

The geometric interpretation of the complex derivative

Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $a < b$.

$\square \Delta_1$ Let $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow G$ be a continuous function.

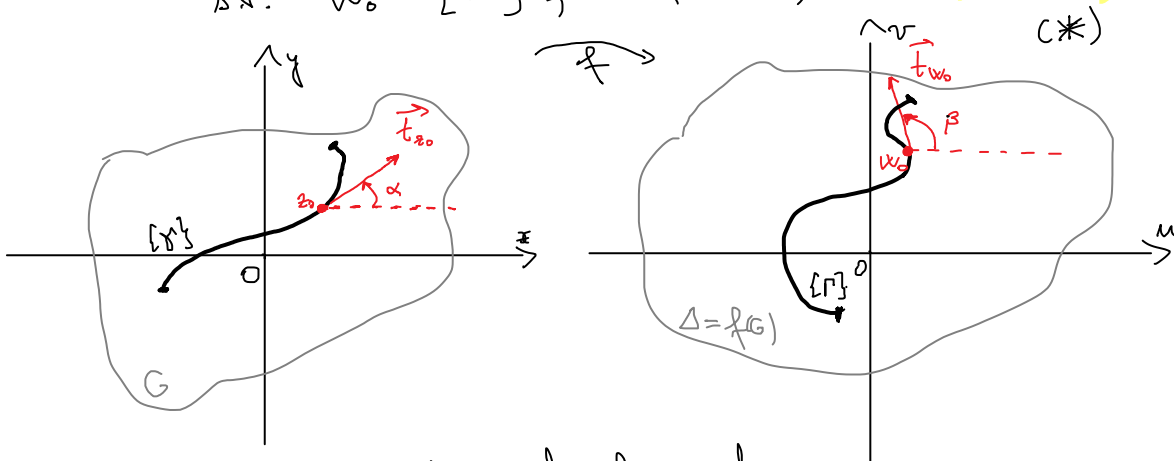
γ is a path in G . $\{\gamma\} = \gamma([a, b])$ is support of γ .

γ is smooth, if $\gamma \in C^1([a, b])$ and $\gamma'(t) \neq 0, \forall t \in [a, b]$.

• Let $f \in \mathcal{H}(G)$ be s.t. $f(z) \neq 0, \forall z \in G$,
 $\Delta = f(G)$ and fix $z_0 \in G, w_0 = f(z_0) \in \Delta$.

• Let γ be a smooth path in G s.t. $z_0 \in \{\gamma\}$
 $\Rightarrow \exists t_0 \in [a, b]$ s.t. $\gamma(t_0) = z_0$.

• Let $\Gamma = f \circ \gamma \Rightarrow \Gamma$ is a smooth path in Δ
 s.t. $w_0 \in \{\Gamma\}, w_0 = f(\gamma(t_0))$, and $\Gamma'(t_0) = f'(z_0) \cdot \gamma'(t_0)$. (*)



• $\vec{t}_{z_0} = \gamma'(t_0)$ is the tangent of γ at z_0 .
 $\vec{t}_{w_0} = \Gamma'(t_0)$ is the tangent of Γ at w_0 .

$\square R_1$ (*) $\Rightarrow |\Gamma'(t_0)| = |f'(z_0)| \cdot |\gamma'(t_0)|$.

$k_{z_0} = |f'(z_0)| \Rightarrow |\vec{t}_{w_0}| = k_{z_0} \cdot |\vec{t}_{z_0}|$

\hookrightarrow is the coefficient of linear deformation at z_0 and
 it is independent of γ .

So, f contracts/expands by the factor k_{z_0}
 the tangent vectors at z_0 , if $k_{z_0} \neq 1$.

• If $k_{z_0} < 1$, then we have a contraction at z_0 . // // //

- $\{z \in G : |f'(z)| < 1\}$ is the set that is contracted by f .
- If $|f'(z_0)| > 1$, then we have an expansion at z_0 .
- $\{z \in G : |f'(z)| > 1\}$ is the set that is expanded by f .

$\boxed{P_2}$ Let $\theta_{z_0} = \arg f'(z_0) \xrightarrow{(*)} \text{Arg } \Gamma'(t_0) = \theta_{z_0} + \text{Arg } \gamma'(t_0)$
 $\Rightarrow \underbrace{\arg \vec{T}_{w_0}}_{\beta} = \theta_{z_0} + \underbrace{\arg \vec{T}_{z_0}}_{\alpha} \pmod{2\pi}$.

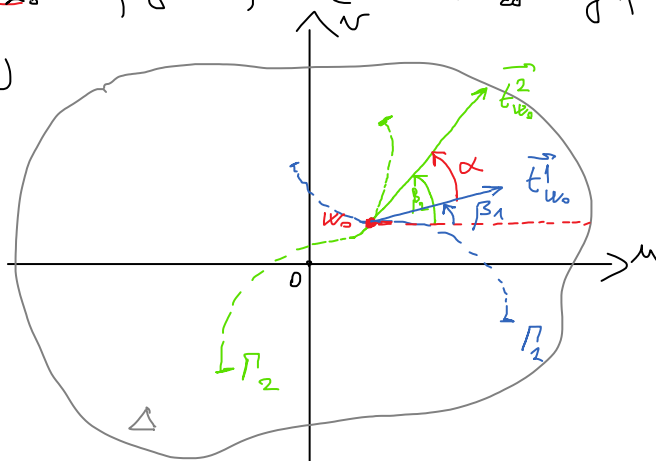
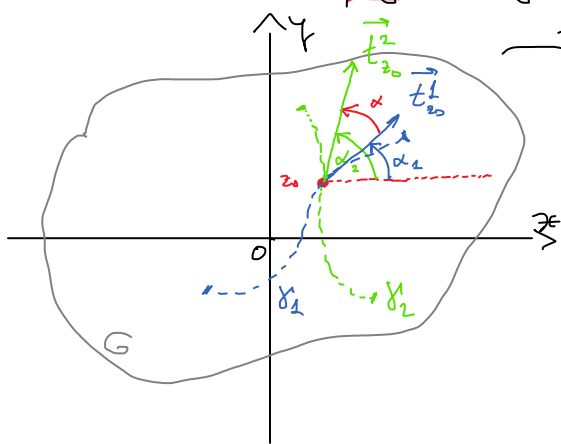
So, θ_{z_0} is the angle of rotation of $\vec{T}_{z_0}^\alpha$ through f .

Next, let γ_1, γ_2 be smooth paths in G ,

$\gamma_1(t_0) = \gamma_2(t_0) = z_0$, $\Gamma_j = f \circ \gamma_j$, $j=1, 2$.

Let $\alpha_j \in \text{Arg } \gamma_j'(t_0)$, $\beta_j \in \text{Arg } \Gamma_j'(t_0)$ be s.t.

$\beta_j = \alpha_j + \theta_{z_0}$, $j=1, 2$ (where $\theta_{z_0} = \arg f'(z_0)$)

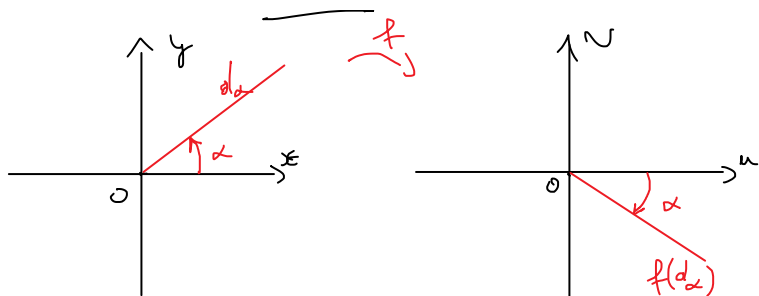


$\beta_2 - \beta_1 = \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 \Rightarrow \angle(\vec{T}_{z_0}^1, \vec{T}_{z_0}^2) = \angle(\vec{T}_{w_0}^1, \vec{T}_{w_0}^2) \pmod{2\pi}$
 $\parallel \gamma_1'(t_0) \parallel \gamma_2'(t_0) \quad \parallel \Gamma_1'(t_0) \parallel \Gamma_2'(t_0)$

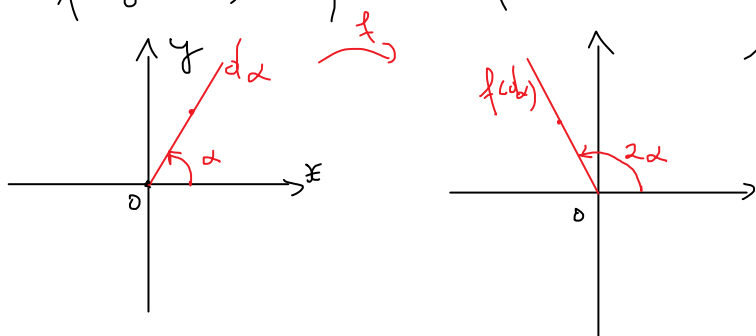
So, $f \in \mathcal{H}(G)$ with $f'(z) \neq 0, \forall z \in G$, preserves the measures and the orientation of the angles between smooth paths. Such a map is called conformal.

$\boxed{\text{Ex 1}}$ $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f(z) = \bar{z}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.
 f preserves the measures of angles, but not the orientation.





(Ex) $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f(z) = z^2$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$.
 $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$, but $f'(0) = 0$.



f doubles the angles at 0.

Linear fractional / Möbius transformations

[D₂] Let $f: \mathbb{C}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$, $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$,
 where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfy $ad - bc \neq 0$.

f is a linear fractional or Möbius transformation.

[R₁] • $c = 0$ $\Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{a}{d}z + \frac{b}{d}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$. So, $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = f(\infty) = \infty$.

Also, $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ and $f'(z) = \frac{a}{d}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Since $\frac{a}{d} \neq 0$,

f is conformal.

• $c \neq 0$ $\Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = f(\infty) = \frac{a}{c}$, $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{-\frac{d}{c}\})$,
 $f'(z) = \frac{ad - bc}{(cz+d)^2} \neq 0$, $\forall z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-\frac{d}{c}\}$,

so f is conformal.

$z_0 = -\frac{d}{c}$ is called the pole of f ($f(z_0) = \infty$).

[P₁] The Möbius transform. are homeomorphisms (cont. + bijective + cont. inverse)
 from \mathbb{C}_∞ onto \mathbb{C}_∞ that map the
generalized circles to generalized circles.

$$f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}_\infty.$$

generalized circles

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Let $f: \mathbb{C}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$, $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, $z \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$.

• $c=0$: circle \mapsto circle and line \mapsto line

• $c \neq 0$:
 $z_0 = -\frac{d}{c}$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \in \text{circle} \mapsto \text{line} \\ \notin \text{circle} \mapsto \text{circle} \\ \in \text{line} \mapsto \text{line} \\ \notin \text{line} \mapsto \text{circle} \end{array} \right.$
the pole of f

(R2) If H is the family of all Möbius transformations, then (H, \circ) is group (\circ is the composition btw two functions).

(D3) Let $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$ be distinct.

$(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) = \frac{z_1 - z_2}{z_1 - z_4} : \frac{z_3 - z_2}{z_3 - z_4}$ is the cross-ratio of z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 .

(P2) Möbius transform. preserve the cross-ratio of any 4 distinct points in \mathbb{C}_∞ .

$f \in H$ and $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$ distinct

$\Rightarrow (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) = (f(z_1), f(z_2), f(z_3), f(z_4))$.

(R3) If $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$ are distinct and $w_1, w_2, w_3 \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$ are distinct

then $\exists! f \in H$ s.t. $f(z_j) = w_j$, $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$.

! f is obtained by solving the eq.:

$$(z, z_1, z_2, z_3) = (w, w_1, w_2, w_3)$$

$\Rightarrow w = f(z)$ is the sol.