

Differentiability in \mathbb{C}

Def. 1 Let $J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be open, $f: J \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $t_0 \in J$.

f is differentiable at t_0 , if $\exists \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{f(t) - f(t_0)}{t - t_0} := f'(t_0) \in \mathbb{C}$.

! $f = u + iv: J \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is diff. at $t_0 \iff u, v: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are diff. at t_0 .

$$\bullet f'(t_0) = u'(t_0) + i v'(t_0).$$

Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open.

Def. 2 $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z_0 \in G$. f is differentiable at z_0 , if

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

(called the derivative of f at z_0).

Def. 3 $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z_0 \in G$. f is \mathbb{C} -differentiable at z_0 , if

$$\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C}, \exists \omega: G \setminus \{z_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \omega(z) = 0,$$

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + \alpha(z - z_0) + \omega(z)|z - z_0|, \quad z \in G \setminus \{z_0\}.$$

P1 Let $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z_0 \in G$. Then: f is \mathbb{C} -diff. at $z_0 \iff f$ is diff. at z_0 .

Proof: f is \mathbb{C} -diff. at $z_0 \iff \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t.

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \underbrace{\left| \frac{f(z) - f(z_0) - \alpha(z - z_0)}{|z - z_0|} \right|}_{\omega(z)} = 0$$

$$\left(\left| \frac{u}{w} \right| = \frac{|u|}{|w|} = \left| \frac{u}{w} \right|, \quad \forall u, w \in \mathbb{C}, w \neq 0 \right)$$

$$\frac{|f(z) - f(z_0) - \alpha(z - z_0)|}{|z - z_0|} = \left| \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} - \alpha \right|$$

$$\iff \exists \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \alpha \iff f \text{ is diff. at } z_0.$$

$$\nabla f \text{ is } \mathbb{C}\text{-diff. at } z_0 \Rightarrow \alpha = f'(z_0). \quad (1)$$

Def. 4 $f = u + iv: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 \in G$.

f is \mathbb{R} -differentiable at z_0 , if u, v are Fréchet differentiable at (x_0, y_0) .

Recall: • $\|(x, y)\| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}$ (the Euclidean norm in \mathbb{R}^2).

• f is \mathbb{R} -diff. at $z_0 = (x_0, y_0) \iff$

$$\iff \begin{cases} \exists a_1, b_1 \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \omega_1: G \setminus \{z_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} \omega_1(x,y) = 0, \\ u(x,y) = u(x_0, y_0) + a_1(x - x_0) + b_1(y - y_0) + \omega_1(x,y) \|(x - x_0, y - y_0)\|, (x,y) \in G \setminus \{z_0\} \\ \text{and} \\ \exists a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \omega_2: G \setminus \{z_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} \omega_2(x,y) = 0, \\ v(x,y) = v(x_0, y_0) + a_2(x - x_0) + b_2(y - y_0) + \omega_2(x,y) \|(x - x_0, y - y_0)\|, (x,y) \in G \setminus \{z_0\}. \end{cases}$$

Remark 1: • $a_1 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$, $a_2 = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$, $b_1 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$, $b_2 = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$. (2)

• $u, v \in C^1(G)$ (u, v have continuous partial derivatives) $\Rightarrow f$ is \mathbb{R} -diff. on G .

P2 Let $f = u + iv: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 \in G$. f is \mathbb{R} -diff. at $z_0 \iff$

$$\iff \exists \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}, \exists \omega: G \setminus \{z_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \omega(z) = 0,$$

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + \alpha(x - x_0) + \beta(y - y_0) + \omega(z)|z - z_0|, z = x + iy \in G \setminus \{z_0\}.$$

Proof: $f = u + iv$ is \mathbb{R} -diff. at $z_0 \iff \exists a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \omega_1, \omega_2: G \setminus \{z_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\text{s.t. } \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} \omega_1(x,y) = \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} \omega_2(x,y) = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$u(x,y) + i v(x,y) = u(x_0, y_0) + i v(x_0, y_0) + (a_1 + i a_2)(x - x_0) + (b_1 + i b_2)(y - y_0) + (\omega_1(x,y) + i \omega_2(x,y)) \|(x - x_0, y - y_0)\|, x + iy \in G \setminus \{z_0\}$$

$$\alpha = a_1 + i a_2$$

$$\beta = b_1 + i b_2$$

$$\omega(z) = \omega_1(x,y) + i \omega_2(x,y)$$

$$f(z) = u(x,y) + i v(x,y)$$

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + \alpha(x - x_0) + \beta(y - y_0) + \omega(z)|z - z_0|, z = x + iy \in G \setminus \{z_0\}.$$

$$\nabla \alpha = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0), \beta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0). \quad (2')$$

The Cauchy - Riemann theorem

T (the characterization of complex differentiable functions)

Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open, $f = u + iv: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 \in G$.

Then: f is differentiable at z_0 \iff

$\iff f$ is \mathbb{R} -differentiable at z_0 and

$$(*) \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0). \end{cases}$$

(*) is called the Cauchy - Riemann system (conditions) of $f = u + iv$ at z_0 .

Proof: \Rightarrow Assume that f is diff. at z_0 .

$\boxed{P_1}$ with (1) $\Rightarrow \exists \alpha = f'(z_0)$, $\exists \omega: G \setminus \{z_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \omega(z) = 0$
and $f(z) = f(z_0) + \alpha(z - z_0) + \omega(z)|z - z_0|$, $z \in G \setminus \{z_0\}$

$$= f(z_0) + \alpha(x - x_0) + i\alpha(y - y_0) + \omega(z)|z - z_0|.$$

$\boxed{P_2}$ $\Rightarrow f$ is \mathbb{R} -diff. at z_0 and

with (2')
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \cdot i \\ i\alpha &= \beta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) &= \\ i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) &= \end{aligned} (*)$$

\Leftarrow Assume that f is \mathbb{R} -diff. at z_0 and $(*)$ holds.

$\boxed{P_2}$ $\Rightarrow \exists \alpha = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$, $\exists \beta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$,
with (2') $\exists \omega: G \setminus \{z_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \omega(z) = 0$ and

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + \alpha(x - x_0) + \beta(y - y_0) + \omega(z)|z - z_0|, \quad z = x + iy \in G \setminus \{z_0\}$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow \beta = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = i \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \right)$$

$$\beta = i\alpha \Rightarrow f(z) = f(z_0) + \alpha(x - x_0) + i\alpha(y - y_0) + \omega(z)|z - z_0|, \quad z = x + iy \in G \setminus \{z_0\}$$

$$= f(z_0) + \alpha(z - z_0) + \omega(z)|z - z_0|$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is \mathbb{C} -diff. at z_0 . $\boxed{P_1} \Rightarrow f$ is diff. at z_0 .

! All the conditions in the C-R theorem are essential.

Ex. 1 $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f(z) = \bar{z}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$f = u + iv \Rightarrow u(x, y) = x,$$

$$v(x, y) = -y, \quad z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}.$$

f is \mathbb{R} -diff. on \mathbb{C} (see Remark 1), but

f is not diff. at any $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$, because

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) = 1 \neq \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x, y) = -1 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ does not hold.}$$

Ex. 2 $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} + i \frac{-xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & , z = x+iy \in \mathbb{C}^* \\ 0 & , z = 0 \end{cases}$,

is cont. on \mathbb{C} , $f = u+iv$, u, v have partial derivatives and satisfy the C.-R. sys. at $z = 0$, but f is not diff. at $z = 0$.