

Complex Function Theory

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1 Cauchy-Riemann

Let $G \subset \mathbb{C}$ be an open set and let $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be differentiable at $z \in G$ if

$$f'(z) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h}$$

Claim 1. $f = u + iv$ is differentiable at z . Then there exists partial derivatives of u and v at $z = x + yi$

$$\begin{cases} u_x = v_y \\ u_y = -v_x \end{cases}$$

Proof. We will take a $h = k \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} = \frac{u(x+k, y) - u(x, y)}{k} + i \cdot \frac{v(x+k, y) - v(x, y)}{k} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow 0]{u} u_x + iv_x$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = u_x + iv_x$$

$$f'(z) = \lim_{l \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+il) - f(z)}{il} = -i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -i(u_y + iv_y) = v_y - iu_y = u_x + iv_x$$

$\Rightarrow$ The Cauchy Riemann equation holds. □

Definition 1. f is analytic¹ in G if it is differentiable ($\mathbb{C}$) in all of G .

Theorem 1. 1. If $f \in A(G)$, $f = u + iv$ then the C-R equations hold in G .

2. $u, v \in C^1(G)$, then the C-R equations hold and $f = u + iv \in A(G)$.

Proof.

$$u(x+k, y+l) = u(x, y) + \overbrace{k \cdot u_x(x, y)}^{=\alpha} + \overbrace{l \cdot u_y(x, y)}^{=\beta} + \varepsilon_1$$

$$v(x+k, y+l) = v(x, y) + \overbrace{k \cdot v_x(x, y)}^{=-\beta} + \overbrace{l \cdot v_y(x, y)}^{=\alpha} + \varepsilon_2 \quad \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 = o(h)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(z+h) &= u(x+k, y+l) + iv(x+k, y+l) = f(z) + k\alpha + l\beta + i(-k\beta + l\alpha) + \varepsilon_1 + i\varepsilon_2 \\ &= f(z) + k(\alpha - i\beta) + i(\alpha - i\beta) + \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 = f(z) + (k+il)(\alpha + i\beta) + \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 \\ &= f(z) + h(\alpha - i\beta) + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

As a result,

$$\frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} = (\alpha - i\beta) + \frac{\varepsilon}{h} \Rightarrow \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} \xrightarrow[h \rightarrow 0]{} (\alpha - i\beta)$$

□

¹Sometimes referred to as holomorphic and can be marked as $A(G)$ or $H(G)$

Theorem 2. $G \subset \mathbb{C}$ is a domain. The following are equivalent:

1. $f \equiv \text{const}$.
2. $f' \equiv 0$.
3. $\Im(f) \equiv \text{const}$ (or $\Re(f) \equiv \text{const}$)
4. $|f| = \text{const}$
5. $\arg(f) = \text{const}$.

Proof. (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) and (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2), (4), (5) are obvious.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) $v = \text{const} \Rightarrow u_x, u_y \equiv 0 + \text{calc } 2 \Rightarrow u = \text{const}$.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1) $u^2 + v^2 = \text{const}$ In the first case, if $\text{const} = 0$ then $f \equiv 0$. On the other hand, if $\text{const} \neq 0$ then

$$\begin{cases} u \cdot u_x + v \cdot v_x = 0 \\ u \cdot u_y + v \cdot v_y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u \cdot u_x + v \cdot v_x = 0 \\ -u \cdot v_x + v \cdot u_x = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} u & v \\ -v & u \end{vmatrix} = u^2 + v^2 \neq 0$$

Which means that in all of G , $u_x = v_x = 0 \Rightarrow u_y = v_y = 0 \Rightarrow f \equiv \text{const}$.

(5) $\Rightarrow$ (1) $v = ku$ in G , $k = \text{const}$ $0 = v - ku = \Re[-(k+i)(u+iv)] = -\Re[(k+i)f] \Rightarrow f \stackrel{(3)}{=} \text{const}$

□

Definition 2. $\partial_z := \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x - \partial_y)' = \frac{1}{2}\left(\partial_x + \frac{1}{i}\partial_y\right)$ $\partial_{\bar{z}} := \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x + i\partial_y)$

Note 1. $\partial_{\bar{z}}f = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\text{C-R})$

$$\partial_{\bar{z}} = \partial_{\bar{z}}(u+iv) = \frac{1}{2}(u_x + iu_y) + \frac{i}{2}(v_x + iv_y) = \frac{1}{2}(u_x - v_y) + \frac{i}{2}(u_y + v_x)$$

Definition 3 (Laplacian).

$$\Delta = \partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2$$

Definition 4. $h : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is harmonic in G if $h \in C^2(G)$ and $\Delta h = 0$.

Note 2. $\Delta = 4\partial_{z\bar{z}}$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 x} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2 y} = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} \right)$$

Theorem 3. $f \in A(G)$ and $f \in C^2(G)$ then $f \in \text{Harm}(G)$ ($\Re(f), \Im(f) \in \text{Harm}(G)$)

Proof.

$$\Delta f \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} 4 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \overbrace{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} \right)}^{=0(\text{C-R})}$$

□

Theorem 4. $f \in \text{Harm}(G)$ then $h(z) \in A(G)$ ($h : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$).

Proof.

$$(h_z)_{\bar{z}} = h_{z\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{4} \Delta h \stackrel{\text{harmonic}}{=} 0$$

□

Definition 5. $u \in \text{Harm}_{\mathbb{R}}(G)$ v is conjugate to u if $v \in \text{Harm}_{\mathbb{R}}(G)$ and $u + iv \in A(G)$ or $v \in C^2(G)$

Theorem 5. $u \in \text{Harm}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{D})$, $\mathcal{D}$ is a circle then there exists a conjugate v and v is unique up to a additive constant.

Proof.

Uniqueness v_1, v_2 are conjugate to u , and G is domain. $f_1 = u + iv_1$, $f_2 = u + iv_2$

$$A(G) \ni f = f_1 - f_2 = i(v_1 - v_2)$$

$$\Re(f) = 0 \Rightarrow f = \text{const} \Rightarrow v_2 = v_1 + \text{const}$$

Existence We are looking for a $v \in C^2$ such that

$$\begin{cases} v_x = -u_y \\ v_y = u_x \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, y) &= v(x, y) - v(x, y_0) + v(x, y_0) - v(x_0, y_0) + v(x_0, y_0) \\ &= \int_{y_0}^y v_y(x, t) dt + \int_{x_0}^x v_x(s, y_0) ds + v(x_0, y_0) \stackrel{C-R}{=} \int_{y_0}^y u_x(x, t) dt - \int_{x_0}^x u_y(s, y_0) ds + v(x_0, y_0) \end{aligned}$$

Which defines a function $v \in C^2(\mathcal{D})$ and v is conjugate to u .

□

Example 1. $u = x^2 - y^2 = \Re(z^2)$, $v = 2xy = \Im(z^2)$.

Example 2. $u = \log|z| = \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2)$ is harmonic in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ $v = \arg(z) = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$.

2 Arc in $\mathbb{C}$

$I \subset \mathbb{R}$ is a section and $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{R}^2)$, $\gamma \in C(I)$

Example 3. Line

$$\gamma(t) = (1 - t)z + tw, \quad 0 \leq t \leq q$$

Circle ²

$$\gamma(t) = \cos(2\pi t) + i \sin(2\pi t)$$

Definition 6. $\gamma \in C^1$ if for all $t_0 \in I$

$$\exists \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow t_0 \\ t \in I}} \frac{\gamma(t) - \gamma(t_0)}{t - t_0}$$

²If $\gamma(0) = \gamma(1)$ then the arc is called a **closed arc**