Complex Function Theory

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1 Riemman sphere



The transformation $z \mapsto (\xi, \eta \lambda)$. Is a trans-

formation from a point on the complex plane to a point on the upper hemisphere. This is achieved by drawing a line from the north pole of the sphere to the point z and finding the point of intersection. Line: (tx, ty, (1-t)).

$$t^{2}x^{2} + t^{2}y^{2} + (1 - t)^{2} = 1$$

$$t^{2}\left(x^{2} + y^{2} + 1\right) - 2t = 0$$

$$t = \frac{2}{x^{2} + y^{2} + 1} = \frac{2}{|z|^{2} + 1}$$

$$\xi = \frac{2x}{|z|^{2} + 1} \qquad \frac{2y}{|z|^{2} + 1} \qquad \lambda = \frac{|z|^{2} - 1}{|z|^{2} + 1}$$

An inverse function $(\xi, \eta, \lambda) \mapsto (x, y)$ can be shown as:

$$x = \frac{\xi}{1-\lambda}$$
 $y = \frac{\eta}{1-\lambda}z = \frac{\xi+i\eta}{1-\lambda}$

We have found a transformation from the complex plane to the Riemann sphere!

1.1 Chordal distance

$$\rho(z_1, z_2) := \sqrt{(\xi_1 - \xi_2)^2 + (\eta_1 - \eta_2)^2 + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2} = \frac{2|z_1 - z_2|}{\sqrt{(1 + |z_1|^2)(1 + |z_2|^2)}}$$

Now we can find the limit $z_2 \to \infty$

$$\rho(z,\infty) := \lim_{w \to \infty} \rho(z,w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|z|^2}}$$

2 Differentiability - (\mathbb{C})

 $G \subset \mathbb{C}$ is an open set. $z \in G, f : G \to \mathbb{C}$

Definition 1. f is differentiable in \mathbb{C} at z if the following limit exists:

$$f;(z) := \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h}$$

Example 1. • f(z) = e f'(z) = 0

- f(z) = z) f'(z) = 1
- $f(z) = z^2$ f'(z) = 2z

If f is differentiable in \mathbb{C} then f is differentiable in \mathbb{C} . As we learned in Calculus 2,the following rules still apply in \mathbb{C} :

- (cf)' = cf'
- $(f \pm g) f' \pm g'$
- $(f \cdot g)' = f'g + fg'$
- $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right) = \frac{f'g fg'}{g^2}$ $\left(g(z) \neq 0\right)$

Claim 1 (Chain rule). g is differentiable at z_0 and f is differentiable at $w = g(z_0)$ then

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

Proof. If $g'(z_0) \neq 0, g(z_0 + h) - g(z_0) \neq 0$ for a small enough h then

$$\frac{f\left(g(z_0+h) - f\left(g(z_0)\right)}{h} = \frac{f(g(z_0+h) - f(g(z_0))}{g(z_0+h) - g(z)} \cdot \frac{g(z+h) - g(z)}{h} \stackrel{f}{\longrightarrow} '(g(z))g'(z)$$

Else, if g'(z) = 0: Let $w \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $|w - w_0| < \varepsilon$ then since f is differentiable at w_0 we have $|f(w) - f(w_0)| \leq C|w - w_0|$ and if $w = g(z_h)$ we have

$$\left|\frac{f\left(g(z_0+h)-f\left(g(z_0)\right)\right)}{h}\right| \le C \cdot \underbrace{\left|\frac{g(z+h)-g(z)}{h}\right|}^{\to 0}$$

Thus, $(f \circ g)'(z) = 0$

In order to show the difference between differentiability in Calculus 2 and here we will look at the conjugacy function. $f(z) = \overline{z} = x - iy$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x \\ -y \end{pmatrix}$$

In \mathbb{R}^2 this transformation is in C^{∞} , However in \mathbb{C} ...

$$\frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} = \frac{\overline{z+h} - \overline{z}}{h} = \frac{\overline{h}}{h}$$

As we can see here, there is no limit as $h \to 0!$.

When is a function f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) differentiable in \mathbb{C} ?

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} u(x,y) \\ v(x,y) \end{pmatrix}$$

The difference between \mathbb{C} and \mathbb{R}^2 is shown in the following equations representing linear transformations in \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} respectively:

$$(\mathbb{C}) \qquad f(z) = az + b\bar{z} \qquad a, b \in \mathbb{C}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}^2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha x + \beta y \\ \gamma x + \delta y \end{pmatrix}$$

We can see that f is differentiable in $\mathbb{C} \Leftrightarrow b = 0$ (since \overline{z} is differentiable and z is not) $\Leftrightarrow f(z) = az = ax + iay$.

$$f(z) = (\alpha x + \beta y) + i(\gamma x + \delta y) = (\alpha + i\gamma)x + (\beta + i\delta)y \Rightarrow \beta = -\gamma \qquad \delta = \alpha$$

Corollary 1. A linear transformation is differentiable in \mathbb{C} only if it is anti-symmetric!

These lead us to the next lesson where will show the Cauchy-Riemman equations (also known as Euler-D'Alambert).