

Applications of 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

$$(*) \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \end{cases} \quad (*) \text{ is called the Cauchy-Riemann system (conditions) of } f = u + iv \text{ at } z_0.$$

Notations: If $f = u + iv : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is \mathbb{R} -differentiable at

$z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 \in G$, then we denote:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(z_0) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0).$$

Remark 1. From the proof of the C.-R. th., we have:

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

$$\alpha = f'(z_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = -i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(z_0).$$

We consider the differentiable operators:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right).$$

[P₁] Let $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be \mathbb{R} -differentiable at $z_0 \in G$. Then:
the C.-R. sys. (*) $\iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = 0$.

Moreover, if f is differentiable at z_0 , then $f'(z_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z_0)$.

Proof: Let $f = u + iv$, $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \right) + i \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \right) + i \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

So, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = 0 \iff (*)$. If f is differentiable at z_0 , then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(z_0)}_{f'(z_0)} - i \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(z_0)}_{f'(z_0) \text{ (see Remark 1)}} \right) = f'(z_0).$$

P2 If $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is \mathbb{R} -diff. at $z_0 \in G$, then

$\exists w: G \setminus \{z_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} w(z) = 0$ and

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z_0) \cdot (z - z_0) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) \overline{(z - z_0)} + w(z) |z - z_0|, \quad z \in G \setminus \{z_0\}.$$

Proof: See P2 in Course 4.

Properties Let $f, g: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be \mathbb{R} -diff. at $z_0 \in G$.

i) $\forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$: $\alpha f + \beta g$ is \mathbb{R} -diff. at z_0 and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\alpha f + \beta g)(z_0) = \alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z_0) + \beta \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(z_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}(\alpha f + \beta g)(z_0) = \alpha \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) + \beta \frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0).$$

ii) $f \cdot g$ is \mathbb{R} -diff. at z_0 and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(f \cdot g)(z_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z_0) \cdot g(z_0) + f(z_0) \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(z_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}(f \cdot g)(z_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) \cdot g(z_0) + f(z_0) \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0).$$

iii) If f and g are differentiable at z_0 , then

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

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(z_0) = \frac{f'(z_0) g(z_0) - f(z_0) \cdot g'(z_0)}{g(z_0)^2}, \quad \text{if } g(z_0) \neq 0.$$

Let $G_1, G_2 \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open, $f: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$, $g: G_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z_0 \in G_1$.

iv) If f and g are differentiable at z_0 , resp. $f(z_0)$, then $g \circ f$ is differentiable at z_0 and

$$(g \circ f)'(z_0) = g'(f(z_0)) \cdot f'(z_0).$$

v) If f is \mathbb{R} -diff. at z_0 and g is differentiable at $f(z_0)$, then $g \circ f$ is \mathbb{R} -diff. at z_0 and

$$\frac{\partial (g \circ f)}{\partial z}(z_0) = g'(f(z_0)) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial (g \circ f)}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = g'(f(z_0)) \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0).$$

Ex. 1 i) $\frac{\partial z}{\partial z} = 1$, $\frac{\partial z}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$, $\frac{\partial \bar{z}}{\partial z} = 0$, $\frac{\partial \bar{z}}{\partial \bar{z}} = 1$.

ii) $\frac{\partial z^m}{\partial z} = m z^{m-1}$, $\frac{\partial z^m}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$, $\frac{\partial \bar{z}^m}{\partial z} = 0$, $\frac{\partial \bar{z}^m}{\partial \bar{z}} = m \bar{z}^{m-1}$, $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

Ex. 2 $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f(z) = \underline{A z^2} + \underline{B \bar{z}^2} + \underline{C |z|^2} + \underline{D z} + \underline{E \bar{z}} + \underline{F}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$,
 where $A, B, C, D, E, F \in \mathbb{C}$. We want to find all $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ s.t.
 f is differentiable at z_0 . First, we note that $u = \operatorname{Re} f$, $v = \operatorname{Im} f$,
 then $u, v \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ (are pol. functions), so f is
 \mathbb{R} -diff. on \mathbb{C} (see Remark 1 in Course 4).

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = 0 + 2B\bar{z}_0 + C \cdot \overset{z_0 \cdot 1}{\bar{z}_0} + 0 + E, \quad \forall z_0 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

So, f is differentiable at $z_0 \stackrel{[P_1]}{\iff} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = 0$

$$\iff \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z_0) = 0 \iff 2B\bar{z}_0 + Cz_0 + E = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$f'(z_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(z_0) = 2Az_0 + 0 + C \cdot \bar{z}_0 + D.$$

Def. 1 Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ open, $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

f is holomorphic on G , if f is differentiable
 at any $z \in G$.

We denote: $\mathcal{H}(G) = \{ f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f \text{ is holomorphic on } G \}$

If $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$, then f is entire.

We say that f is holomorphic at $z_0 \in G$, if
 $\exists r > 0$ s.t. $U(z_0, r) \subset G$ and $f \in \mathcal{H}(U(z_0, r))$.

Ex. 3 $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f(z) = z \cdot |z|^2$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Then f is differentiable at $z_0 = 0$,

but f is not holomorphic at $z_0 = 0$.

Proof: f is \mathbb{R} -diff. on \mathbb{C} ($\operatorname{Re} f, \operatorname{Im} f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$)

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}(z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}(z \cdot z \cdot \bar{z}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}(z^2 \cdot \bar{z}) = z^2 = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ z=0 \end{matrix}$$

So, f is diff. only at $z_0 = 0$ (see [P1])

$$\text{and } f'(0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(z^2 \bar{z})|_{z=0} = (2z \bar{z})|_{z=0} = 0,$$

but $\nexists r > 0$ s.t. $f \in \mathcal{H}(U(0, r))$, so f is not
 holomorphic at $z_0 = 0$.

Examples of entire functions

① The complex polynomial function

$p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_n z^n$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$,
where $a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{C}$. Then $p \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ and
 $p'(z) = a_1 + 2a_2 z + \dots + na_n z^{n-1}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

② The complex exponential function

From Seminar 4, we have: if $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$, then

$$\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{z}{n}\right)^n = e^z, \text{ where } e^z = e^{x+iy} = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y).$$

$\exp: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$, $\exp(z) = e^z$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$
is the complex exponential function.

Remark 2 $\exp \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ and $(e^z)' = e^z$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof: $\exp = u + iv \Rightarrow$
 $u(x, y) = e^x \cos y$
 $v(x, y) = e^x \sin y$, $x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$.

So, $u, v \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2) \Rightarrow \exp$ is \mathbb{R} -diff. on \mathbb{C} .

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) = e^x \cos y = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x, y) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) = e^x (-\sin y) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x, y) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \exp \text{ satisfies the C.R. sys. at any } z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow \exp \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C}).$$

$$(e^z)' \underset{\text{Remark 1}}{=} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (e^x (\cos y + i \sin y)) = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y) = e^z, \quad z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Remark 3 • $|e^z| = e^x$, $\arg(e^z) = y \pmod{2\pi}$, $\forall z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\bullet e^{z_1 + z_2} = e^{z_1} \cdot e^{z_2}, \quad z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}. \quad e^{-z} = \frac{1}{e^z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

$$\bullet e^{z + 2k\pi i} = e^z \cdot \underbrace{e^{2k\pi i}}_1 = e^z, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}, k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

So, \exp is $(2\pi i)$ -periodic on \mathbb{C}
($\Rightarrow \exp$ is not injective on \mathbb{C}).

$$\bullet z = x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \exp(z) = e^x \text{ (real exponential fct. at } x \in \mathbb{R}).$$

• $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}^*$: $z = r \cdot e^{i\theta}$, $r = |z|$, $\theta \in \text{Arg } z$.
(trig. form)

• $\begin{cases} e^{iy} = e^0(\cos y + i \sin y) \\ e^{-iy} = e^0(\cos y - i \sin y) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \cos y = \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2} \\ \sin y = \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i} \end{cases}$ (Euler's formulae), $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

③ The complex trigonometric functions

$\cos, \sin : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\cos z = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$
 $\sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Remark 3 • $\cos, \sin \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$

$(\cos z)' = -\sin z$, $(\sin z)' = \cos z$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

- $\cos(-z) = \cos z$, $\sin(-z) = -\sin z$, $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}$.
- $\cos(z + 2k\pi) = \cos z$, $\sin(z + 2k\pi) = \sin z$, $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}$, $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- $\cos^2 z + \sin^2 z = 1$, $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}$.

④ The complex hyperbolic functions

$\text{ch}, \text{sh} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\text{ch } z = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2}$, $\text{sh } z = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Remark 4 • $\text{ch}, \text{sh} \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$, $(\text{ch } z)' = \text{sh } z$

$(\text{sh } z)' = \text{ch } z$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

• $\text{ch}^2 z - \text{sh}^2 z = 1$, $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}$.