

# MATH135 Complex Analysis Notes

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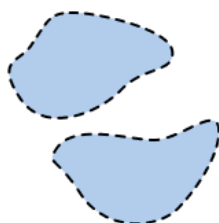
# Regions, differentiability, analyticity

## Regions

**Definition 1.** A **region** is a nonempty, connected, open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- A region without “holes” is simply connected.

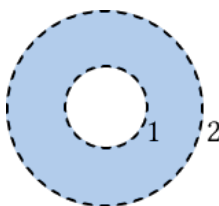
**Non-example 1.** This is not a region (not connected):



**Example 2.**  $\mathbb{C}$  is a region.

**Example 3.**  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$ , the open unit disk is a region.

**Example 4.**  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid 1 < |z| < 2\}$ , the annulus region is a region that is not *simply-connected*:



## Complex derivatives and analyticity

**Definition 2.** Let  $\Omega$  be a region. Let  $z_0 \in \Omega$  and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function.

1. Complex function  $f$  is **differentiable** at  $z_0$  if

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

exists.

2. If  $f$  is differentiable at every point in  $\Omega$ , we say  $f$  is **analytic** on  $\Omega$ .
3. If  $f$  is analytic on  $\mathbb{C}$ , then  $f$  is **entire**.

← this  $z \rightarrow z_0$  could be from **any** directions!

← Means that existence of 1st derivative implies the existence of  $\infty$ th derivative! & has Taylor expansion.

← Usual calculus rules work here :)

**Example 5.** Polynomials are entire functions.

**Example 6.** Rational functions are analytic on  $\mathbb{C}$  except where the denominator vanishes.

**Non-example 7.**  $f(z) = \bar{z}$  is NOT analytic **anywhere**!

*Proof.* Let  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $\frac{f(z)-f(z_0)}{z-z_0} = \frac{\bar{z}-\bar{z}_0}{z-z_0}$ .

If  $z \rightarrow z_0$  horizontally, then  $z - z_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , meaning that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} = \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \frac{\bar{z} - \bar{z}_0}{z - z_0} = \frac{z - z_0}{z - z_0} = 1.$$

Else if  $z \rightarrow z_0$  vertically, then  $\overline{z - z_0} = -(z - z_0)$ , meaning that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} = \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \frac{\bar{z} - \bar{z}_0}{z - z_0} = \frac{-(z - z_0)}{z - z_0} = -1.$$

We observe that  $1 \neq -1$ , thus, the limit from different directions are not the same. We conclude that the limit does not exist anywhere.  $\square$

**Proposition 1.** Let  $f$  be differentiable at  $z_0$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that **whenever**  $0 < |z - z_0| < \delta$ , **we have**  $|f'(z_0) - \frac{f(z)-f(z_0)}{z-z_0}| < \varepsilon$ .

**Remark.** Now consider multiplying  $|z - z_0|$  on both sides of Proposition 1:

$$\begin{aligned} |f'(z_0) \cdot (z - z_0) - f(z) + f(z_0)| &< \varepsilon |z - z_0| \\ |f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0) - f(z)| &< \varepsilon |z - z_0| \end{aligned}$$

That is to say, near  $z_0$  (when the distance  $< \varepsilon$ ),

$$f(z) \approx f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0)$$

this is the “tangent-line approximation” equivalent in  $\mathbb{C}$ !

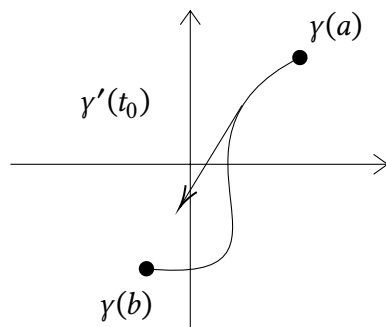
In addition,  $f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0)$  means to take  $z - z_0$ , rotate and dilate by  $f'(z_0)$ , then translate by  $f(z_0)$ . If  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ , this function is locally orientation-preserving and could be approximated by a linear function.

← The RHS is a **linear** function!

← This explains why  $z \mapsto \bar{z}$  is NOT analytic anywhere: it is orientation-reversing.

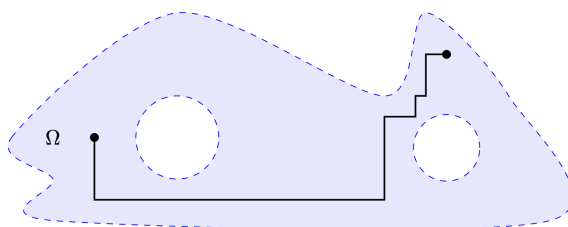
## Curves, paths

**Definition 3.** A **curve** in  $\mathbb{C}$  is a function  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .



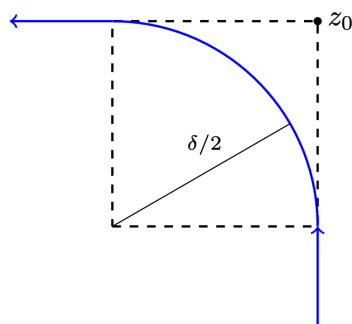
**Definition 4.** Parameterize  $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t)) = x(t) + iy(t)$ . Then  $\gamma'(t_0) = (x'(t_0), y'(t_0))$  is a **tangent vector** to the curve at  $\gamma(t_0)$  (assume  $\gamma'(t_0) \neq \mathbf{0}$ , aka.  $\gamma$  is regular at  $\gamma(t_0)$ .)

**Theorem 2** (The “Boxy-path” Theorem). A nonempty open set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  is connected *if and only if* each pair of distinct points in  $\Omega$  can be joined by a sequence of line segments lying in  $\Omega$ , each of which is parallel to either to the real or imaginary axis.



In other words, between any 2 points in a region  $\Omega$  there exists a “**boxy path**”.

**Remark.** There is also always a **smooth path**. That is:

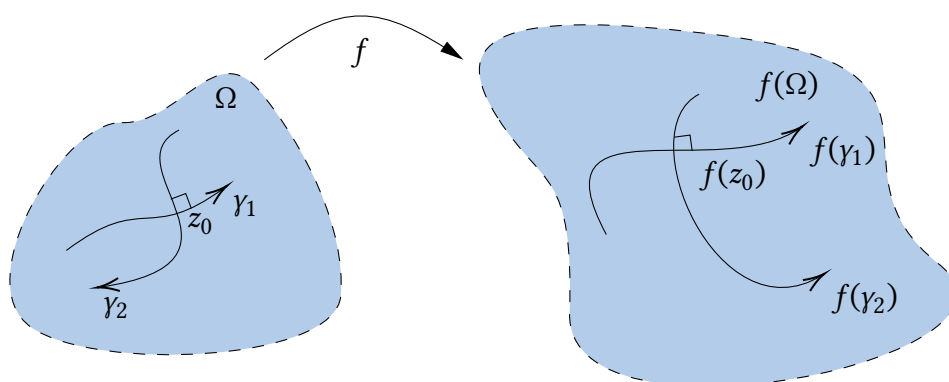


**Theorem 3** (“Smooth-path”). A nonempty open set  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  is connected if and only if each pair of distinct points in  $\Omega$  can be joined by a continuously differentiable curve in  $\Omega$  that is regular at every point.

*Proof.* See [lecture 2 notes](#). □

## Conformality

Let  $f$  be an analytic complex function on  $\Omega$ .



Let  $z_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ . Let  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  be two curves that pass through  $z_0$  intersecting with an angle  $\theta$ . Then  $f(\gamma_1), f(\gamma_2)$  are two curves in  $f(\Omega)$  passing through  $f(z_0)$  also with angle  $\theta$ .

Therefore,  $f$  is **conformal**!

## Cauchy-Riemann equations, harmonic functions

### Multivariate notion of complex derivatives

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

Now we write each function with complex variables as  $f(z) = u(z) + i v(z)$  where  $u, v$  are real-valued functions.

← meaning their range is real

Since  $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ , we denote every point  $z = (x, y)$ .

Now we let  $f(x, y) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$ . We first let the small distance  $h = (r, 0)$  be horizontally approaching 0 with  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ . That is,  $z_0 + h = (x_0 + r, y_0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_0) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x_0 + r, y_0) - u(x_0, y_0)}{r} + i \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{v(x_0 + r, y_0) - v(x_0, y_0)}{r} \\ &= u_x(x_0, y_0) + i \cdot v_x(x_0, y_0) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if we vertically let  $h = ir = (0, r)$  with  $r \rightarrow 0, r \in \mathbb{R}$ , we would get  $f' = v_y - i \cdot u_y$ .

**Remark.** If a derivative exists, the horizontal & the vertical ones should be equal!

**Theorem 4** (Cauchy-Riemann Equations).

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= v_y \\ u_y &= -v_x \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 5.** If  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic and  $f' = 0$  on  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is **constant**.

*Proof.* Since  $0 = f' = u_x + iv_x$ , we see that  $u_x = v_x = 0$  on  $\Omega$ . By Cauchy-Riemann,  $v_y = u_y = 0$  is also true on  $\Omega$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}$  are constant on either horizontal or vertical segments. By the Boxy Path Theorem,  $f = u + iv$  cannot assume two distinct values in  $\Omega$ .  $\square$

## Orientation-preserving as shown by Jacobian

Let  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic. Then  $f' = u_x + iv_x$  and hence:

$$\begin{aligned} |f'|^2 &= \bar{f}' \cdot f' = (u_x - iv_x)(u_x + iv_x) \\ &= u_x^2 + v_x^2 \\ &= u_x u_x + v_x v_x && \text{and by Cauchy-Riemann,} \\ &= u_x v_y - u_y v_x \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix} && \text{the Jacobian of } f! \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|f'|^2 \geq 0$ , the determinant of the Jacobian is always  $\geq 0$ , implying that  $f$  is always locally orientation-preserving. Moreover,

**Proposition 6.** If  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ , then  $|f'|^2 > 0$  implies:

1.  $f$  is **injective** near  $z_0$
2.  $f$  scales  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $|f'(z_0)|^2$  near  $z_0$
3.  $f$  preserves orientation near  $z_0$

## The Laplacian, harmonic functions and conjugates

Suppose that  $f = u + iv$  is analytic and  $u, v$  have continuous second partial derivatives. Then:

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \Delta u = (v_y)_x + (-v_x)_y = v_{yx} - v_{xy} = 0$$

This means that the Laplacian of this function  $u$  is 0!

**Definition 5.** Real-valued functions  $u : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying that the Laplacian  $\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy}$  is 0 on  $\Omega$  is called **harmonic functions**.

**Definition 6.** A **harmonic conjugate** of  $u$  is a harmonic function  $v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f = u + i \cdot v$  is **analytic** on  $\Omega$ .

**Example 8.**  $u = x^2 - y^2, v = 2xy$ .

**Remark.** Harmonic conjugates are unique up to translation ( $\pm$  constants).

**Remark.** If  $u$  is harmonic on  $\Omega$ , it does NOT have to have a harmonic conjugate on  $\Omega$ .

←  $\Delta u = 0$   
characterizes  
steady-state  
solutions to heat  
equations on  $\Omega$ .

← Check it!

## Finding a harmonic conjugate

Recall that the real and imaginary parts of an analytic function are **harmonic**, in addition to satisfying the Cauchy-Riemann Equations:  $u_x = v_y$  and  $u_y = -v_x$ .

**Example 9.**  $u(z) = \log |z|$  is harmonic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* Write  $u(x, y) = \log(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) = \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2)$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} \\ &= \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} u_{xx} &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2) - x(2x)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Symmetrically, we find

$$u_{yy} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

Hence  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ , implying that the function is harmonic.  $\square$

Now, can we find a harmonic conjugate for the aforementioned  $u$ ?

We could use the two Cauchy-Riemann Equations. One of them:

$$\begin{aligned} v_y &= u_x \\ &= \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, y) &= \int v_y dy + C(x) && \text{unknown function of } x \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + C(x) \end{aligned}$$

Then, we use the second one:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} &= u_y = -v_x = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + C(x) \right) \\ &= \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} - C'(x) \implies C'(x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, a good harmonic conjugate candidate seems to be

$$v(x, y) = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + C$$

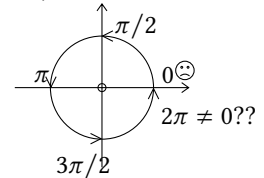
where  $C$  is a constant. WLOG, let  $C = 0$ . Then  $v(x, y) = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ , meaning that:

$$v(z) = \arg(z)$$

Therefore,  $f(z) = \log|z| + i \cdot \arg(z)$  is analytic!

← Review quotient rule!

← There is currently a great **CAVEAT** in all of these, because  $v(z) = \arg(z)$  cannot be defined in a continuous manner in all of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ :

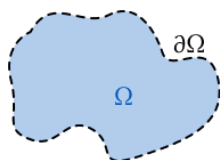


To be resolved later!



## Physics analogies of harmonic functions

**Example 10.** Let  $T(x, y, t)$  be the temperature at  $(x, y)$  at time  $t$  of a thermally conductive plate in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Assume the plate gives rise to a **bounded** region  $\Omega$  (with boundary denoted  $\partial\Omega$ ). Temperature on  $\partial\Omega$  is a fixed function (time-independent).



Now given the heat equation:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \alpha \Delta T = 0$$

where  $\alpha$  is a constant.

We think the system tends towards a thermal equilibrium as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . At equilibrium,  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$  is **zero**. Hence, at equilibrium,  $\Delta T = T_{xx} + T_{yy} = 0$ .

**Idea:** Harmonic function behave like equilibrium temperature distributions!

**Proposition 7.** Let  $U(x, y)$  be a harmonic function on  $\Omega$ .

1.  $U$  cannot have a *local* maximum in  $\Omega$ .
2. The absolute maximum of  $U$  on  $\Omega^-$  occurs on  $\partial\Omega$ .
3.  $U$  cannot be locally constant without being globally constant.

←  $\Omega^-$  denotes the closure of  $\Omega$

**Theorem 8** (Maximum principle). Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded region in  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $f : \Omega^- \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic on  $\Omega$  and continuous on  $\Omega^-$ .

1. If  $|f|$  achieves a local max in  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is constant.
2. The global max of  $|f|$  on  $\Omega^-$  is attained on  $\partial\Omega$ .

## Möbius transformations

### Möbius transformations, the extended plane

**Definition 7** (Möbius transformations).

$$f(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \text{ where } ad - bc \neq 0, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$$

Such an  $f$  is **analytic** on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{\frac{-d}{c}\}$  and **conformal** there since  $f'(z) = \frac{ad-bc}{(cz+d)^2} \neq 0$  on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{\frac{-d}{c}\}$ .

← recall that rational functions are analytic except when the denominator vanishes, i.e.  $cz + d \neq 0$ .

**Remark.** In addition,  $f$  is injective (one-to-one)!

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) = f(w) &\implies \frac{az+b}{cz+d} = \frac{aw+b}{cw+d} \\ (az+b)(cw+d) &= (cz+d)(aw+b) \\ aczw + bcw + adz + bd &= aczw + adw + bcz + bd \\ (ad-bc)z &= (ad-bc)w \\ z &= w \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 8** (The extended plane). We set the following convention:

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{-d}{c}\right) &= \infty \\ f(\infty) &= \frac{a}{c} \end{aligned}$$

with this,  $f$  is a **bijection** from  $\hat{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  to itself.

← recall Riemann sphere

## Möbius transformations as matrices

**Remark.** We can associate  $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  where  $ad-bc \neq 0$  with the matrix

$$M_f = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

← this association is not a bijection: it's only so up to scaling

**Remark.**  $M_{f \circ g} = M_f \cdot M_g$

← check this!

**Remark.** The inverse of  $M_f = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is  $M_f^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$  and scaling does not matter, so we could write the **inverse** of such Möbius transformation as:

$$f^{-1}(w) = \frac{dw-b}{-cw+a}$$

**Theorem 9.** A Möbius transformation  $f : \hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$  with three fixed points in  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  is the **identity map**  $\text{id}(z) = z = \frac{z+0}{0z+1}$ .

←  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a Möbius transformation.

1. If  $\infty$  is fixed, then  $c = 0$ . Then  $f(z) = \frac{a}{d}z + \frac{b}{d}$ , which is a **linear** transformation. ← think about that!
  - (a) If  $f(z) = z$ , we are done since we get the identity!
  - (b) Otherwise the function only has one fixed point at  $\infty$ .
2. If  $\infty$  is not a fixed point, then  $c \neq 0$ . Solve:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) + z &\Leftrightarrow \frac{az + b}{cz + d} = z \\ az + b &= cz^2 + dz \\ cz^2 + (d - a)z - b &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

is a quadratic which has at most two (distinct) solutions in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Hence, this transformation fixes at most two points.

□

## Möbius transformations take circles to circles

**Remark.** Lines can be circles (they are just circles that pass through the point at infinity).

**Theorem 10.** The image of a circle under a Möbius transformation is still a circle.

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  be a Möbius transformation.

1. If  $c = 0$ , then  $f(z) = \frac{a}{d}z + \frac{b}{d}$ , which is a **linear/affine** transformation and so we are done.
2. Now suppose  $c \neq 0$ . Then

← since linear transformations preserve circles and lines

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{a}{d}z + \frac{b}{d} \\ &= \frac{\frac{a}{c}(cz + d) - \frac{ad}{c} + b}{cz + d} \\ &= \frac{b - \frac{ad}{c}}{cz + d} + \frac{a}{c} \end{aligned}$$

which is a composition of affine, inversion and affine:

$$z \mapsto cz + d \mapsto \frac{1}{cz + d} \mapsto \frac{b - \frac{ad}{c}}{cz + d} + \frac{a}{c}$$

We now only need to show that inversion preserves circles.

Let a circle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  be  $Ax + By + C(x^2 + y^2) = D$  where  $A, B, C, D \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $z = x + iy \in \widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ , then  $\frac{1}{z} = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} + i\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}$ . Name  $\frac{1}{z} = u + iv$ , note that  $u^2 + v^2 = \frac{1}{x^2+y^2}$ .

Then we note that  $Au - Bv + C = D(u^2 + v^2)$ , which is still a circle!

← check this!

□

**Theorem 11.** Given two triples  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  and  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  of *distinct* points in  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ , then there is always a unique Möbius transformation  $f$  such that  $f(z_i) = w_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

*Proof.* Claim: the *cross-ratio*  $\phi(z) = \frac{z-z_1}{z-z_3} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{z_2-z_3}{z_2-z_1}}_{\text{const.}}$  is a Möbius transformation that satisfies  $\boxed{\phi(z_1) = 0, \phi(z_2) = 1, \phi(z_3) = \infty}$ .

We can also find another Möbius transformation such that  $\psi(z_1) = 0, \psi(z_2) = 1, \psi(z_3) = \infty$ . Then:

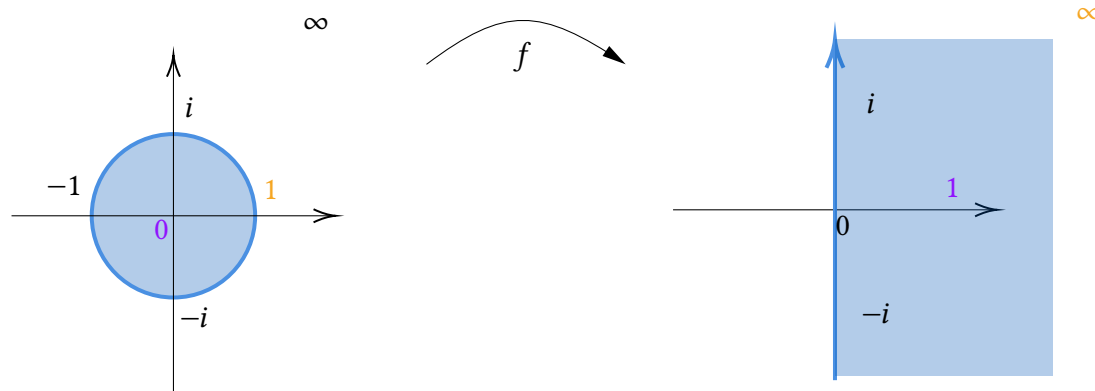
$$\begin{array}{ccc} z_1 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & 0 \xrightarrow{\psi^{-1}} w_1 \\ z_2 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & 1 \xrightarrow{\psi^{-1}} w_2 \\ z_3 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \infty \xrightarrow{\psi^{-1}} w_3 \end{array}$$

and we could simply let  $f = \psi^{-1} \circ \phi$ .

□

**Example 11.** Let  $f(z) = \frac{z+1}{-z+1}$ . We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 1 \\ f(-1) &= 0 \\ f(1) &= \infty \\ f(i) &= i \\ f(-i) &= -i \end{aligned}$$



## Recall: infinite series

**Definition 9.**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges to  $S$  if  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N = S$  where  $S_N = a_1 + \dots + a_N$ .

←  $S_N$  is the  $N$ -th partial sum.

## Divergence test

**Definition 10** (Divergence test). A pair of contrapositives:

← Note it's not an *if and only if* !

1. If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ .
2. If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$  (including the case where the limit doesn't exist) then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges.

**Non-example 12.** The harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots$  diverges even though  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$  tends to 0 when  $n$  tends to  $\infty$ .

← diverges, but really **slowly**!

**Theorem 12.** If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges, then  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S - S_N = 0$ .

← In other words, the tail of a convergent series goes to 0.

**Theorem 13** (Cauchy Criterion).  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges *if and only if* for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $k > j > N$  implies  $\left| \sum_{n=j}^k a_n \right| = S_k - S_j < \varepsilon$ .

## Integral test

**Definition 11** (Integral test). Define  $a_n = f(n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $f : [1, \infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is (piecewise) continuous, positive and decreasing. Then  $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$  converges *if and only if*  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

← do an improper integral!

Moreover,  $\int_1^N f(x) dx \leq a_1 + \dots + a_N \leq a_1 + \int_1^N f(x) dx$ .

**Example 13.** Apply the above with  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Then

←  $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$

$$\ln N \leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{N} \leq 1 + \ln N$$

It is bounded below by a divergent function, so it must be divergent!

**Theorem 14.** The “ $p$ -series”  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges *if and only if*  $p > 1$ .

**Definition 12** (Riemann zeta function).

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \quad \text{for } \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$$

**Remark.** Euler figured out:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(2) &= \frac{\pi^2}{6} \\ \zeta(4) &= \frac{\pi^4}{90} \\ \zeta(6) &= \frac{\pi^6}{945} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

**Remark.** R. Apéry showed that  $\zeta(3)$  is irrational (1979):

← still an open question in mathematics

$$\zeta(3) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} = 1.202 \dots$$

but no explicit formula known!

## Absolute convergence

**Definition 13.** A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is:

1. **absolutely convergent** if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  converges.
2. **conditionally convergent** if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges but  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|$  diverges.

← Good

← BAD

**Theorem 15.** Every absolutely convergent series converges.

**Example 14.** The alternating harmonic series

← Don't re-parenthesize the terms – grouping would change the sequence and thus the partial sums!

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

converges to  $\ln 2$ . But the convergence is conditional because the absolute value

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

does not converge.

**Theorem 16.** An absolutely convergent series may be rearranged without changing its value. That is, if  $\phi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is a bijection, then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{\phi(n)}$$

← This seems obvious for finite series, but consider how this is extraordinary for infinite series!

**Theorem 17** (Riemann Rearrangement Theorem). If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is a conditionally convergent series of real numbers, then for **any**  $S \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, \infty\}$ , there is a bijection  $\phi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{\phi(n)} = S$ .

← Meaning we can get it to be equal to whatever we want just by rearranging!

Now if  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n$  converge, one might expect that

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j \right) &= (a_0 + a_1 + \dots)(b_0 + b_1 + \dots) \\ &= a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0) + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \text{ where } c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

But this only works if both series are absolutely convergent, in which case the new series is absolutely convergent.

← conditionally convergent doesn't work! See [notes](#).

## Uniform convergence

**Definition 14.** A sequence of functions  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  where  $X \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  **converges uniformly** to  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N$  implies  $|f_n(z) - f(z)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $z \in X$ .

← This is MATH131!

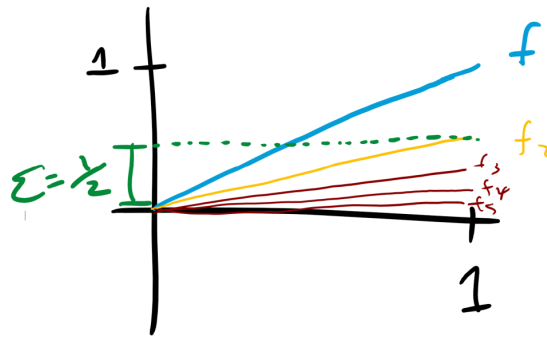


FIGURE 8. Uniform Convergence

**Theorem 18.** If  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are continuous and converges uniformly on  $X$  to  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , then  $f$  is continuous on  $X$ . In other words, the uniform limit of continuous functions is continuous.

← unif. conv. preserves continuity

**Remark.**  $f_n$  converges to  $f$  pointwise on  $X$  if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(z) = f(z)$  for all  $z \in X$ .

← This doesn't say anything about the rate each point converges.

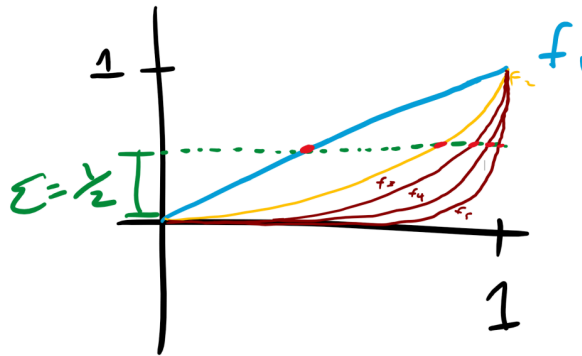


FIGURE 9. Non-uniform convergence

**Theorem 19.** If  $f_n : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are continuous and converge uniformly on  $[a, b]$  to  $f$ , then

← Integrals work with uniform convergence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

**Remark.** Uniform convergence doesn't necessarily preserve differentiability, limit or derivatives!

**Example 15.**  $f_n(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + \frac{1}{n}}$  on  $[-1, 1]$  converges uniformly to  $f_n(x) = |x|$ . But the limit function is **not** differentiable at  $x = 0$  even though every  $f_n$  were.

**Theorem 20** (Weierstrass  $M$ -Test). Let  $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfy  $|f_n(z)| \leq M_n$  for all  $z \in X$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$  converges, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(z)$  converges both **absolutely** and **uniformly** on  $X$ .