

Limits and continuity: a short review.

Same as for \mathbb{R}^2 !

Def. Let f be a function defined on a set $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$.

f has a limit A as $z \rightarrow z_0$ if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 : 0 < |z - z_0| < \delta, z \in K \Rightarrow |f(z) - f(z_0)| < \epsilon.$$

Properties. 1) If the limit exists it is unique provided z_0 is a limit point of K

$$(\forall \delta > 0 : B(z_0, \delta) \cap (K \setminus \{z_0\}) \neq \emptyset).$$

$$2) \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (f(z) + g(z)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) + \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} g(z) \text{ (if both exist)}$$

$$3) \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (f(z) \times g(z)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) \times \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} g(z) \text{ (if both exist)}$$

$$4) \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = A \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \operatorname{Re} f(z) = \operatorname{Re} A \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \operatorname{Im} f(z) = \operatorname{Im} A \end{cases}$$

$$5) \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = A \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \overline{f(z)} = \overline{A}.$$

Proof. 1, 2, 3 - as in real case.

$$5 \Leftarrow |f(z) - A| = |f(z) - \overline{\overline{A}}|$$

$$4 \Leftarrow 5 + 2, \text{ since } \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re} f(z) = \frac{f(z) + \overline{f(z)}}{2} \\ \operatorname{Im} f(z) = -\frac{i}{2} (f(z) - \overline{f(z)}) \end{cases}$$

Important property: $K_1, K_2 \subseteq K$. Let $\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow z_0 \\ z \in K}} f(z) = A$.

$$\text{Then } \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow z_0 \\ z \in K_1}} f(z) = \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow z_0 \\ z \in K_2}} f(z) = A.$$

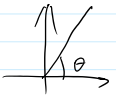
↳ Fix $\epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \dots$

Proof. $z \in K_1, |z - z_0| < \delta \Rightarrow z \in K, |z - z_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(z) - A| < \epsilon$

Corollary. $K_1, K_2 \subset K, \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow z_0 \\ z \in K_1}} f(z) \neq \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow z_0 \\ z \in K_2}} f(z) \Rightarrow$

$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z)$ does not exist.

Easy and important example:

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{h}}{h}$ does not exist!  On ray L_θ :
 $h = |h| \operatorname{cis} \theta$

On L_θ : $\frac{\bar{h}}{h} = \frac{|h| \operatorname{cis}(-\theta)}{|h| \operatorname{cis}(\theta)} = \operatorname{cis}(-2\theta)$ - different on different rays!

Continuous functions:

As usual: f is continuous at z_0 if $\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow z_0 \\ z \in K}} f(z) = f(z_0)$.

Remark All of this can be done at ∞ , but we need to use spherical metric:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = \infty \Leftrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} d(f(z), \infty) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{f(z)} = 0$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = A \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \cdot \forall d(z, \infty) < \delta \Rightarrow |f(z) - A| < \epsilon$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = A$$

Important (and easy) observation: if $z_0 \neq \infty$ then

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} |z - z_0| = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} d(z, z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{|z - z_0|}{\sqrt{1 + |z|^2} \sqrt{1 + |z_0|^2}} = 0.$$

Analytic functions

Def. f is (complex) differentiable at z_0 if

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

Equivalent definition: $f(z) = f(z_0) + (z - z_0)\varphi(z)$, where
 $\varphi(z)$ continuous at z_0 , $\varphi(z_0) = f'(z_0)$.

Proof (of equivalency) (\uparrow) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \varphi(z) = f'(z_0)$

(\downarrow) Take $\varphi(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}, & z \neq z_0 \\ f'(z_0), & z = z_0 \end{cases}$

Remark. Differentiability at one point is not interesting.

Interesting: differentiability at every point of
some $B(z_0, \delta)$ - some neighborhood of z_0 .

Thm. (the same as in Calculus).

1) I f', g' exist, then

$$(f \pm g)'(z) = f'(z) \pm g'(z) - \text{exist.}$$

$$(f g)'(z) = f'(z) g(z) + f(z) g'(z) - \text{exist}$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(z) = \frac{f'(z) g(z) - f(z) g'(z)}{g^2(z)} \text{ if } g(z) \neq 0$$

2) I f', g' exist, and g' exist at $f(z)$, then

$$(g(f(z)))' = g'(f(z)) \cdot f'(z) - \text{exist (Chain Rule).}$$

Proof The same as in Calculus!

Example 0. $f(z) \equiv c$. $f'(z) \equiv 0$.

Example 1 $f(z) = z$, $f'(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{z - z_0}{z - z_0} = 1$.

Example 2. Non-differentiable: $f(z) = \bar{z}$.

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{\bar{z} - \bar{z}_0}{z - z_0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{h}}{h} - \text{does not exist!}$$

Real and Complex differentiability.

Complex : $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(z+h) - f(z) - f'(z)h|}{|h|} = 0$

Real : $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(z+h) - f(z) - T(h)|}{|h|} = 0$ $f = u + iv$

$T(h) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ - linear map. $h = x + iy = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

From calculus, $T(h) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ - in complex form

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$x = \frac{h + \bar{h}}{2}$, $y = \frac{h - \bar{h}}{2i}$

$T(h) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{h + \bar{h}}{2} - \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} (h - \bar{h}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) h + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \bar{h}$

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

When is real differentiable function complex differentiable?

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{h}{h} + \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} \frac{\bar{h}}{h}$

So, since $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\bar{h}}{h}$ does not exist, we get.

Theorem (Cauchy-Riemann) Let f be a real-differentiable function at z_0 . It is complex differentiable if and only if $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = 0$.



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Bernhard Riemann

Remark: $f'(z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$ in this case.

Other form: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + i \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = 0$ Or

$\Delta u = \Delta v$

Other form: $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$. Ur

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} - \text{Cauchy-Riemann equations.}$$

$$\text{Matrix of } T(h): \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix} = M_{f'(z)}$$

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

Remark Need to assume real-differentiability a priori.

$\exists f: \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}$ - exist everywhere, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} \equiv 0$, yet f is not everywhere analytic!

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{z^2}}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thm (Looman-Menchoff) If $f = u + iv$ is continuous $\forall z \in B(z_0, r)$, all the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ exist $\forall z \in B(z_0, r)$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$. Then f is analytic in $B(z_0, r)$.

Theorem Let f be analytic in $B(z_0, \delta)$, $f'(z) = 0 \forall z \in B(z_0, \delta)$.

Then $f(z) \equiv \text{const.}$

Proof. $f'(z) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \stackrel{\text{Calculus}}{\Rightarrow} u \equiv \text{const}, v \equiv \text{const}$

Remark Can assume less: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0$ (without assuming differentiability a priori). Differentiability follows from continuity.

Proof. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ - continuous $\stackrel{\text{Calculus}}{\Rightarrow} f$ is real-differentiable

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ is analytic}$$

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A corollary of this:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y} \quad \text{By Cauchy-Riemann}$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = - \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$$\Delta u := \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 - \text{Laplace operator.}$$

Examples.

$$u = x^2 - y^2$$

$$u = xy$$

$$u = e^x \cos y$$

Same way:

$$\Delta v = 0$$

$$\Delta f = \Delta u + i \Delta v = 0.$$

Def $u \in C^2$ is called harmonic on a set K if $\Delta u = 0$.

Theorem. Let u be real and harmonic in some $B(z_0, r)$.

Then $\exists f$ - analytic in $B(z_0, r)$, $u = \text{Re} f$.

We will prove a more general version later.