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Def: Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ where $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is an open set.

① f is said to be differentiable at $z_0 \in A$ if

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

exists. If the limit exists then we denote it by $f'(z_0)$ or $\frac{df}{dz}(z_0)$.

② The function f is said to be analytic on A if f is differentiable at all $z_0 \in A$.

If someone says "Let g be analytic at z_0 " what they mean is: "Let g be analytic on an open set containing z_0 ".
or neighborhood

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Theorem: Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be an open set and $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

Let $z_0 \in A$.

If f is differentiable at z_0 then f is continuous at z_0 .

proof: We are assuming that $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = f'(z_0)$ exists.

Let's show $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0)$ and

hence f will be continuous at z_0 .

Note that

$$\left(\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) \right) - f(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[f(z) - f(z_0) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left(\frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} \right) (z - z_0) = f'(z_0) \cdot 0 = 0$$

↑
this is ok since in $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0}$ you don't allow $z = z_0$

$$\text{So, } \left(\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) \right) - f(z_0) = 0.$$

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$$\text{Thus, } \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0)$$

So, f is continuous at z_0 .



Theorem: Suppose that f and g are both analytic on an open set $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. Then: (4)

① Let $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$. Then $af + bg$ is analytic on A . And

$$(af + bg)'(z) = a f'(z) + b g'(z).$$

② fg is analytic on A and

$$(fg)'(z) = f'(z)g(z) + f(z)g'(z).$$

③ If $g(z) \neq 0$ for all $z \in A$, then

$\frac{f}{g}$ is analytic and

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

④ Any polynomial $h(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n$ is analytic on \mathbb{C} and

$$h'(z) = a_1 + 2a_2 z + \dots + n a_n z^{n-1}.$$

⑤ Any rational function $\frac{a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_n z^n}{b_0 + b_1 z + \dots + b_m z^m}$ is analytic on the open set consisting of all z except at most m points where the denominator is zero.

proof: We will prove (2) and (4)

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(2) Let $z_0 \in A$.

Since f is analytic at z_0 , f is also continuous at z_0 .

$$\text{So, } \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0).$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{(fg)(z) - (fg)(z_0)}{z - z_0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{f(z)g(z) - f(z_0)g(z_0)}{z - z_0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z)g(z) - f(z)g(z_0) + f(z)g(z_0) - f(z_0)g(z_0)}{z - z_0} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[f(z) \left[\frac{g(z) - g(z_0)}{z - z_0} \right] + g(z_0) \left[\frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} \right] \right] \\ &= f(z_0)g'(z_0) + g(z_0)f'(z_0). \end{aligned}$$

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We will prove that

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$$\frac{d}{dz} z^n = n z^{n-1} \text{ and } \frac{d}{dz} c = 0 \text{ where}$$

$c \in \mathbb{C}$. Then by part 1

of this thm it will follow that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} (a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n) \\ = a_1 + 2a_2 z + \dots + n a_n z^{n-1}, \end{aligned}$$

Let's show $\frac{d}{dz} c = 0$.

Let $f(z) = c$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ where $c \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{c - c}{z - z_0} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So, $\frac{d}{dz} c = 0$.

We show that $\frac{d}{dz} z^n = n z^{n-1}$ (7)
for $n \geq 1$ by induction.


Base case: At z_0 we have

$$\frac{d}{dz} z = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{z - z_0}{z - z_0} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} 1 = 1,$$

Suppose $\frac{d}{dz} z^k = k z^{k-1}$ for some $k \geq 1$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} z^{k+1} &= \frac{d}{dz} z^k \cdot z \\ &\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} \left(\frac{d}{dz} z^k \right) z + z^k \left(\frac{d}{dz} z \right) \\ &= k z^{k-1} z + z^k \cdot 1 \\ &= k z^k + z^k = (k+1) z^k. \end{aligned}$$

So, by induction, $\frac{d}{dz} z^n = n z^{n-1}$ for all $n \geq 1$ 

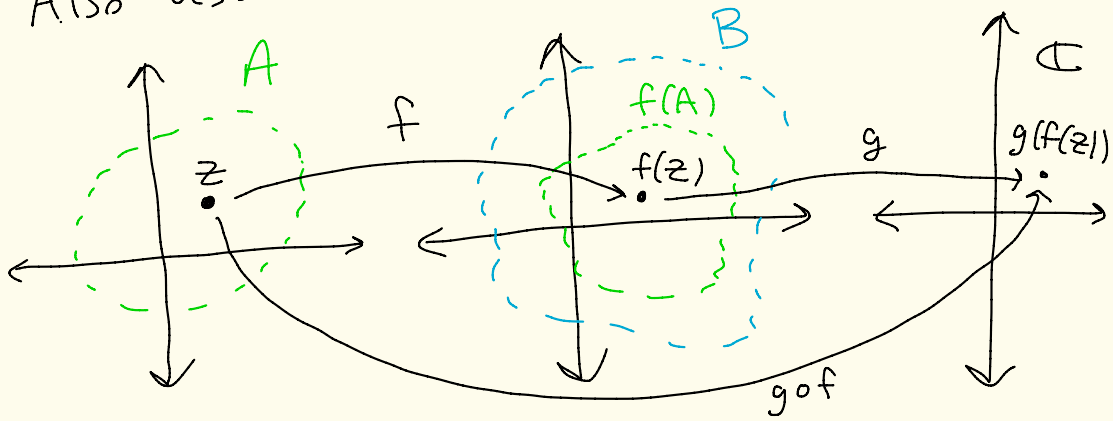
Theorem (Chain rule)

Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open sets.

Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be analytic on A

and $g: B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be analytic on B .

Also assume $f(A) \subseteq B$.



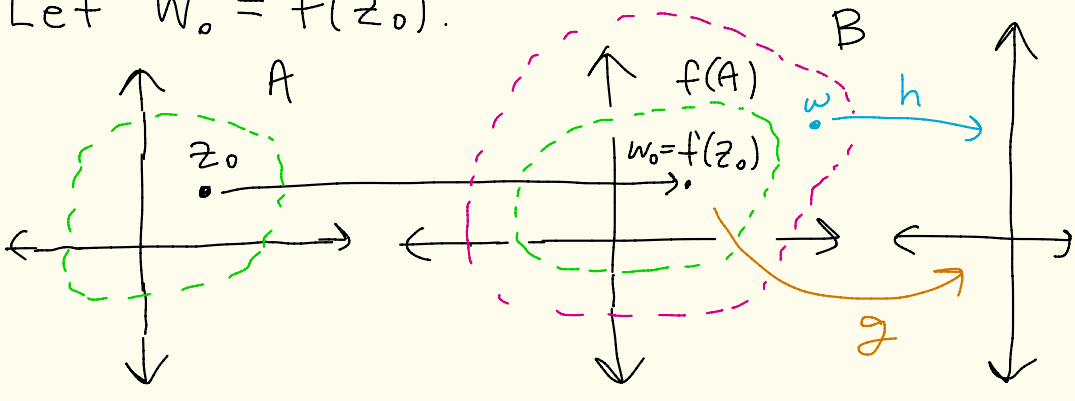
Then $g \circ f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is analytic on A

and $(g \circ f)'(z) = g'(f(z)) f'(z)$.

proof: Let $z_0 \in A$.

We will look at the derivative at z_0 .

Let $w_0 = f(z_0)$.



Define

$$h(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{g(w) - g(w_0)}{w - w_0} - g'(w_0) & \text{if } w \neq w_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } w = w_0. \end{cases}$$

for all $w \in B$.

Note that h is continuous on all of B .

(Why?) If $w \neq w_0$, since g is continuous on B , so is $\frac{g(w) - g(w_0)}{w - w_0} - g'(w_0)$.

What about at $w = w_0$? We have

$$\lim_{w \rightarrow w_0} h(w) = \lim_{w \rightarrow w_0} \left[\underbrace{\frac{g(w) - g(w_0)}{w - w_0}}_{\text{limits to } g'(w_0)} - g'(w_0) \right] \quad (10)$$

$$= g'(w_0) - g'(w_0) = 0 = h(w_0).$$

So, h is continuous at w_0 .

So,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} h(f(z)) = h(f(z_0))$$

h is cts at $w_0 = f(z_0)$
 f is cts at z_0
 $h \circ f$ is cts at z_0

$$= h(w_0) = 0.$$

If $f(z) \neq w_0$ ($z \in A$), then (11)

$$g(f(z)) - g(w_0)$$

$$= \left[\underbrace{\frac{g(f(z)) - g(w_0)}{f(z) - w_0}}_{h(f(z)) \text{ when } f(z) \neq w_0} - g'(w_0) + g'(w_0) \right] [f(z) - w_0]$$

$$= [h(f(z)) + g'(w_0)] [f(z) - w_0].$$

If $f(z) = w_0$ ($z \in A$), then

$$[h(f(z)) + g'(w_0)] [\underbrace{f(z) - w_0}_0]$$

$$= 0 = g(w_0) - g(w_0)$$

$$= g(f(z)) - g(w_0).$$

So, $g(f(z)) - g(w_0)$

$$= [h(f(z)) + g'(w_0)] [f(z) - w_0] \quad \text{for all } z \in A.$$

Thus,

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

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{g(f(z)) - g(w_0)}{z - z_0}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{[h(f(z)) + g'(w_0)] [f(z) - w_0]}{z - z_0}$$

f(z_0) (with a green arrow pointing to the w_0 term in the denominator)

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [h(f(z)) + g'(w_0)] \left(\frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} \right)$$

$$= \left[\underbrace{h(f(z_0)) + g'(w_0)}_0 \right] \cdot f'(z_0)$$

$$= g'(w_0) f'(z_0) = g'(f(z_0)) f'(z_0).$$



Theorem: (Cauchy-Riemann equations) (13)

Suppose $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ where A is an open set.

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

Let $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0 \in A$.

If $f'(z_0)$ exists, then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

exist at (x_0, y_0) and they satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0).$$

$$\text{Moreover, } f'(z_0) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$$

Proof: Suppose $f'(z_0)$ exists.

Then the limit

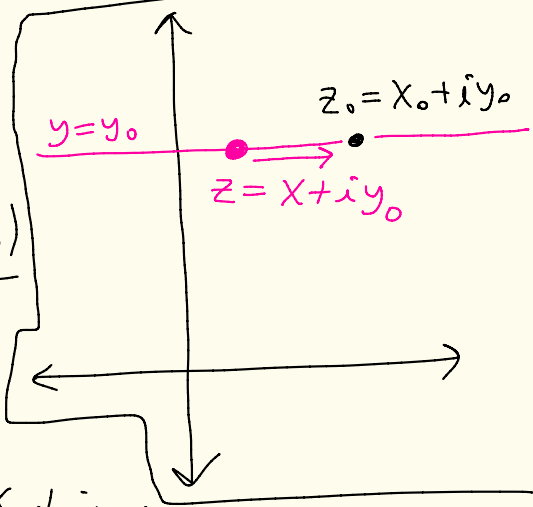
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$$

exists and the limit is the same no matter how z approaches z_0 .

Approaching along the x-axis direction

If we approach z_0 along the line $y = y_0$ then

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



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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left[\frac{\overbrace{u(x, y_0) + \bar{i}v(x, y_0)}^{f(x + \bar{i}y_0)} - \overbrace{u(x_0, y_0) + \bar{i}v(x_0, y_0)}^{f(x_0 + \bar{i}y_0)}}{x - x_0} \right] \quad (5)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left[\frac{u(x, y_0) - u(x_0, y_0)}{x - x_0} \right]$$

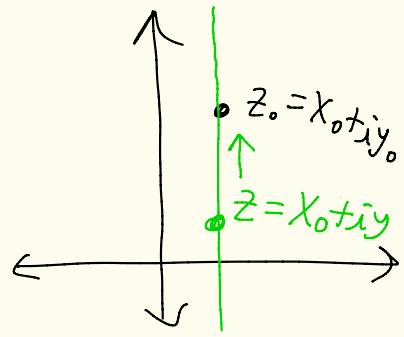
$$+ \bar{i} \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \left[\frac{v(x, y_0) - v(x_0, y_0)}{x - x_0} \right]$$

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

$$\text{So, } f'(x_0 + \bar{i}y_0)$$

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

If we instead approach z_0 along the $x = x_0$ line we get:



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

$$= \lim_{\substack{x_0 + iy \rightarrow \\ x_0 + iy_0}} \left[\frac{u(x_0, y) + i v(x_0, y) - u(x_0, y_0) - i v(x_0, y_0)}{\underbrace{(x_0 + iy) - (x_0 + iy_0)}_{i(y - y_0)}} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow y_0} \left[\frac{u(x_0, y) - u(x_0, y_0)}{i(y - y_0)} \right]$$

$$+ \lim_{y \rightarrow y_0} \left[\frac{v(x_0, y) - v(x_0, y_0)}{y - y_0} \right]$$

$\frac{1}{i} = -i$

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

So,

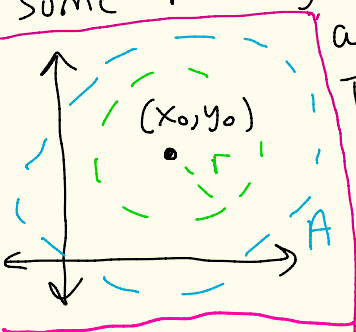
$$f'(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + \bar{\lambda} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) \quad \left. \vphantom{f'(x_0, y_0)} \right\} \text{1st part}$$
$$= -\bar{\lambda} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) \quad \left. \vphantom{f'(x_0, y_0)} \right\} \text{2nd part.}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$$



Converse Thm% Let $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
 where A is open and $f(x+iy) = u(x,y) + i v(x,y)$
 Suppose $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ exist in
 some r -neighborhood of (x_0, y_0) and
 are continuous at (x_0, y_0) ,



Then if $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$

and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$

then $f'(z_0)$ exists where $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$

Proof: See Hoffman/Marsden book



Ex: $f(z) = z^2$

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$$f(x+iy) = (x+iy)^2 = \underbrace{(x^2 - y^2)}_{u(x,y)} + i \underbrace{2xy}_{v(x,y)}$$

$$u(x,y) = x^2 - y^2$$

$$v(x,y) = 2xy$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -2y \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 2y, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 2x \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{aligned} \text{ exist and are continuous for all } (x,y)$$

Also, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ & $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$

for all (x,y) . So, f' exists for all z and $f'(x+iy) = \left. \begin{aligned} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 2x + i2y = 2(x+iy). \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \text{that is} \\ f'(z) = \\ z \end{aligned}$

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Ex: $f(z) = \bar{z}$

Where is f analytic?

Where does f' exist?

$$f(x+iy) = \overline{x+iy} = x-iy = x+i(-y)$$

$$u(x,y) = x$$

$$v(x,y) = -y$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 1 \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$$

Cauchy Riemann

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \neq \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \text{ for all } (x,y)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \text{ for all } (x,y)$$

The Cauchy-Riemann equations are never satisfied for any (x,y) .
So, $f'(z)$ doesn't exist anywhere.

Def: A function $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is entire if f is analytic on all of \mathbb{C} [that is, $f'(z)$ exists for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$]

Ex: Polynomials are entire functions

Ex: Let $f(z) = e^z$.

We will show that f is entire and $f'(z) = e^z$ for all z .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+iy) &= e^{x+iy} = e^x e^{iy} \\ &= e^x [\cos(y) + i \sin(y)] \\ &= \underbrace{e^x \cos(y)}_{u(x,y)} + i \underbrace{e^x \sin(y)}_{v(x,y)} \end{aligned}$$

$$u(x,y) = e^x \cos(y)$$

$$v(x,y) = e^x \sin(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x \cos(y) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -e^x \sin(y) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Cauchy
Riemann
equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sin(t) = \cos(t)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \cos(t) = -\sin(t)$$

- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ exist for all (x,y) and are continuous for all (x,y)

- The Cauchy-Riemann equations are true for all (x,y)

Therefore, $f'(z)$ exists for all z .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And, } f'(z) &= f'(x+iy) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x,y) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x,y) \\ &= e^x \cos(y) + i e^x \sin(y) \\ &= e^x [\cos(y) + i \sin(y)] = e^z \end{aligned}$$

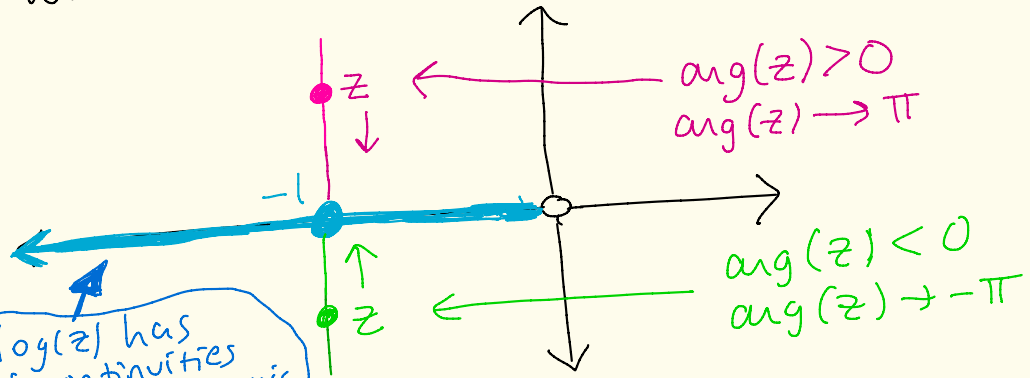


Ex: (log has a discontinuity at its branch point)

Consider $\log: \mathbb{C} - \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$\log(z) = \ln|z| + i \arg(z)$

where $-\pi \leq \arg(z) < \pi$.



log(z) has discontinuities on negative x-axis

$\log(-1) = \ln|-1| + i(-\pi) = -i\pi$

If you approach -1 along a vertical line from above then $\log(z) = \ln|z| + i\arg(z)$ approaches $\ln|-1| + i\pi = i\pi$

If you approach -1 along a vertical line from below then $\log(z) = \ln|z| + i\arg(z)$ approaches $\ln|-1| + i(-\pi) = -i\pi$

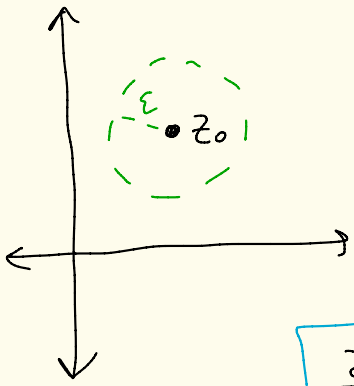
So, $\log(z)$ has a discontinuity at $z = -1$. $\log(z)$ has discontinuities on its entire branch cut (ie negative x-axis)

Theorem (Polar coordinate version of Cauchy - Riemann)

Let

$$f(z) = f(re^{i\theta}) = u(r, \theta) + i v(r, \theta)$$

be defined on some ϵ -neighborhood of $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta_0}$. Suppose that



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \text{ exist}$$

and are continuous on the ϵ -neighborhood.

If

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \text{ and } \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}$$

at the point (r_0, θ_0) , then $f'(z_0)$ exists and

$$f'(z_0) = e^{-i\theta_0} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}(r_0, \theta_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}(r_0, \theta_0) \right)$$

Proof in Hoffman/Marsden book

Ex: Let

$$A = \mathbb{C} - \{x+iy \mid x \leq 0 \text{ and } y=0\}$$

Define the branch of $\log: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

by

$$\log(z) = \ln|z| + i \arg(z)$$

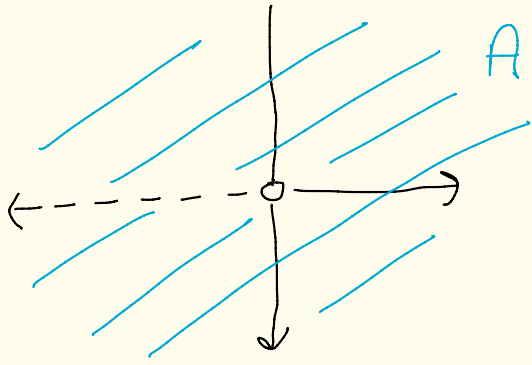
where $-\pi < \arg(z) < \pi$.

This is called the principal branch of the logarithm.

We will now show that this log function is analytic on A

$$\text{and } \frac{d}{dz} \log(z) = \frac{1}{z}.$$

[Similar statements are true for other branches of log]



Write \log in polar form.

$$\log(z) = \log(re^{i\theta}) = \ln|re^{i\theta}| + i\theta$$

\uparrow
 $r > 0$

$$= \underbrace{\ln(r)}_u + i \underbrace{\theta}_v$$

Set $u(r, \theta) = \ln(r)$
 $v(r, \theta) = \theta$

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r}, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = 0}_{\text{Cauchy-Riemann equations}}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$$

for all (r, θ) in A

$$-\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}$$

is true for all (r, θ) in A

- $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$ exist and are continuous on A (since we removed the discontinuity to create A).
 - Cauchy-Riemann eqns are true on A .
- So, $f'(z)$ exists for all $z \in A$ and
- $$f'(z) = f'(re^{i\theta}) = e^{-i\theta} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right) = e^{-i\theta} \left(\frac{1}{r} + i \cdot 0 \right) = \frac{1}{re^{i\theta}} = \frac{1}{z} \quad \square$$

Ex: $\sin(z)$ and $\cos(z)$
are entire functions.

↑ differentiable/analytic on all of \mathbb{C}

$$\text{And } \frac{d}{dz} \sin(z) = \cos(z)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{d}{dz} \cos(z) = -\sin(z)$$

proof: Recall that

$$\sin(z) = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos(z) = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$$

We know iz has a derivative at all z .
We know e^z has a derivative at all z .
So, e^{iz} is differentiable at all z by the chain rule.

Same idea that e^{-iz} is diff. at all z .

Since sums of diff. functions are diff.
and multiplying by a constant keeps
differentiability, $\sin(z)$ and $\cos(z)$ are
differentiable everywhere.

We can use facts about the derivative and the chain rule just like in Calculus to differentiate.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} \sin(z) &= \frac{d}{dz} \left[\frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \frac{d}{dz} \left[e^{iz} - e^{-iz} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \left[e^{iz}(i) - e^{-iz}(-i) \right] \\ &= \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} = \cos(z) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly one can show

$$\frac{d}{dz} \cos(z) = -\sin(z) \quad \square$$

Ex: Let $a \in \mathbb{C}, a \neq 0$.

Define

$$f(z) = a^z = e^{z \log(a)}$$

where \log is some branch of the logarithm.

[Here I mean choose $\log(w) = \ln|w| + i \arg(w)$ where $c \leq \arg(w) < c + 2\pi$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$]

Then, f is entire and

$$f'(z) = (\log(a)) a^z$$

proof: By the chain rule, since $\log(a)$ is a constant and e^w is entire, we have $e^{z \log(a)}$ is entire and

$$f'(z) = \frac{d}{dz} (e^{z \log(a)}) = e^{z \log(a)} (\log(a)) = (\log(a)) a^z$$



Ex: Let $b \in \mathbb{C}$.

Let $f(z) = z^b = e^{b \log(z)}$

where $\log: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ denotes a branch of the logarithm where A is a part of the domain where \log is analytic.

For example if we have the principal branch of \log then

$A = \mathbb{C} - \{x+iy \mid x \leq 0 \ \& \ y = 0\}$

Then, f is analytic on A
and $f'(z) = b z^{b-1}$.

proof: Since $\log(z)$ is analytic on A and e^z is analytic everywhere, by the chain rule f is analytic on A .

and $f'(z) = e^{b \log(z)} \left(b \cdot \frac{1}{z} \right) = z^b \cdot b \cdot \frac{1}{z} = b z^{b-1}$ ▣