

Example 2.1 let  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $f(z) = z^2$

Then  $f$  is entire. Since

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0+h) - f(z_0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(z_0+h)^2 - z_0^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2z_0h + h^2}{h} = 2z_0$$

Hence  $f'(z) = 2z \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

As in real variables, we have

Prop 2.2. ① let  $\mathcal{H}(\Omega) = \{ f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ is hol. on } \Omega \}$

then  $\mathcal{H}(\Omega)$  is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space

More precisely

if  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}(\Omega)$  then  $\alpha f + \beta g \in \mathcal{H}(\Omega)$

for every  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ .

And

$$(\alpha f + \beta g)' = \alpha f' + \beta g'$$

( $0: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $0(z) = 0$  is the 0. element)

②  $f, g \in \mathcal{H}(\Omega) \Rightarrow fg \in \mathcal{H}(\Omega)$

$$\text{and } (fg)' = f'g + fg'$$

③ If  $g(z_0) \neq 0$  then  $f/g$  is hol. at  $z_0$  and

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

If  $g(z) \in \mathcal{H}(\Omega)$  and  $g(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall z \in \Omega$   
then  $f/g \in \mathcal{H}(\Omega)$ .

④ If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow U$ ,  $g: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are holom, Then  $g \circ f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is hol and

$$(g \circ f)'(z) = g'(f(z)) \cdot f'(z) \quad \forall z \in \Omega.$$

Proofs Very similar to the case of real variables. Here I will just give the proof of ④

Let  $z_0 \in \Omega$ ,  $f(z_0) = w_0 \in U$

Consider  $F: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $G: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$F(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} & \text{if } z \neq z_0 \\ f'(z_0) & \text{if } z = z_0 \end{cases}$$

$$G(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{g(w) - g(w_0)}{w - w_0} & \text{if } w \neq w_0 \\ g'(w_0) & \text{if } w = w_0 \end{cases}$$

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

we have  $F$  is continuous at  $z_0$ .

Similarly  $G$  is cont. at  $w_0$ . Hence

$G \circ f$  is continuous at  $z_0$ . (Since  $f$  is diff at  $z_0$ ,  $F$  is continuous at  $z_0$ .)

For  $z \in \Omega, z \neq z_0$  we have

$$\frac{(g \circ f)(z) - (g \circ f)(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \frac{g(f(z)) - g(f(z_0))}{z - z_0}$$

using  $w_0 = f(z_0)$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{g(f(z)) - g(w_0)}{f(z) - w_0} \cdot \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} & \text{if } f(z) \neq w_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } f(z) = w_0 \end{cases}$$

$$= G(f(z)) F(z)$$

(Note if  $f(z) = w_0$  then  $F(z) = \frac{w_0 - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = 0$ )

Hence

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow z_0 \\ z \neq z_0}} \frac{(g \circ f)(z) - (g \circ f)(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} G(f(z)) F(z)$$

$$= G(f(z_0)) \cdot F(z_0) \quad (\text{since } G \circ f, F \text{ are cont. at } z_0)$$

$$= G(w_0) F(z_0)$$

$$= g'(w_0) \cdot f'(z_0)$$

$$= g'(f(z_0)) \cdot f'(z_0) \quad \text{as wanted}$$

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Rmk 2.3 Note if  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
 is diff. at  $z_0 \in \Omega$  then  
 $\exists$  a complex number  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t.

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + c(z - z_0) + E(z, z_0)$$

with  $E: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfying

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left| \frac{E(z, z_0)}{z - z_0} \right| = 0.$$

Here  $c = f'(z_0)$ .

Example 2.4 Example 2.1, Prop 2.2,

applied repeatedly, show that any  
 polynomial  $p(z) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  is differentiable

For  $p(z) = z^n$  we have

$$p'(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{z^n - z_0^n}{z - z_0} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{(z - z_0)(z^{n-1} + z^{n-2}z_0 + \dots + z_0^{n-1})}{z - z_0}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} z^{n-1} + z^{n-2}z_0 + \dots + z_0^{n-1} = n z_0^{n-1}$$

② Important non-example

let  $f(z) = \bar{z}$ . Then

$$\frac{f(z_0+h) - f(z_0)}{h} = \frac{\overline{z_0+h} - \bar{z}_0}{h} = \frac{\bar{h}}{h}$$

For  $h=t$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  this limit is 1

For  $h=it$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  the limit is -1

Here  $\lim \frac{f(z_0+h) - f(z_0)}{h}$  doesn't exist

for any  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . And  $f(z) = \bar{z}$  is not holomorphic.

Note that  $f(z) = \bar{z}$  as a function of from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is given by

$$F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (x, y) \mapsto (x, -y) \text{ hence it is}$$

a linear function and is differentiable with  $J_{F(x_0, y_0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

Recall A function  $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is differentiable  $(x, y) \mapsto (u(x, y), v(x, y))$

at a point  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0)$  if  $\exists$  linear map

$$J: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\lim_{\substack{P \rightarrow P_0 \\ P \neq P_0}} \frac{\|F(P) - F(P_0) - J(P - P_0)\|}{\|P - P_0\|} = 0.$$

equivalently

$$F(P) - F(P_0) = J(P_0)(P - P_0) + \psi(P - P_0) |P - P_0|$$

with  $|\psi(P - P_0)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $P \rightarrow P_0$

The linear map  $J: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is unique and called the differential of  $F$  at  $P_0$ .

In the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $J$  is represented by the Jacobian Matrix of  $F$

$$J_F(P_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(P_0) & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(P_0) \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(P_0) & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(P_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

Recall

We can view  $\mathbb{C}$  as a 1-dim'l vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$  with basis  $\{1\}$  or as a 2-dimensional real v-space with basis  $\{1, i\}$ .

And a map  $T: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear

$$y \quad Tz = \lambda z \text{ for some } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

On the other hand  $T: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear

$$y \quad T(z) = T(x + yi) = T(1)x + T(i)y = \lambda z + \mu \bar{z}$$

$$\text{with } \left. \begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{1}{2} (T(1) - i T(i)) \\ \mu &= \frac{1}{2} (T(1) + i T(i)) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} &\text{using} \\ x &= \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2} \\ y &= \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Hence every  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear map  $T: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear (with  $\mu=0$ )

But an  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear map  $T: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear only if  $\mu=0$  i.e.  $T(i) = iT(1)$

If  $T(1) = a + bi$  and  $T(i) = c + di$   
 $T(i) = iT(1) \Rightarrow \boxed{b = -c \text{ and } a = d}$

If we identify  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $z = x + iy \leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$   
Since every  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear map  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is given by a  $2 \times 2$  real matrix,  $T: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}}_A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

Such a map is also  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear if  $A$  is of the form  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$

Link: Note that in Example  $f(z) = \bar{z}$ ,  $f$  is a map from  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , is differentiable with Jacobian equal to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , which is not a matrix of the above form!

Our next goal is to see how this linear algebra fact about  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear versus  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear maps is reflected in the case of a complex function  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and its differentiability.

# § 2.2 Cauchy - Riemann Equations

Holomorphicity vs real differentiability

let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic at  $z_0$

If  $f(x+iy) = u + iv$ , we can also view  $f$

as a map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ;  $\tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   
 $(x, y) \mapsto (u(x, y), v(x, y))$

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

independent of how  $z \rightarrow z_0$ .

In particular we can have  $z$  tend to  $z_0$  along the line  $z = x + iy_0$  by letting  $x \rightarrow x_0$

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x + iy_0) - f(x_0 + iy_0)}{x - x_0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{x - x_0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{u(x, y_0) - u(x_0, y_0)}{x - x_0} + i \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{v(x, y_0) - v(x_0, y_0)}{x - x_0}$$

$$= u_x(x_0, y_0) + i v_x(x_0, y_0)$$

Hence we conclude that the usual partial derivatives  $u_x(z_0)$ ,  $v_x(z_0)$  and hence the partial derivative  $f_x(z_0) = u_x(x_0) + i v_x(x_0)$  exist

and  $f'(z_0) = u_x(z_0) + i v_x(z_0) = f_x(z_0)$  (A)



On the other hand approaching  $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$  along  $z = x_0 + iy$  with  $y \rightarrow y_0$  gives

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{y \rightarrow y_0} \frac{f(x_0 + iy) - f(x_0 + iy_0)}{i(y - y_0)}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow y_0} \frac{v(x_0, y) - v(x_0, y_0)}{y - y_0} = i \lim_{y \rightarrow y_0} \frac{u(x_0, y) - u(x_0, y_0)}{y - y_0}$$

$$= v_y(z_0) - i u_y(z_0)$$

We obtain that the partial derivatives  $f_y(z_0) = u_y(z_0) + i v_y(z_0)$  also exists and

$$f'(z_0) = v_y(z_0) - i u_y(z_0) = -i f_y(z_0) \quad \textcircled{B}$$

(A) and (B) gives

$u_x(z_0) = v_y(z_0)$ $u_y(z_0) = -v_x(z_0)$	Cauchy Riemann equations (CR)
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If we introduce two differential operators

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} := \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} := \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)$$