

CHAPTER 1

ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS & LINEAR TRANSFORMATIONS

1.1 Functions

Let S be a region of the complex z -plane. To each point S shall be assigned a number,

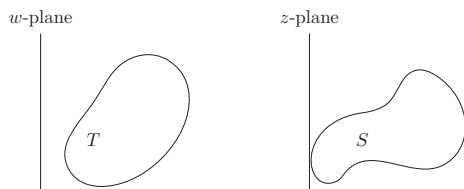
$$w = u + vi.$$

Then w is a *function* of z :

$$w = f(z).$$

Instead of a region, S , we might have a curve, C ; or, more generally, any point set $M : \{z\}$ whatever. If to each point z of M a number w is assigned, then w is a function of z .

In the case of a real function of a real variable, $y = f(x)$, the function can be represented by a curve, and a real function of two real variables can be represented by a surface. But a complex function $w = u + vi$ of $z = x + yi$ would require a four-dimensional space—the space of the (u, v, x, y) . We can, however, represent the function by means of two planes, plotting z in one plane and w in a second plane.



Thus under suitable conditions a region S of the z -plane will be *mapped* on a region T of the w -plane. Similarly, a curve C of the z -plane will go over into a curve Γ of the w -plane. Again, if s_n denotes the sum of the first n -terms of an infinite series:

$$u_1 + u_2 + \dots,$$

whose terms are complex numbers, then s_1, \dots will be represented by isolated points in the complex plane.

A point $z = a$ is said to be an *interior* point of a region S if all points within a certain circle about a :

$$|z - a| < \delta, \quad (1.1)$$

belong to S . By the *neighborhood* of the point a is meant a region having a as an interior point. It may be a region defined by 1.1. Or, if

$$a = \alpha + \beta i, \quad z = x + yi,$$

it may consists of the points z for which

$$|x - \alpha| < \delta, \quad |y - \beta| < \delta. \quad (1.2)$$

In any case, whatever neighborhood be chosen, it is possible to take δ so that the region 1.1 or the region 1.2 lies inside of it.

Let $M : \{z\}$ be any set of points whatever, or a *point set*. By a *cluster point* or *point of condensation*, is meant a point $z = a$ such that there are no points of M distinct from a in every neighborhood of a . Thus no matter how small δ may be chosen, there will be a point z' of M such that

$$0 < |z' - a| < \delta.$$

By a *regular arc* is meant the curve:

$$x = f(t), \quad y = \varphi(t),$$

where $f(t)$, $\varphi(t)$ are continuous, together with their first derivatives, in the closed interval $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$ and $f'(t)$, $\varphi'(t)$ do not vanish simultaneously. Moreover two distinct values of t shall not yield the same point (x, y) .

A *regular curve* is composed of a succession of regular arcs joined at their extremities. It may be open or closed.

The regions S here considered shall be bounded by a finite number of simple regular curves.

1.2 Limits

Let M be any point set $\{z\}$ having a as a cluster point, and let $f(z)$ be defined in the points of M . Then $f(z)$ shall be said to *approach the limit* b when z approaches a :

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = b,$$

if, to any arbitrary positive number ε , there corresponds a positive δ such that

$$|b - f(z)| < \varepsilon, \quad (1.3)$$

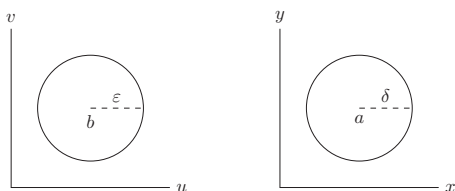
provided that

$$0 < |z - a| < \delta, \quad z \in M.$$

Geometrically the condition has the following meaning. Let a circle of radius ε be drawn about the point $w = b$ in the w -plane, and let a circle of radius δ be drawn about the point $z = a$ in the z -plane. Let $z = z' \neq a$ be any point of M lying in the δ -circle, and let

$$w' = f(z').$$

Then w' lies in the ε -circle.

**Theorem 1.2.1.**

A necessary and sufficient condition that w approach b is that

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (\alpha,\beta)} u = U, \quad \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (\alpha,\beta)} v = V, \quad (1.4)$$

where

$$a = \alpha + \beta i, \quad b = U + Vi.$$

Proof.

- i. The condition is necessary. Here, by hypothesis, 1.3 is true. Now,

$$w - b = u - U + i(v - V).$$

By Chapter 1 Exercise 21,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|u - U| + |v - V|] \leq |w - b|.$$

Hence

$$|u - U| < \sqrt{2}\varepsilon, \quad |v - V| < \sqrt{2}\varepsilon,$$

and consequently 1.4 holds.

- ii. The condition is sufficient. Here, by hypothesis, 1.4 is true; i.e.,

$$|u - U| < \varepsilon, \quad |v - V| < \varepsilon,$$

provided

$$|x - a| < \delta, \quad |y - \beta| < \delta.$$

Hence

$$|w - b| < 2\varepsilon,$$

and consequently 1.3 holds. ■

As a result of 1.3, we observe that if the limit $b \neq 0$, then there exists a certain neighborhood of the point a such that

$$f(z) \neq 0, \quad 0 < |z - a| < h, \quad z \in M.$$

For, choose $\varepsilon < |b|$. Then the point $w = 0$ lies outside the ε -circle, and we need only set h equal to the δ corresponding to this ε . More generally, let C be any positive number less than $|b|$:

$$0 < C < |b|.$$

Then it is possible to determine h so that

$$C < |f(z)|, \quad 0 < |z - a| < h, \quad z \in M.$$

Theorem 1.2.2.

If each of two functions approaches a limit:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = A, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \varphi(z) = B,$$

their sum approaches a limit, and the limit of the sum is equal to the sum of the limits:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} [f(z) + \varphi(z)] = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) + \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \varphi(z).$$

Proof.

We wish to show that, to an arbitrary positive ε , corresponding to a positive δ such that

$$|A + B - f(z) - \varphi(z)| < \varepsilon, \quad (1.5)$$

provided

$$0 < |z - a| < \delta, \quad z \in M.$$

By hypothesis,

$$|A - f(z)| < \varepsilon', \quad 0 < |z - a| < \delta_1, \quad z \in M$$

$$|B - \varphi(z)| < \varepsilon', \quad 0 < |z - a| < \delta_2, \quad z \in M$$

where ε' is an arbitrary positive number. Hence by Chapter 1 Exercise 20,

$$|A + B - f(z) - \varphi(z)| < 2\varepsilon', \quad (1.6)$$

provided

$$0 < |z - a| < \delta, \quad z \in M,$$

where δ is the smaller of the two numbers, δ_1 and δ_2 .

Now, ε is the choice of our adversary; but ε' is at our disposal. Let us choose $\varepsilon' = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$. Then 1.5 follows from 1.6, and the proof is complete. ■

Theorem 1.2.3.

If each of two functions approaches a limit:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = A, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \varphi(z) = B,$$

their product approaches a limit, and the limit of their product is equal to the product of their limits.

Proof.

We wish to show that

$$|AB - f(z)\varphi(z)| < \varepsilon \quad (1.7)$$

provided

$$0 < |z - a| < \delta, \quad z \in M.$$

Let

$$f(z) = A + \zeta_1, \quad \varphi(z) = B + \zeta_2.$$

Then

$$|\zeta_1| < \varepsilon', \quad 0 < |z - a| < \delta_1, \quad z \in M$$

$$|\zeta_2| < \varepsilon', \quad 0 < |z - a| < \delta_2, \quad z \in M$$

Now,

$$f(z)\varphi(z) - AB = B\zeta_1 + A\zeta_2 + \zeta_1\zeta_2.$$

Hence by Chapter 1 Exercise 20,

$$|AB - f(z)\varphi(z)| \leq \varepsilon'|A| + \varepsilon'|B| + \varepsilon'^2 \quad (1.8)$$

Choose ε' , to begin with, < 1 . Then

$$\varepsilon'|A| + \varepsilon'|B| + \varepsilon'^2 < [|A| + |B| + 1]\varepsilon'.$$

We now choose ε' so that

$$[|A| + |B| + 1]\varepsilon' < \varepsilon$$

and take as δ the smaller of the two numbers, δ_1 and δ_2 . Hence 1.7 follows from 1.8, and the theorem is proved. ■

A particular case under the theorem is that in which one of the functions is a constant: $\varphi(z) = C$. Thus

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} Cf(z) = C \lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z),$$

provided $f(z)$ approaches a limit.

Theorem 1.2.4.

If each of the two functions approaches a limit:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = A, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \varphi(z) = B,$$

their quotient approaches a limit, and the limit of the quotient is equal to the quotient of their limits:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{f(z)}{\varphi(z)} = \frac{\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z)}{\lim_{z \rightarrow a} \varphi(z)},$$

provided

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} \varphi(z) \neq 0.$$

Proof.

Begin by choosing h so that

$$\frac{1}{2}|B| < |\varphi(z)|, \quad 0 < |z - a| < h, \quad z \in M.$$

Next, observe that

$$\frac{A}{B} - \frac{f(z)}{\varphi(z)} = \frac{A}{B} - \frac{A + \zeta_1}{B + \zeta_2} = \frac{A\zeta_2 - B\zeta_1}{B\varphi(z)}$$

provided

$$0 < |z - a| < h, \delta_1, \delta_2, \quad z \in M.$$

Hence

$$\left| \frac{A}{B} - \frac{f(z)}{\varphi(z)} \right| < \frac{|A| + |B|}{\frac{1}{2}|B|^2} \varepsilon'. \quad (1.9)$$

and the remainder of the proof presents no difficulty. ■

The Case that z or w Becomes Infinite: If the point set $M : \{z\}$ is not bounded, we say that $f(z)$ approaches a limit b when z becomes infinite:

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

if to an arbitrary positive ε there corresponds a positive number G such that

$$|b - f(z)| < \varepsilon$$

provided

$$G < |z|, \quad z \in M.$$

The function $f(z)$ is said to *become infinite* when z approaches a :

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

if to an arbitrary large positive number G there corresponds a positive δ such that

$$G < |f(z)|,$$

provided

$$0 < |z - a| < \delta, \quad z \in M.$$

The definition:

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

is now obvious.

A necessary and sufficient condition that

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

is that

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

Finally, the fundamental theorem relating to the existence of a limit; *Real Variables*, Chapter II, §6 and Chapter III, §5; *Funktionentheorie* I, p.30. Stated in the form which corresponds to the positive case it is as follows:

Theorem 1.2.5 (fundamental theorem).

Let $f(z)$ be defined for all points z which lie outside a certain circle. To an arbitrary positive number ε shall correspond a positive number M such that

$$|f(z') - f(z'')| < \varepsilon, \quad M < |z'|, |z''|.$$

Then $f(z)$ approaches a limit, U , as z becomes infinite:

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

Proof.

Let $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots$ be a set of positive numbers such that

$$\varepsilon_1 \geq \varepsilon_2 \geq \dots; \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_n = 0.$$

Let z_1 be a point of the region $M_1 < |z|$. Mark the point $w_1 = f(z_1)$, and draw a circle of radius ε_1 about w_1 .

$$|w - w_1| < \varepsilon_1 \quad (1.10)$$

Let M_1, M_2, \dots be the values of M which correspond to them by hypothesis, and let $M_1 \leq M_2 \leq \dots$. Then every point $w = f(z)$, where $M_1 < |z|$, will lie in this circle.

Next, proceed to ε_2 . Let z_2 be a point of the region $M_2 < |z|$. Mark the point

$$w_2 = f(z_2).$$

This point lies in the circle 1.10. Draw a circle of radius ε_2 about w_2 :

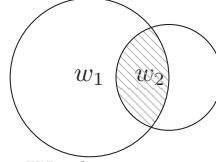
$$|w - w_2| < \varepsilon_2 \quad (1.11)$$

Then every point

$$w = f(z),$$

where $M_2 < |z|$, lies in this circle.

It can happen that the circle 1.11 contains points not included in the circle 1.10. Such points may be suppressed, since no one of them can represent a value of $f(z)$ when $M_2 < |z|$. Thus only the shaded region is retained.



And now repeat the process, again and again. We thus construct a succession of regions— S_1 , or the circle 1.10; S_2 , the shaded part of the circle 1.11; and so on—where S_n is bounded by a finite number of arcs of circles, and lies in S_{n-1} . Since the maximum diameter of S_n approaches 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$, these regions determine a single point, U , which lies within or on the boundary of each, and this is the limit demanded by the theorem. For, if a circle of arbitrarily small radius ε be drawn about U , then all the regions S_n from a definite point on, $m \leq n$, will lie in the circle, or

$$|f(z) - U| < \varepsilon, \quad M_n < |z|.$$



It is obvious that we might have considered a function $f(z)$ defined merely for a set of points extending to infinity, like the integers $z = 1, 2, \dots$. The theorem and proof still apply, with the one modification that z must each time be a point of the set.

Again, instead of a region, or a set of points, extending to infinity, we might have chosen the neighborhood of a finite point a , this one point excepted; or we could have let z range over the points of a point set which has a as a point of condensation, not belonging to the set.

Exercises

1. Give the arithmetic details of the proof that the S_n determine a single point, U , which lies within or on the boundary of each.
2. Give all the details of the proof of Theorem 1.2.1, introducing each time a suitable ε' and showing what δ is needed and how it is obtained. Illustrate the inequalities geometrically (two sets of figures, each composed of a pair).

1.3 Continuity

Let $f(z)$ be defined in a region S of the z -plane. Then $f(z)$ is said to be *continuous in a point* $z = z_0$ of S if

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

or

$$|f(z) - f(z_0)| < \varepsilon,$$

provided

$$|z - z_0| < \delta, \quad z \in S.$$

The function is said to be *continuous* in S if it is continuous in each point of S .

If $f(z)$ and $\varphi(z)$ are two functions, each of which is continuous in a point $z = z_0$, then the functions:

$$f(z) + \varphi(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & f(z)\varphi(z) \\ & \frac{f(z)}{\varphi(z)}, \quad \text{provided } \varphi(z_0) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

are continuous in $z = z_0$.

If $f(z)$ is continuous in $z = z_0$ and does not vanish there, then there is a certain neighborhood of z_0 :

$$|z - z_0| < h, \quad 0 < h, \quad (1.12)$$

throughout which $f(z)$ is different from 0. Moreover, if

$$0 < C < |f(z_0)|,$$

then h can be so chosen that

$$C < |f(z)|$$

for all points of the region 1.12.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} w &= f(z) \\ w &= u + vi \\ z &= x + yi. \end{aligned}$$

A necessary and sufficient condition that $f(z)$ be continuous at the point z_0 is, that each of the functions u and v be continuous at the point (x_0, y_0) .

All of these theorems follow at once from the theorems of §2.

Theorem 1.3.1.

A continuous function of a continuous function is a continuous function:

$$\begin{aligned} W &= f(w) \\ w &= \varphi(z) \\ W &= f(\varphi(z)) \end{aligned}$$

More precisely, let $f(w)$ be continuous in the neighborhood of a point $w = w_0$ and let $\varphi(z)$ be continuous in the point $z = z_0$.

Let $w_0 = \varphi(z_0)$. Then $W = f(\varphi(z))$ is continuous in $z = z_0$.

Consider what this theorem means geometrically. If z is a point near z_0 , then $w = \varphi(z)$ will be a point near w_0 . But when w is near w_0 , $f(w)$ is near $f(w_0)$.

Let the student put these considerations into ε -form and construct a rigorous proof.

Exercises

1. Show that the function $w = z$ is continuous for all values of z .
2. Show that the function $w = z^n$ is continuous for all values of z , where n is a natural number.
3. Show that the function $w = c$ is continuous for all values of z .
4. Show that a polynomial

$$G(z) = a_0 z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n$$

is continuous for all values of z .

5. Show that a rational function

$$R(z) = \frac{f(z)}{\varphi(z)}$$

where $f(z)$ and $\varphi(z)$ are polynomials relatively prime, is continuous for all values of z for which it is defined.

1.4 Derivatives

Let a function

$$w = f(z)$$

be defined in a region S . Let z_0 be an interior point of the region, and let $z_0 + \Delta z$ be a second point of S . Let

$$w_0 = f(z_0), \quad w_{\Delta} = f(z_0 + \Delta z).$$

Form the difference quotient

$$\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = \frac{f(z_0 + \Delta z) - f(z_0)}{\Delta z}.$$

Let Δz approach 0. If the difference quotient approaches a limit, the function is said to have a *derivative* in the point z_0 .

$$\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = D_z w = f'(z_0).$$

A necessary condition for a derivative is obtained as follows. Let

$$w = u + vi, \quad z = x + yi.$$

Since $\Delta w/\Delta z$ by hypothesis approaches a limit as Δz approaches 0, the variable will approach the same limit if Δz is restricted to real values, $\Delta z = \Delta x$. Hence

$$\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\Delta_x u}{\Delta x} + i \frac{\Delta_x v}{\Delta x} \right) = D_z w.$$

Now,

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta_x u}{\Delta x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \quad \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta_x v}{\Delta x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x},$$

and so

$$D_z w = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}. \quad (1.13)$$

Similarly, Δz may be restricted to values that are pure imaginaries. Thus we find

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{i \Delta y} &= \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{i} \frac{\Delta_y u}{\Delta y} + \frac{\Delta_y v}{\Delta y} \right) = D_z w, \\ D_z w &= \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{aligned} \quad (1.14)$$

Comparing 1.13 and 1.14 we obtain the equations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}. \quad (1.15)$$

These are known as the *Cauchy-Riemann Differential Equations*. We have now obtained them as a necessary condition that the

function have a derivative. They can be written in the equivalent form

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \quad (1.16)$$

A very simple function of a complex variable may fail to have a derivative. Consider the function

$$w = x - yi.$$

Here,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -1,$$

and the Cauchy-Riemann conditions are not satisfied. It is easy to see directly that this function has no derivative. For

$$\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = \frac{\Delta x - i\Delta y}{\Delta x + i\Delta y}.$$

If Δz approaches 0 along the axis of reals, the limit of $\Delta w/\Delta z$ has the value 1. But if Δz approaches 0 along the axis of pure imaginaries, the limit is -1 .

Conversely, let u and v be two real functions defined in the region S and having first partial derivatives satisfying the Cauchy-Riemann Differential Equations. Let these derivatives, furthermore, be continuous. Then the function

$$w = u + vi = f(z)$$

will have a derivative, $f'(z)$, and the latter will be continuous in S .

Theorem 1.4.1.

Let a function $w = f(z)$ where $w = u + vi$ and $z = x + yi$ be defined in a region S , and let u, v have continuous first derivatives there. Then a necessary and sufficient condition that $f(z)$ have a continuous derivative is, that the Cauchy-Riemann Differential equations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

be satisfied.

Proof.

We have the appraisals

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Delta y + \zeta_1 \Delta x + \zeta_2 \Delta y \\ \Delta v &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \Delta y + \zeta_3 \Delta x + \zeta_4 \Delta y\end{aligned}$$

where ζ_1, \dots, ζ_4 are infinitesimals; i.e. Variables which approach 0 when $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ approaches $(0, 0)$. On substituting these values into the equation

$$\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = \frac{\Delta u + i\Delta v}{\Delta x + i\Delta y},$$

and reducing, we find, by first-year algebra

$$\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + (\zeta_1 + i\zeta_3) \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta z} + (\zeta_2 + i\zeta_4) \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta z}. \quad (1.17)$$

Since

$$\left| \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta z} \right| \leq 1, \quad \left| \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta z} \right| \leq 1,$$

and since each parenthesis approaches 0, it is clear that: the right side of 1.17 approaches a limit, when $(\Delta x, \Delta y)$ approaches $(0, 0)$, and the value of this limit is given by the first two terms; or

$$\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

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Remark. If a function $f(z)$ has a derivative at each point of S , the derivative is necessarily continuous in S (Goursat's theorem). The proof of this theorem belongs to a later stage in the theory. If, on the other hand, the functions u and v possess first partial derivatives which satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann differential equations, it does not follow that the function $w = u + vi$ is analytic. The derivative and in fact the functions u and v themselves, may fail to be continuous. Consequently some further restriction is required. It is enough, as we have seen, to demand the continuity of the derivatives.

Example 1.4.2.

The function e^z has been defined as follows:

$$e^z = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y).$$

It has a derivative; for

$$u = e^x \cos y, \quad v = e^x \sin y,$$

and these functions satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann Differential Equations, since

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x \cos y = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -e^x \sin y = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

Exercises

1. Let each of the functions $w_1 = f(z)$, $w_2 = \varphi(z)$ have a derivative at the point $z = z_0$. Show that the functions $f(z) + \varphi(z)$, $f(z)\varphi(z)$, and $f(z)/\varphi(z)$, provided $\varphi(z_0) \neq 0$, have a derivative there, and that

$$\begin{aligned} D_z(w_1 + w_2) &= D_z w_1 + D_z w_2 \\ D_z(w_1 w_2) &= w_1 D_z w_2 + w_2 D_z w_1 \\ D_z \frac{w_1}{w_2} &= \frac{w_2 D_z w_1 - w_1 D_z w_2}{w_2^2}, \quad \varphi(z_0) \neq 0 \\ D_z F(w) &= D_w F(w) D_z w \end{aligned}$$

where $w = \varphi(z)$ and $F(w)$ has a derivative in the point $w_0 = \varphi(z_0)$.

2. Show that $D_z c = 0$ and $D_z z = 1$, where c is a constant.
3. Show that $D_z z^n = n z^{n-1}$, where n is a whole number.
4. Prove that a polynomial

$$G(z) = a_0 z^n + \cdots + a_n$$

has a derivative.

5. Show that a rational function has a derivative.
6. Let u, v be continuous, together with their first derivatives, in a region S , and let them satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann Differential Equations. Let $x = r \cos \varphi$ and $y = r \sin \varphi$. Show that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \varphi} \\ \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \varphi} &= -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \\ D_z w &= e^{-\varphi i} \frac{\partial w}{\partial r}\end{aligned}$$

7. State and prove the converse of the theorem of the prior exercise.
8. Show that the function $\log z = \log r + \varphi i$, $0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$, has a derivative, and that $D_z \log z = \frac{1}{z}$.
9. Show that the function $r^\alpha (\cos \alpha \varphi + i \sin \alpha \varphi)$, $0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$, where α is any real constant, has a derivative.
10. Let $w = f(z)$ have a continuous derivative in the region S . Write $w = R(\cos \Theta + i \sin \Theta)$. Show that

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} = R \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = -R \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial x},$$

and prove the converse.

11. If in the prior exercise, $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, show that

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial r} = \frac{R}{r} \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta}, \quad \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} = -rR \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial r},$$

and prove the converse.

1.5 Differentials

Let the function $w = f(z)$ have a derivative in the point $z = z_0$:

$$\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = D_z w.$$

If we set

$$\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = D_z w + \zeta, \quad (1.18)$$

then ζ is an infinitesimal:

$$\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \zeta = 0.$$

From 1.18 it follows that

$$\Delta w = D_z w \Delta z + \zeta \Delta z.$$

Thus the increment Δw is broken up into the sum of two infinitesimals:

- i. $D_z w \Delta z$, a linear function of Δz ,
- ii. $\zeta \Delta z$, an infinitesimal of higher order.

The first term is the *principal part* of the infinitesimal Δw and is defined as the *differential* of w :

$$dw = D_z w \Delta z. \quad (1.19)$$

The differential of the independent variable z is defined as the increment: $dz = \Delta z$. Hence

$$dw = D_z w dz. \quad (1.20)$$

Equation 1.20 is true, no matter what the independent variable may be. Suppose that z depends on t : $z = \varphi(t)$, where $\varphi(t)$ has a derivative in the point $t = t_0$, and $z_0 = \varphi(t_0)$. Then by §4, Exercise 1 equation 4,

$$D_t w = D_z w D_t z. \quad (1.21)$$

By definition, t now being the independent variable,

$$dw = D_t w \Delta t, \quad dz = D_t z \Delta t.$$

Hence 1.20 follows from 1.21.

Derivative Along a Curve: A function $f(z)$ may be defined merely along a curve

$$x = \varphi(t), \quad y = \psi(t),$$

where $\varphi(t)$ and $\psi(t)$ are continuous, together with their first derivatives, throughout a closed interval $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$, and furthermore

$$0 < \varphi'(t)^2 + \psi'(t)^2.$$

Thus $w = f(z) = u + vi$ becomes a complex function of the real variable t :

$$w = F(t) + i\Phi(t).$$

w is said to have a *derivative* along C if $\Delta w / \Delta t$ approaches a limit:

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta t} = D_t w.$$

A necessary and sufficient condition is, that $F(t)$ and $\Phi(t)$ both have derivatives. Then,

$$D_t w = F'(t) + i\Phi'(t). \quad (1.22)$$

The differential of w is defined by the equation:

$$dw = D_t w dt = F'(t)dt + i\Phi'(t)dt. \quad (1.23)$$

1.6 Analytic Functions

Let $f(z)$ be defined throughout a region S of the complex z -plane, and let $f(z)$ have a derivative, $f'(z)$ at each interior point of S . Let $f'(z)$ be continuous¹ in S . Then $f(z)$ is defined as *analytic* in S .

A function is defined as *analytic in a point* if it is analytic throughout a region which includes the point in its interior.

The term *holomorphic* is also used, meaning the same thing as analytic in a region.

¹It can be shown that $f'(z)$ is necessarily continuous in S ; this is *Goursat's Theorem*; *Funktionentheorie*, I, p.368. But this is a question which belongs to a

Exercises

1. Show that the sum, difference, product, and quotient (provided the denominator does not vanish) of two analytic functions is an analytic function.

Take each of these four theorems by itself. State precisely the hypothesis, and the conclusion. And give a *proof*.

2. An analytic function of an analytic function is an analytic function.

State this theorem in detail, and prove it.

1.7 The Inverse Function

Let

$$w = f(z)$$

be analytic in the point $z = z_0$, and let $f'(z_0) \neq 0$. Each point z of the neighborhood of z_0 is carried over into a point w of the neighborhood of w_0 . And now I say: *If the neighborhood of z_0 is suitably restricted, the map of this region on a portion of the w -plane will be one-to-one, and consist of a region T of the latter plane.*

The proof of this theorem follows at once from the theorems relating to Implicit Functions and the Inverse of a Transformation, *Real Variables*, Chapter IV, §12. It is here a question of the inverse of the transformation:

$$u = \varphi(x, y), \quad v = \Psi(x, y),$$

where $z = x + yi$ and $w = u + vi$.

The functions $\varphi(x, y)$ and $\Psi(x, y)$ are continuous, together with their first partial derivatives, in the neighborhood of the point (x_0, y_0) , and it remains merely to examine the Jacobian:

$$J = \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}. \quad (1.24)$$

later stage of the theory, and so we introduce the hypothesis of continuity at this point.

Now, because of the Cauchy-Riemann relations

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x},$$

we have

$$J = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right)^2.$$

Hence

$$J|_{z=z_0} = |f'(z_0)|^2 \neq 0,$$

and so all the conditions of the theorem are fulfilled. It follows, then, that the transformation defined by $w = f(z)$ is equivalent to a transformation $z = F(w)$, where $F(w)$ is single-valued and continuous throughout a certain region T of the w -plane, including the point $w = w_0$ in its interior.

Let us formulate the result as a theorem, and supplement it by the fact that the inverse function is also analytic.

Theorem 1.7.1.

Let $f(z)$ be analytic throughout a circle K :

$$|z - z_0| < h,$$

and let $f'(z_0) \neq 0$. Then it is possible, on suitably restricting h , to find a circle H :

$$|w - w_0| < h', \quad w_0 = f(z_0),$$

such that the equation $w = f(z)$, where w is an arbitrary point of H , admits one and only one root z in K . The function $z = F(w)$ thus defined is analytic in the point $w = w_0$.

To prove that $F(w)$ has a derivative, form the difference quotient

$$\frac{\Delta z}{\Delta w} = \frac{F(w_0 + \Delta w) - F(w_0)}{\Delta w}.$$

Since $\Delta z \neq 0$ when $\Delta w \neq 0$, it follows that

$$\frac{F(w_0 + \Delta w) - F(w_0)}{\Delta w} = \left(\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} \right)^{-1}.$$

When Δw approaches 0, Δz also approaches 0, and hence the right hand side approaches a limit, namely $(D_z w)^{-1}$. Moreover, $f'(z)$ vanishes nowhere in K , if h is suitably restricted, and thus the proof applies to every point of H . Hence

$$D_w z = \frac{1}{D_z w}.$$

The right hand side is a continuous function of z , and hence of w . This completes the proof.²

Exercises

1. In the theorem cited from the *Real Variables* (1.7.1) the regions about the points (x_0, y_0) and (u_0, v_0) are rectangles. Explain the transition to circles.
2. Prove the existence of a derivative of $F(w)$ by means of the Cauchy-Riemann Differential Equations.
3. If $y = f(x)$ is a real function of the real variable x , where $a < x < b$; and if $f(x)$ has a continuous derivative which does not vanish: $f'(x) \neq 0$, the inverse function is single-valued.

By analogy in the complex case, let $f(z)$ be analytic in a region S — say, inside a circle; and let $f'(z) \neq 0$ there. Should you expect the inverse function to be single-valued? Why?

²It might seem as if this theorem should admit a much more elementary proof, especially if we add to our knowledge the fact that the angle between two curves is preserved, §9. The point set K is carried over into a certain region point set \mathfrak{S} , and, at least when h is suitably restricted, it is not obvious that \mathfrak{S} must fill out smoothly a certain neighborhood of w_0 ? There are two questions that have to be met: i. Why should \mathfrak{S} cover every part of the neighborhood of w_0 ? In other words, may there not be open spaces—lakes, lacunae—near w_0 , whose points correspond to no points of K ? ii. May not \mathfrak{S} overlap itself? In other words, may not a point of \mathfrak{S} correspond to two or more different points of K ?

There seems to be no simpler answers to these questions, than the one given by the Theorem of Implicit Functions—and, indeed, we are fortunate to have so simple an answer as this.

1.8 The Transformation $w = az$

Let the complex z -plane be transformed on the w -plane by means of the transformation

$$w = az, \quad (1.25)$$

where $a \neq 0$ is a constant such that

$$a = \mathcal{A}e^{zi} = \mathcal{A}(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha).$$

Write z and w in polar form:

$$z = r(\cos \varphi + i \sin \varphi), \quad w = R(\cos \Psi + i \sin \Psi).$$

Then 1.25 becomes

$$Re^{\Psi i} = \mathcal{A}re^{(\varphi+\alpha)i}. \quad (1.26)$$

Hence

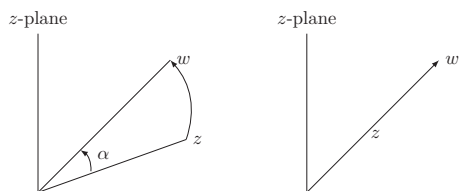
$$R = \mathcal{A}r, \quad \Psi = \varphi + \alpha. \quad (1.27)$$

Consider, first, two particular cases. The general case can then be compounded out of these.

i. $\mathcal{A} = 1$, $\alpha \neq 0$. Here,

$$R = r, \quad \Psi = \varphi + \alpha.$$

Each point z goes over into a point w at the same distance from the origin, but with its angle increased by α . Thus the whole plane is rotated about the origin through an angle α , without any deformation whatever. It is easier to think of the z -plane as *transformed into itself*, rather than on a separate w -plane; cf, the first figure.



ii. $\alpha = 0$. Here,

$$R = \mathcal{A}, \quad \Psi = \varphi.$$

A point $z \neq 0$ is moved along the ray drawn from the origin through the point, and it comes to a point w whose distance from O bears to the distance of z from O the fixed ratio \mathcal{A} . If $\mathcal{A} > 1$, w is further from O than z was. If $\mathcal{A} < 1$, w is nearer.

It is easy to visualize the transformation of the plane as a whole. It is as if it were a rubber membrane, which is stretched equally in all directions, if $\mathcal{A} > 1$. If $\mathcal{A} < 1$, the membrane is allowed to contract. In this case, the plane is no longer transformed as a rigid body. It is deformed. Nevertheless, figures go over into *similar* figures—a square goes over into a square; a circle into a circle, etc. But the size is changed, always in the linear ratio of $\mathcal{A} : 1$.

The general case represented by 1.27 can now be compounded out of these two particular cases. Thus we see that the z -plane is rotated through an angle α and stretched in the ratio of $\mathcal{A} : 1$. The order can be reversed — first, the stretching, then the rotation.

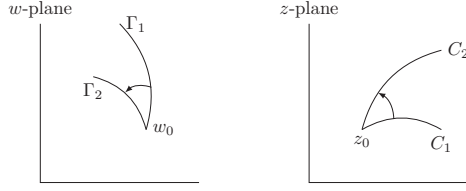
Transformations play a *most important role* in all branches of mathematics, physics, and geometry, and the student can not begin too early to train himself in this domain of thought. He will do well to turn to the general case of projective transformations, even though these will not concern him in this course; cf. Osgood and Graustein, *Plane and Solid Analytic Geometry*, Chap. XV and Chap. XXIII, §10; also *Advanced Calculus*, p. 279, §11.

1.9 Preservation of Angles

Turning now to the general case of an analytic function:

$$w = f(z), \tag{1.28}$$

let $f(z)$ be analytic in the point $z = z_0$, and let $f'(z_0) \neq 0$. We have seen that the neighborhood of the point z_0 is mapped on the neighborhood of the point $w = w_0$ in a one-to-one manner and continuously. We will now show that two curves, C_1 and C_2 , intersecting at z_0 under the angle α , go over into curves Γ_1 and Γ_2 intersecting at w_0 under an equal angle. Since the same is true of any other point z' near z_0 , the transformation defined by 1.28 is called *isogonal* (*winkeltreu*, having the same angles).



Let $z' = z_0 + \Delta z$ be any second point, and let $w' = w_0 + \Delta w$ be its image. Since

$$\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = D_z w,$$

where

$$D_z w = A = \mathcal{A}e^{\alpha i}, \quad \mathcal{A} \neq 0,$$

it follows that

$$\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = A + \zeta,$$

where ζ is an infinitesimal such that $\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \zeta = 0$. Hence

$$\Delta w = \Delta z(A + \zeta). \quad (1.29)$$

This last equation tells the story. It shows that the angle of Δw is nearly equal to the angle of Δz plus the angle of A :

$$\text{arc } \Delta w = \text{arc } \Delta z + \text{arc}(A + \zeta).$$

Let a curve C be drawn from z_0 , and let Γ be its image. Let z' be a nearby point of C , and w' its image. Then the angle that the secant z_0, z' makes with the axis of reals, represents $\text{arc } \Delta z$; and similarly in the w -plane. Let z' approach z_0 . Then

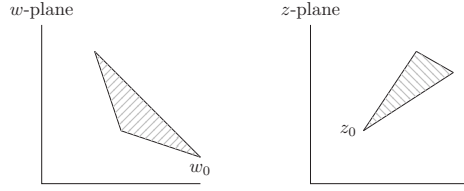
$$\lim \text{arc } \Delta w = \lim \text{arc } \Delta z + \lim \text{arc}(A + \zeta), \quad (1.30)$$

where $\Phi = \varphi + \alpha$.

Equation 1.30 means that, no matter what curve C be drawn from z_0 , the angle which its tangent makes with the positive axis of reals, plus the constant angle α , will give the angle which the tangent to its image, Γ , makes with the positive axis of reals in the w -plane. From this result the isogonal property mentioned at the beginning follows immediately.

1.10 Conformal Mapping

The isogonal property thrown light on the map defined by the function $w = f(z)$.



Consider a small scalene triangle drawn in the neighborhood of z_0 . It goes over into a curvilinear triangle into the w -plane, which has the same angles. Since the curved sides of the latter triangle look almost like straight lines, the triangle will have the appearance of an ordinary right-line triangle, similar to the first, but magnified in the ratio $\mathcal{A} : 1$ and rotated through the angle α . And what has just been said of small triangles is true of any small figures, for the figure in the z -plane can be covered by a network of small triangles. The smaller the figure, the less relative departure of the image from precise similarity. Because of this property the transformation is called *conformal* (preserving form).

Element of Arc: Let the curve C of §9 be represented in the usual manner by the equations:

$$x = \varphi(t), \quad y = \psi(t),$$

where

$$0 < \varphi'(t)^2 + \psi'(t)^2,$$

and let the arc be denoted by s . The length of the chord is $|\Delta z|$ and hence

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\Delta z|}{\Delta t} = \pm D_t s.$$

Let S denote the arc of Γ . Then

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\Delta w|}{\Delta t} = \pm D_t S.$$

From 1.29 it follows that

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\Delta w|}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\Delta z|}{\Delta t} \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} |A + \zeta|,$$

and hence

$$D_t S = D_t s |D_z w|. \quad (1.31)$$

$|D_z w|$ is a positive real function of the two real variables x, y . Denote it by M . Then 1.31 can be written in the form:

$$dS = M ds.$$

This equation is characteristic of a conformal transformation, and can, indeed, be taken as the definition of such a transformation.

For a detailed discussion cf. *Funktionentheorie* I, Chap. VI, §8, p. 245, and also Chap. II, §7, p.74.

Mercator's map of the world affords a simple and interesting illustration from Cartography; cf. *Advanced Calculus*, p. 169. Stereographic projection will be taken up in the next Chapter, §6, and may well be studied at this point.

Exercises

1. Study the conformal map by means of the two real equations:

$$u = f(x, y), \quad v = \varphi(x, y)$$

where $f(x, y), \varphi(x, y)$ are continuous, together with their first partial derivatives, and

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x},$$

some of these derivatives being different from zero.

This is all done in the *Funktionentheorie* I, Chap. II, §7, but the student is warned against making a minute study of that treatment. He may give it a cursory glance when he is sleepy. Then, when he is fully mobilized, he should produce it independently. But it is better to defer this exercise till the next chapter has been completed, and then come back to this study.