the derivative along the vertical line gives,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+it) - f(z)}{it}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -i \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x, y+t) + iv(x, y+t) - u(x, y) - iv(x, y)}{t} \\
&= -i \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x, y+t) - u(x, y)}{t} + \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{v(x, y+t) - v(x, y)}{t} \\
&= -i \frac{u}{y} + \frac{v}{y}.
\end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we arrive at the following theorem.

Theorem 4 (Cauchy-Riemann Equations). *If a function $f(z) = u + iv$ is holomorphic in a neighborhood around $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$, then the partial derivatives of u and v exist at (x_0, y_0) and satisfy*

$$\frac{u}{x} = \frac{v}{y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{v}{x} = -\frac{u}{y} \quad \text{at } (x_0, y_0)$$

with

$$f'(z_0) = \frac{u}{x} + i \frac{v}{x} = \frac{v}{y} - i \frac{u}{y}.$$

Example 2.3.5. Show that

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \bar{z}^2 & , \text{ if } z \neq 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ if } z = 0 \end{cases}$$

is not holomorphic at $z = 0$ and that the Cauchy-Reimann Equations hold at $z = 0$.

Notice,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{h}^2}{h^2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\bar{x} - iy}{x + iy} \right)^2$$

Let $h = x + imx$, $m \neq 0, x \rightarrow 0$. We get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x - imx}{x + imx} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1 - im}{1 + im} \right)^2$$

which is dependent of m and thus the limit does not exist. Now, notice we have

$$\frac{\bar{z}^2}{z} = \frac{(x - iy)^2}{x + iy} = \frac{(x - iy)^3}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{x^3 - 3xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} + i \frac{-3x^2y + y^3}{x^2 + y^2}$$

So we have

$$u(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 - 3xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} & , \text{ if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & , \text{ if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

and

$$v(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{-3x^2y + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} & , \text{ if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & , \text{ if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}.$$

Now, we can verify that the Cauchy-Riemann Equations hold. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{u}{x} \left(\frac{x^3 - 3xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right) &= \frac{\left(\frac{-}{x} (x^3 - 3xy^2) \right) (x^2 + y^2) - (x^3 - 3xy^2) \left(\frac{-}{x} (x^2 + y^2) \right)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\
&= \frac{(3x^2 - 3y^2)(x^2 + y^2) - (x^3 - 3xy^2)(2x)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{x^4 + 6x^2y^2 - 3y^4}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\
\frac{v}{y} \left(\frac{y^3 - 3x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) &= \frac{\left(\frac{-}{y}(y^3 - 3x^2y) \right)(x^2 + y^2) - (y^3 - 3x^2y)\left(\frac{-}{y}(x^2 + y^2) \right)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\
&= \frac{(3y^2 - 3x^2)(x^2 + y^2) - (y^3 - 3x^2y)(y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\
&= \frac{x^4 + 6x^2y^2 - 3y^4}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{u}{y} \left(\frac{x^3 - 3xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right) &= \frac{\left(\frac{-}{y}(x^3 - 3xy^2) \right)(x^2 + y^2) - (x^3 - 3xy^2)\left(\frac{-}{y}(x^2 + y^2) \right)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\
&= \frac{(-6xy)(x^2 + y^2) - (x^3 - 3xy^2)(2y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\
&= -\frac{8x^3y}{x^2 + y^2} \\
\frac{v}{x} \left(\frac{y^3 - 3x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) &= \frac{\left(\frac{-}{x}(y^3 - 3x^2y) \right)(x^2 + y^2) - (y^3 - 3x^2y)\left(\frac{-}{x}(x^2 + y^2) \right)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\
&= \frac{(-6xy)(x^2 + y^2) - (y^3 - 3x^2y)(2y)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\
&= -\frac{8x^3y}{x^2 + y^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can consider the converse statement of Theorem 4.

Theorem 5. *Let $f = u + iv : \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 \in \Omega$. If*

- (1) *the partials of u, v exist in a neighborhood of (x_0, y_0)*
- (2) *the partials of u, v are continuous at (x_0, y_0)*
- (3) *$\frac{u}{x} = \frac{v}{y}$ and $\frac{v}{x} = -\frac{u}{y}$ at (x_0, y_0)*

then, f is holomorphic at z_0 .

TODO: find proof online.

3 Power Series

3.1 Convergence and Divergence

Example 3.1.1. Consider the power series, an expression of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$$

where $c_n \in \mathbb{C}$. This expression converges if the sequence of partials sums, $\{s_N\}$ defined by

$$s_N := \sum_{n=0}^N c_n z^n$$

converges as $N \rightarrow \infty$. This is quite a strong condition, so we consider the following definition.

Definition 3.1.2. A power series expression converges absolutely if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n| |z|^n$$

converges.

Remark. Absolute convergence implies converges. Notice,

$$\left| \sum_{n=0}^N c_n z^n \right| = \sum_{n=0}^N |c_n| |z|^n$$

for each $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

3.2 Radius of Convergence

Theorem 6. For any power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$, $\exists 0 \leq R \leq \infty$, such that

(1) If $|z| < R$, the series converges absolutely

(2) If $|z| > R$, the series diverges.

Moreover, R is given by Hadamard's formula: $\frac{1}{R} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$

Remark. R is called the radius of convergence of the series and $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$ is called the disk of convergence of the series.

Remark. Recall,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sup_{m \leq n} a_m \right)$$

and is the “highest peak reached by a_n 's as $n \rightarrow \infty$ ”.

Proposition 7 (Property of \limsup). If $L = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$, then for any $\epsilon > 0$, $\exists N > 0$ such that $\forall n \leq N$, $a_n < L + \epsilon$

Proof of Theorem 6. Let $L := \frac{1}{R} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$. Clearly, $L \leq 0$.

- (1) Suppose $|z| < R$. So, there exists some $\epsilon > 0$ such that $r := |z|(L + \epsilon) < 1$ and $0 < r < 1$. By Proposition 7, $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall n > N$, $|c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} < L + \epsilon$. Now,

$$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} |c_n| |z|^n = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \left(|c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} |z| \right)^n < \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} r^n$$

converges as $0 < r < 1$. By the comparison test, $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} |c_n| |z|^n$ is monotonic and bounded and thus converges by Bolzano-Weierstrass.

- (2) This follows from the proof above. Specifically, this time, notice that there exists some $\epsilon > 0$ such that $r := |z|(L - \epsilon) > 1$. Again, by Proposition 7, there exists some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n > N$, $|c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} > L - \epsilon$ so that

$$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} |c_n| |z|^n = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \left(|c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} |z| \right)^n > \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} r^n$$

follows and so the series diverges.

□

Theorem 8. Suppose $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$ has radius of convergence R . Then $f'(z)$ exists and equals

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n z^{n-1}$$

throughout $|z| < R$. Moreover, f' has the same radius of convergence as f .

Proof. f' has some radius of convergence because

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |n c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{1}{n}} |c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$. Let $|z_0| \leq r < R$, $g(z_0) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n z_0^{n-1}$. We want to show

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

or equivalently, for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|h| < \delta \Rightarrow \left| \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h} - g(z_0) \right| < \epsilon.$$

For any fixed $\epsilon > 0$, we write

$$f(z) = \underbrace{\sum_{n=0}^N c_n z^n}_{:=S_N(z)} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} c_n z^n}_{:=E_N(z)}$$

We have $S'_N = \sum_{n=1}^N nc_n z^{n-1}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h} - g(z_0) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{S_N(z_0 + h) - S_N(z_0)}{h} + \frac{E_N(z_0 + h) - E_N(z_0)}{h} - g(z_0) + S'_N(z_0) - S'_N(z_0) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{S_N(z_0 + h) - S_N(z_0)}{h} - S'_N(z_0) \right| + \left| \frac{E_N(z_0 + h) - E_N(z_0)}{h} \right| + |S'_N(z_0) - g(z_0)|. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\left| \frac{E_N(z_0 + h) - E_N(z_0)}{h} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{h} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} c_n ((z_0 + h)^h - z_0^n) \right|$$

As $a^n - b^n = (a - b)(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + \dots + ab^{n-2} + b^{n-1})$ in any ring, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{h} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} c_n ((z_0 + h)^h - z_0^n) \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} c_n ((z_0 + h)^{n-1} + (z_0 + h)^{n+2}z_0 + \dots + (z_0 + h)z_0^{n-2} + z_0^{n-1}) \right| \end{aligned}$$

Now, by choosing δ relatively small so that $|z_0| \leq r$, we have $|z_0|, |z_0 + h| \leq r$ and so

$$(z_0 + h)^{n-1} + (z_0 + h)^{n+2}z_0 + \dots + (z_0 + h)z_0^{n-2} + z_0^{n-1} \leq nr^{n-1}$$

So,

$$\left| \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h} - g(z_0) \right| \leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} nc_n r^{n-1} < \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

for a large enough N_1 .

Now, observe that by definition,

$$S'_N(z_0) = \sum_{n=1}^N nc_n z^{n-1}.$$

Since,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S'_N(z_0) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N nc_n z^{n-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nc_n z^{n-1} = g(z_0)$$

we can pick some $\frac{\epsilon}{3} > 0$ such that there exists some $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$, for all $n > N_2$, we have

$$|S'_N(z_0) - g(z_0)| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

Finally, let $\frac{\epsilon}{3} > 0$. Observe that there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that there exists some $N > \max N_1, N_2$, for all $n > N$,

$$\left| \frac{S_N(z_0 + h) - S_N(z_0)}{h} - S'_N(z_0) \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{3}.$$

as $|h| < \delta$. It follows that

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

as desired. \square

Example 3.2.1. Consider $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n}$. To find the radius of convergence, we use Hadamard's Formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{R} &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $R = 1$. By Theorem 6, f converges absolutely when $|z| < 1$ and diverges when $|z| > 1$. As for the boundary, in other words, when $|z| = 1$, consider the following two cases:

1. If $z = 1$, then $f(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is a harmonic series, and hence f diverges.
2. If $z = i$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(i) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{i^n}{n} \\ &= i - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{i}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{5} - \frac{1}{6} \\ &= \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} + \dots \right) i \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

which both real and imaginary parts converge by the alternating series test. Therefore, we observe that both convergence and divergence may occur on the boundary, depending on the value of z .

Remark. The positions of \lim and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}$ cannot be exchanged when we consider infinite sums. Consider the following example.

Example 3.2.2. Consider for $|x| > 1$, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^n - x^{n+1}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - 1) = 0$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N (x^n - x^{n+1}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (x - x^2 + x^2 - x^3 + \dots + x^{N-1} - x^N + x^N - x^{N+1}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (x - x^{N+1}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^n - x^{n+1}) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x^n - x^{n+1}).$$

Definition 3.2.3. A function f is said to be entire if f is holomorphic in the entire complex plane.

Example 3.2.4. Define $e^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$. Show that the radius of convergence of this series is ∞ (which implies e^z is entire) and $(e^z)' = e^z$.

Consider Stirling's formula, which says as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $n! \sim \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}$. Then, we have

$$e^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}} \left(\frac{e}{n}\right)^n.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{R} &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}} \left(\frac{e}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right| \\ &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{2\pi n} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{e}{n} \right|^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $R \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By Theorem 6, e^z is an entire function. Now, we can show the derivative by the limit definition. Notice,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{z+h} - e^z}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^h}{h} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 9 (Corollary of Theorem 8). *A power series is infinitely complex-differentiable in its radius of convergence. All its derivatives are also power series, obtained by termwise differentiation.*

If $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$, then

$$f^{(N)}(z) = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} n(n-1) \cdots (n-N) c_n z^{n-N}$$

for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

In general, we have have $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z - z_0)^n$, which is the power series centered at $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Then as before, the radius of convergence R is given by

$$\frac{1}{R} = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |c_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

But the disc of convergence is now centered around z_0 . We have shown that $f(z)$ has a power series expansion at z_0 (i.e. $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z - z_0)^n$ in some neighborhood of z_0) with radius of convergence $R > 0$. This implies that $f(z)$ is holomorphic at z_0 . In fact, the converse is true; any function holomorphic at z_0 is infinitely holomorphic at z_0 . However, for this, we need the concept of integration over paths of curves.

4 Integration

4.1 Curves and Paths

Definition 4.1.1. A curve in \mathbb{C} is a continuous function $\gamma(t) : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. The image of γ in \mathbb{C} is called γ^* .

Example 4.1.2. Let $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, $r > 0$. Take $\gamma : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $t \mapsto z_0 + re^{it}$. This is a circle of radius r centered at z_0 , oriented counterclockwise.

Example 4.1.3. Consider $\hat{\gamma} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $t \mapsto z_0 + re^{2\pi it}$. This is identical to the curve γ defined above with the same oriented path and shows that curves have different parameterizations.

Definition 4.1.4. We say γ is smooth on the interval $[a, b]$ if γ' exists, is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $\gamma'(t) \neq 0$ for any $t \in [a, b]$.

Definition 4.1.5. $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is piecewise-smooth if it is smooth on $[a, b]$ except at finitely many points in $[a, b]$.

Remark. Piecewise smooth curves are called paths.

4.2 The Integral

Definition 4.2.1. Given a path $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $f(z)$ is a continuous function on γ , the integral of f along γ , (called the contour) is defined by

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz := \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt.$$

where $z = \gamma(t)$, so $dz = \gamma'(t) dt$.

Remark. If g is complex valued, then

$$\int_a^b g(t) dt = \int_a^b \Re(g(t)) dt + i \int_a^b \Im(g(t)) dt.$$

Remark. The integral $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$ can be shown to be independent of the parameterization chosen for γ .

Example 4.2.2. For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, evaluate $\int_{\gamma} z^n dz$. That is, continue on the path γ that describes any circle centered at origin oriented anticlockwise.

Let $R \in \mathbb{R}$ and define

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma : [0, 1] &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad t \mapsto Re^{2\pi it} \\ \gamma'(t) &= 2R\pi ie^{2\pi it} = 2\pi i \gamma(t). \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\int_{\gamma} z^n dz = \int_0^1 R^n e^{2\pi i n t} \cdot 2\pi i \cdot R e^{2\pi i t} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2\pi i R^{n+1} \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i(n+1)t} dt \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{R^{n+1}}{n+1} e^{2\pi i(n+1)t} \Big|_0^1 & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{-1\} \\ 2\pi i t \Big|_0^1 & \text{if } n = -1 \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{R^{n+1}}{n+1} (e^{2\pi i(n+1)} - 1) & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{-1\} \\ 2\pi i & \text{if } n = -1 \end{cases} \quad (\text{since } e^{2\pi ki} \equiv 1 \pmod{2\pi}) \\
&= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{-1\} \\ 2\pi i & \text{if } n = -1 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that our final answer does not depend on R , the radius of the circle.

Theorem 10. For any complex valued functions $f(z), g(z)$, and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$, the following hold:

(1) Integration is linear; For any curve $\gamma : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$,

$$\int_{\gamma} (\alpha f(z) + \beta g(z)) dz = \alpha \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz + \beta \int_{\gamma} g(z) dz$$

(2) If $\beta \leq \alpha$,

$$\left| \int_a^b g(z) dz \right| \leq \int_a^b |g(z)| dz$$

(3) If $f(x)$ is continuous on the path $\gamma : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$,

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq \sup_{z \in \gamma} |f(x)| \underbrace{\int_a^b |\gamma(t)| dt}_{\text{length of the path}}$$

(4) If γ^- is the reverse direction of the path $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, then

$$\int_{\gamma^-} f(z) dz = - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$$

Proof.

(1) This follows as we can write $f(x) = \Re(f) + i\Im(f)$ and apply linearity of real-valued integrals.

(2) Since we have $-|g(z)| \leq g(z) \leq |g(z)|$, for all $z \in [a, b]$, we have

$$- \int_a^b |g(z)| dz \leq \int_a^b g(z) dz \leq \int_a^b |g(z)| dz$$

and the result follows.

(3) Notice,

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| = \left| \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \int_a^b |f(\gamma(t))\gamma'(t)| dt && \text{(from (2))} \\
&\leq \int_a^b \sup_{z \in \gamma} |f(z)| |\gamma'(t)| dt && (|f(z)| \leq \sup_{z \in \gamma} |f(z)|) \\
&= \sup_{z \in \gamma} |f(z)| \int_a^b |\gamma'(t)| dt
\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

- (4) This follows trivially from the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. We can define $\gamma^- : [b, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and

$$\int_{\gamma^-} f(z) dz = \int_b^a f(z) dz = F(a) - F(b) = -(F(a) - F(b)) = \int_a^b f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$$

where $F(z) := \int f(z) dz$ is called the indefinite integral.

□

At this point, we generalize the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus for \mathbb{C} .

4.3 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Remark. We denote the set of all holomorphic functions $f : \Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $H(\Omega)$ where Ω is an open set. In other words, f is holomorphic in Ω if and only if $f \in H(\Omega)$.

Theorem 11 (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus). *Let $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a path inside an open set $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. Suppose $f(z)$ is continuous on γ , and has an antiderivative $F \in H(\Omega)$. Then,*

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = F(\gamma(b)) - F(\gamma(a)) \quad (1)$$

Proof. Let $G = F \circ \gamma$ and suppose γ is a smooth function. Since γ is smooth, γ' exists and is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $\gamma'(t) \neq 0$ for all $t \in [a, b]$, and since f is continuous on γ , $G(t) = F(\gamma(t))$ is continuous as well. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz &= \int_a^b f(\gamma(t))\gamma'(t) dt \\
&= \int_a^b F'(\gamma(t))\gamma'(t) dt \\
&= \int_a^b G'(t) dt
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we can write $G'(t) = \Re(G') + i\Im(G')$ and apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus in \mathbb{R} to arrive at

$$= \int_a^b G'(t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_a^b \Re(G) dt + i \int_a^b \Im(G) dt \\
&= \Re(G(b)) + i\Im(G(b)) - \Re(G(a)) - i\Im(G(a)) \\
&= G(b) - G(a) \\
&= F(\gamma(b)) - F(\gamma(a))
\end{aligned}$$

If γ is piecewise smooth, then we can simply apply the above to each of the smooth paths separately and sum up all of the integrals. \square

Definition 4.3.1. A path $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to be closed if $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$.

Corollary 12. If $f \in H(\Omega)$, $\Omega \in \mathbb{C}$ open, then

$$\int_{\gamma} F'(z) dz = 0$$

on any closed path $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, we have

$$\int_{\gamma} F'(z) dz = F(\gamma(a)) - F(\gamma(b)) = 0$$

as desired. \square

Example 4.3.2. Take $f(z) = z^n$ where $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{-1\}$. Then f is continuous on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. Then $f = F'$ for $F = \frac{z^{n+1}}{n+1}$ and $F \in H(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})$. Therefore, $\int_{\gamma} z^n dz = 0$ for any closed path γ not passing through 0 by Corollary 12.

If $n = -1$, we know from Example 4.2.2 that F' is not continuous and thus we cannot invoke Corollary 12. In this particular case, we have $\int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} dz = 2\pi i$.

Definition 4.3.3. The interior of a set Ω is defined as

$$\Omega^{\circ} := \{z \in \Omega : \exists \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}, B_{\epsilon}(z) \subseteq \Omega\}.$$

Theorem 13 (Cauchy-Goursat Theorem). Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be a open set and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $f \in H(\Omega)$. Then

$$\int_{\Delta} f(z) dz = 0$$

for any triangular path $\Delta \in \Omega$.

Remark. Given any two points in \mathbb{C} , if we can connect these two points by two paths, then the integrals of any given holomorphic function over these paths are the same.

Proof. We begin with the assumption that

$$\left| \int_{\Delta} f(z) dz \right| = c \geq 0.$$

We construct $\Delta_1^{(1)}, \Delta_1^{(2)}, \Delta_1^{(3)}, \Delta_1^{(4)}$ be the smaller triangles by bisecting each side of Δ . Then, it is true that

$$\int_{\Delta} f(z) dz = \sum_{i=1}^4 \int_{\Delta_i^{(1)}} f(z) dz$$

which gives the inequality

$$c = \left| \int_{\Delta} f(z) dz \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^4 \left| \int_{\Delta_i^{(1)}} f(z) dz \right|.$$

Now, we can choose some $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ such that

$$\left| \int_{\Delta_i^{(1)}} f(z) dz \right| \geq \frac{1}{4}c$$

and fix $\Delta^{(1)} := \Delta_i^{(1)}$. Here, we have that $L(\Delta^{(1)}) = \frac{1}{2}L(\Delta)$ where $L(\gamma)$ is the length of the curve. We can repeat this process of subdividing the triangular paths so that we get a sequence of triangles

$$\Delta \supseteq \Delta^{(1)} \supseteq \Delta^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq \Delta^{(n)} \supseteq \dots$$

satisfying both

$$\left| \int_{\Delta^{(n)}} f(z) dz \right| \geq \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^n c \quad \text{and} \quad L(\Delta^{(n)}) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n L(\Delta)$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$.

Claim (Nested Triangles Theorem). *The nested sequence $\Delta \supseteq \Delta^{(1)} \supseteq \Delta^{(2)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq \Delta^{(n)} \supseteq \dots$ has a limit point. In other words, there exists some $z_0 \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta^{(n)}$.*

Suppose that there was no fixed point. Then $(\Delta^{(1)})^c, (\Delta^{(2)})^c, \dots$ form an open cover for Δ . By Heine-Borel, Δ is compact, so this open cover admits some finite subcover, say $(\Delta^{(n_1)})^c, (\Delta^{(n_2)})^c, \dots, (\Delta^{(n_k)})^c$, where $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$. But, $\bigcup_{r=1}^k (\Delta^{(n_r)})^c = (\Delta^{(n_k)})^c$, which means $\Delta \subseteq (\Delta^{(n_k)})^c$, but since $(\Delta^{(n_k)})^c \neq \emptyset$, this implies that $(\Delta^{(n_k)})^c \supset \Delta^{(n_k)}$, which is a contradiction.

Now, since f is holomorphic, at z_0 , for a given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |z - z_0| < \delta \implies \left| \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} - f'(z_0) \right| < \epsilon$$

or,

$$0 < |z - z_0| < \delta \implies |f(z) - f(z_0) - f'(z_0)(z - z_0)| < \epsilon |z - z_0|$$

for all $z \in \Delta$. Now, there exists some $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\Delta^{(m)} \subseteq D(z_0, \delta)$. Also, by Corollary 12, we have that

$$\int_{\Delta^{(m)}} f(z_0) dz = \int_{\Delta^{(m)}} f'(z_0)(z - z_0) dz = 0.$$

Then,

$$\int_{\Delta^{(m)}} f(z) dz = \int_{\Delta^{(m)}} \left(f(z) - f(z_0) - f'(z_0)(z - z_0) \right) dz$$

It follows by Theorem 10, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{\Delta^{(m)}} \left(f(z) - f(z_0) - f'(z_0)(z - z_0) \right) dz \right| \\
& \leq \int_{\Delta^{(m)}} \left| \left(f(z) - f(z_0) - f'(z_0)(z - z_0) \right) \right| dz \\
& \leq \int_{\Delta^{(m)}} \epsilon |z - z_0| dz \\
& \leq \epsilon L(\Delta^{(m)}) \int_{\Delta^{(m)}} dz \quad (z \in \Delta \implies |z - z_0| \leq L(\Delta^{(m)})) \\
& \leq \epsilon L^2(\Delta^{(m)})
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^m c \leq \left| \int_{\Delta^{(m)}} f(z) dz \right| \leq \epsilon L^2(\Delta^{(m)}) = \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^m \epsilon L^2(\Delta^{(m)})$$

which yields

$$c \leq \epsilon L^2(\Delta^{(m)}).$$

Since $\epsilon > 0$ can be chosen arbitrarily small, $c = 0$. □

5 Practice Problems

Remark. Consider the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n$ and $\frac{1}{R} := \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \in [0, \infty)$.

- If $|z - z_0| < R$, the series converges absolutely
- If $|z - z_0| > R$, the series diverges
- If $0 < r < R$, the series converges uniformly on $\{z : |z - z_0| < r\}$

Exercise 1. Parameterize the semi-circle $|z - 4 - 5i| = 3$ clockwise, starting from $z = 4 + 8i$ to $z = 4 + 2i$.

Let $\gamma : [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $\gamma(t) = 3e^{-it} + 4 + 5i$. Notice,

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 4 + 8i \\
\gamma(0) &= 7 + 5i \\
\gamma\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 4 + 2i
\end{aligned}$$

which parameterizes the given semicircle.

Exercise 2. If the power series $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z - z_0)^n$ centered at z_0 has a non-zero radius of convergence, then show that

$$c_m = \frac{f^{(m)}(z_0)}{m!}$$

for any $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $m \geq 0$, where $f^{(m)}(z_0)$ denotes the m^{th} derivative of f at z_0 .

Since $f(z)$ is a power series and the radius of convergence $R \neq 0$ by Theorem 8, $f(z)$ is \mathbb{C} -differentiable and each derivative has the same radius of convergence. By induction, it can be shown that

$$f^{(m)}(z) = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} c_n (z - z_0)^{n-m}.$$

Evaluating $f^{(m)}$ at z_0 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(m)}(z_0) &= \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(n-m)!} c_n (z_0 - z_0)^{n-m} \\ &= m! c_m \end{aligned}$$

as all terms $n > m$ are 0. Then, we obtain

$$c_m = \frac{f^{(m)}(z_0)}{m!}$$

as desired.

Exercise 3. Let γ be the arc of the unit circle centered at the origin in the first quadrant oriented clockwise (from i to 1). Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{\gamma} \bar{z}^2 dz$$

by parameterizing the curve.

Consider the parameterization $\gamma : [-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by $\gamma(t) = e^{-it}$. Note that $\overline{e^{-it}} = e^{it}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma} \bar{z}^2 dz &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 e^{2it} \cdot (-ie^{-it}) dt \\ &= -i \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 e^{it} dt \\ &= -e^{it} \Big|_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 \\ &= -1 - i. \end{aligned}$$