
Complex Analysis

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TITLE Differentiability of Complex Functions

CURRENT READING Zill & Shanahan, Section 3.2

HOMEWORK Zill & Shanahan, §3.2 #6,8,37. **19***;

SUMMARY

We shall move on from our discussion of continuity to a discussion of differentiability for a complex function of a complex variable. This will lead us to the idea of **analyticity** and the famous Cauchy-Riemann Equations.

Definition of the Derivative

Let f be defined in a neighborhood around z_0 . The **derivative** of f at z_0 , denoted by $f'(z_0)$, is defined by

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

provided the above limit exists. The function f is said to be *differentiable* at z_0 .

Consider $f(z) = z^2$. Write down the expression $\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = \frac{f(z+\Delta z) - f(z)}{\Delta z}$

The derivative $\frac{dw}{dz} = f'(z)$ is defined as $f'(z) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z}$

Evaluate this limit for our function $f(z) = z^2$.

Write down $f'(z)$

Write down the real and imaginary parts of the function $f(z) = z^2$

Write down the real and imaginary parts of the function $f'(z)$ See any patterns between the real and imaginary parts of $f(z)$ and $f'(z)$?

Rules of Differentiation

The standard rules of differentiating function that you learned for real functions basically apply to complex functions. Namely:

$$\frac{d}{dz}(c) = 0 \quad \frac{d}{dz}(z) = 1 \quad \frac{d}{dz}(z^n) = nz^{n-1} \quad \frac{d}{dz}(e^z) = e^z$$

Linearity

$$\frac{d}{dz}[cf(z) + g(z)] = cf'(z) + g'(z) \quad c \text{ constant}$$

Product Rule

$$\frac{d}{dz}[f(z)g(z)] = f'(z)g(z) + f(z)g'(z)$$

Quotient Rule

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

Aspects of Differentiation

One of the most important aspects to remember about differentiability and continuity is:

DIFFERENTIABILITY \Rightarrow CONTINUITY

CONTINUITY DOES NOT IMPLY DIFFERENTIABILITY.

GROUPWORK

Given $g(z) = z^2 + z + i$ and $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$
 $g'(z) =$

$f'(z) =$

$[g(z)f(z)]' =$

$[g(z)/f(z)]' =$