

Complex function: A function f defined on S is a rule that assigns to every z in S a complex number w , called the value of f at z . i.e., $f(z) = w$

$$w = f(z) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$$

Here u & v are real functions of x & y . e.g.

$$\text{Let } w = z^2 \quad f(z) = z^2 = \underbrace{x^2 - y^2}_{u(x, y)} + i \underbrace{2xy}_{v(x, y)}$$

Limit: A function $f(z)$ is said to have limit l as z approaches a point z_0 , if f is defined in neighbourhood of z_0 (except perhaps at z_0 itself) and if the values of f are close to l for all z close to z_0 i.e., for every positive real $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a positive real $\delta > 0$, such that for all $z \neq z_0$ in the disk $|z - z_0| < \delta$,

$$|f(z) - l| < \epsilon$$

In such case we say $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = l$

Continuity: A function $f(z)$ is said to be continuous at point $z = z_0$ if $f(z_0)$ is defined and $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0)$

Derivative: Derivative of a complex function f at a point z_0 is given by

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + \Delta z) - f(z_0)}{\Delta z}$$

Ex Find out whether $f(z)$ is continuous at $z = 0$ if $f(0) = 0$ and for $z \neq 0$ f is given by

$$(1) \frac{\text{Im } z}{|z|} \quad (2) \frac{\text{Re}(z^2)}{|z|} \quad (3) \frac{(\text{Re } z^2 - \text{Im } z^2)}{|z|^2}$$

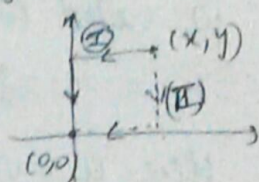
Soln: (1) $f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\text{Im } z}{|z|} & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \end{cases}$

First we will check whether the limit exists at $z=0$ or not. Along path I:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{y}{y} \right) = 1$$

Along path II:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) = 0$$



Limit along path I $\neq$ limit along path II

$\Rightarrow$ limit does not exist at $z=0$

Hence, function is not continuous at $z=0$

$$(i) f(z) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re}(z^2)/|z| & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

Along path I:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2-y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-y^2}{y} \right) = 0$$

Along path II:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2-y^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x^2}{x} \right) = 0$$

~~Another way~~: Take the path $y=mx$. Then

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2-m^2x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+m^2x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2(1-m^2)}{x\sqrt{1+m^2}} = 0$$

Since ~~at~~ along all paths the value of limit is same hence, $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z)$ exists and is zero.

$$(ii) f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\operatorname{Re} z^2 - \operatorname{Im} z^2}{|z|^2} & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-y^2-2xy}{x^2+y^2} & (x,y) \neq (0,0) \\ 0 & (x,y) = (0,0) \end{cases}$$

Along path I: $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2-y^2-2xy}{x^2+y^2} \right) = -1$

Along path II: $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2-y^2-2xy}{x^2+y^2} \right) = 1$

limit along path I $\neq$ limit along path II. Hence limit does not exist at $z=0$

Ex Check the differentiability of following functions:

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\operatorname{Re}(z^2)}{|z|} & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Solution

This function we have seen is continuous at $z=0$. Hence, may be differentiable at $z=0$. Let's check.

Along path I

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z - 0} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^2 - y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} - 0}{x + iy} \right) \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x + iy)\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x^2}{x \cdot x} \right) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Along path II

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^2 - y^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} - 0}{x + iy} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-y^2}{y(iy)} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-1}{i} \right) = i \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ Derivative along path I $\neq$ Derivative along path II at $z=0$

$\therefore$ Function is not differentiable at $z=0$

Note The paths considered above may not be sufficient in all cases. The following example shows this:

Ex Check differentiability of $f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 y(y - ix)}{x^6 + y^2} & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \end{cases}$

Solution: If you check differentiability along path I, path II or along $y = mx$, $f'(0) = 0$

Now, consider along $y = x^3$

$$f'(0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^2(x^3)(x^3 - ix)}{x^6 + x^2} - 0}{2x^3}$$

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$$f'(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 \cdot x^3 (x^3 - ix)}{(x^6 + yx^6)(x + ix^3)}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^7 (x^2 - i)}{2x^7 (1 + ix^2)} = \frac{-i}{2} \neq 0$$

Hence, the function is not differentiable at $z=0$.

Cauchy - Riemann Equations:

Analytic functions A function is said to be analytic in a domain D if $f(z)$ is defined and differentiable at all points of D .

Analytic at a point: Function $f(z)$ is said to be analytic at a point $z=z_0$ in D if $f(z)$ is differentiable at every point in some neighbourhood of z_0 .

Cauchy - Riemann Equation: $f(z) = u + iv$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad \& \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

These provide a criteria for the analyticity of a complex function, given in theorem below:

Theorem: Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ be defined and continuous in some neighbourhood of a point $z = x + iy$ and differentiable at z itself. Then at that point first-order partial derivatives of u and v exist and satisfy C-R eqns (I)

Hence, if $f(z)$ is analytic in a domain D , then partial derivatives u_x, v_y, v_x, u_y exist and are continuous and satisfy

(I) at all points of D

Also, $f'(z) = u_x + iv_x$, $f'(z) = v_y - iu_y$ (Path I)

'or' $f'(z) = u_x - iu_y$, $f'(z) = v_y + iv_x$ (Path II)

Ex check for the analyticity of the following functions.

(1) z^2 (2) $i|z|^3$ (3) $e^x(\cos y + i \sin y)$

(4) $\bar{z}$ (5) $\ln|z| + i \operatorname{Arg} z$ (6) $\frac{\operatorname{Re} z}{\operatorname{Im} z}$

Solution (1) $f(z) = z^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + i2xy$

Here $u = x^2 - y^2$ $v = 2xy$

$u_x = 2x$, $u_y = -2y$, $v_x = 2y$, $v_y = 2x$

Here C-R eqns $u_x = v_y$ & $u_y = -v_x$

$2x = 2x$ $-2y = -2y$

are satisfied for all x, y and partial derivatives are continuous, hence $f(z) = z^2$ is analytic fn.

(2) $f(z) = i|z|^3 = i(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}$

Here $u = 0$ $v = (x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}$

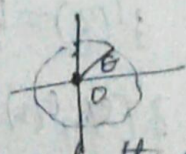
$u_x = u_y = 0$ $v_x = \frac{3}{2}(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2} \cdot 2x = x(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$
 $v_y = y(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$

C-R eqns: $u_x = v_y$ & $u_y = -v_x$

$0 = y(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$ & $0 = -x(x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$

These two eqns are satisfied only at $(0, 0)$ i.e., origin.
 Hence function may be analytic only at $z = 0$.
To check analyticity at $z = 0$:

Take a disk of radius ϵ around $z = 0$
 $|z| < \epsilon$. This is a nbd of $z = 0$.



Take a point $(\epsilon/2, 0)$ on real axis inside the disk.

$f'(z) = u_x + i v_x$ & $f'(z) = v_y - i u_y$

$f'(\epsilon/2, 0) = 0 - i \frac{\epsilon}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon^2}{4} \right)^{1/2} = -i \frac{\epsilon^2}{4}$ $f'(\epsilon/2, 0) = 0 - i 0 = 0$

Along two different paths value of derivative at $(\epsilon/2, 0)$ are different. Hence fn is not differentiable at $z = 0$. Hence not analytic at $z = 0$.

$$(3) f(z) = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y)$$

$$u = e^x \cos y \quad v = e^x \sin y$$

$$u_x = e^x \cos y \quad u_y = -e^x \sin y \quad v_x = e^x \sin y \quad v_y = e^x \cos y$$

Now, C-R eqns

$$u_x = v_y \quad \& \quad u_y = -v_x$$

$$e^x \cos y = e^x \cos y \quad -e^x \sin y = -(e^x \sin y)$$

are satisfied for all x, y . Hence function is analytic every where.

$$(4) f(z) = z \cdot \bar{z} = (x+iy)(x-iy) = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\text{Here } u = x^2 + y^2 \quad v = 0$$

$$u_x = 2x \quad u_y = 2y \quad v_x = 0 \quad v_y = 0$$

$$\text{C-R eqns } u_x = v_y \quad \& \quad u_y = -v_x$$

$$2x = 0 \quad 2y = 0$$

are satisfied only at $(0,0)$. Hence, f_n may be analytic at $(0,0)$ only.

To check analyticity at $(0,0)$:

Consider neighbourhood of $z=0$

$1/2 < \epsilon$. Take a point $(\epsilon/2, \epsilon/2)$.

inside the neighbourhood

$$f'(z) = u_x + i v_x \quad \& \quad f'(z) = v_y + i u_y$$

$$\therefore f'(\epsilon/2, \epsilon/2) = 2 \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{2} + i 0$$

$$= \epsilon$$

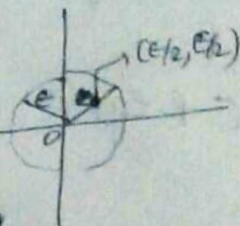
$$f'(z) = 0 - i 2 \cdot \epsilon/2$$

$$= -i\epsilon$$

Since derivative at $(\epsilon/2, \epsilon/2)$ is different along different paths. Hence, f_n is not differentiable at $(\epsilon/2, \epsilon/2)$.

$\Rightarrow f_n$ is not analytic at $z=0$.

Hence, given f_n is not analytic.



$$(5) f(z) = \ln|z| + i \operatorname{Arg} z \\ = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + y^2) + i \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + y^2) \quad v = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$$

$$u_x = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2)} \cdot 2x = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \quad v_x = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \cdot \left(-\frac{y}{x^2}\right) = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$u_y = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} \quad v_y = \frac{1}{1 + (y/x)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

C-R eqns $u_x = v_y$ & $u_y = -v_x$ are satisfied and are continuous at all x, y except at $(0,0)$ at which they ~~do not~~ do not exist.

~~Hence, $f(z)$ is not analytic anywhere.~~ Hence, $f(z)$ is analytic everywhere except at $(0,0)$.

$$(6) f(z) = \frac{\operatorname{Re} z}{\operatorname{Im} z} = \frac{x}{y} \quad \text{Here } u = \frac{x}{y} \quad v = 0$$

$$u_x = \frac{1}{y} \quad u_y = -\frac{x}{y^2} \quad v_x = 0, v_y = 0$$

C-R eqns $u_x = v_y$ & $u_y = -v_x$ are not satisfied except at $y=0$ and partial derivatives do not exist at $y=0$. Hence, $f(z)$ is not analytic anywhere.

Cauchy-Riemann Equations in Polar form:

$$f(z) = u(r, \theta) + i v(r, \theta) \quad z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$\boxed{r u_r = v_\theta \quad \text{and} \quad r v_r = -u_\theta}$$

Ex Check analyticity of following functions.

$$(1) f(z) = z^6 \quad (2) i/z^5 \quad (3) z + \frac{1}{z}$$

Soln $f(z) = z^6 = r^6 e^{i6\theta} = r^6 (\cos 6\theta + i \sin 6\theta)$

$$u = r^6 \cos 6\theta \quad v = r^6 \sin 6\theta$$

$$r u_r = r(6r^5 \cos 6\theta) = 6r^6 \cos 6\theta \quad v_\theta = 6r^6 \sin 6\theta \quad \Rightarrow r u_r = v_\theta$$

Similarly you can show $rV_r = -u_\theta = -6r^6 \sin 6\theta$
Hence $f(z)$ is analytic everywhere.

$$(2) f(z) = \frac{i}{z^5} = iz^{-5} = ir^{-5}(\cos 5\theta - i\sin 5\theta)$$

$$= r^{-5}(i\cos 5\theta + \sin 5\theta)$$

$$u = r^{-5} \sin 5\theta \quad v = r^{-5} \cos 5\theta$$

$$r u_r = r(-5r^{-6} \sin 5\theta) = -5r^{-5} \sin 5\theta \quad \Rightarrow r u_r = v_\theta$$

$$v_\theta = -5r^{-5} \sin 5\theta$$

$$r v_r = r(-5r^{-6} \cos 5\theta) = -5r^{-5} \cos 5\theta \quad \Rightarrow r v_r = -u_\theta$$

$$u_\theta = 5r^{-5} \cos 5\theta$$

C-R eqns are satisfied everywhere except at $z=0$ (as partial derivatives do not exist at $z=0$)

Ex Let $f(z)$ be analytic. Prove that if $\operatorname{Re} f(z) = \text{const}$ then $f(z)$ is constant.

Soln $f(z) = u + iv = k + iv$ $u = k$ (given)

$$u_x = u_y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{u_x = v_y} \Rightarrow v_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \phi(x) + C_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\boxed{u_y = -v_x} \Rightarrow v_x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \psi(y) + C_2 \quad (2)$$

From (1) & (2) $\phi(x) + C_1 = \psi(y) + C_2$

This is possible only when $v = \text{const}$.

$$\Rightarrow f(z) = k + i \text{const} = \text{const} //$$

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Do the above problem with $\operatorname{Im} f(z) = \text{const}$ in place of $\operatorname{Re} f(z) = \text{const}$.

Ex Let $f(z)$ be analytic function and $f'(z) \neq 0$.

Then prove that $f(z) = \text{constant}$.

Soln: $f(z)$ is analytic fn. So it satisfies C-R eqns

$$u_x = v_y \quad \& \quad u_y = -v_x$$

$$f'(z) = u_x + i v_x \\ = u_x - i u_y \quad (\text{using C-R eqns})$$

$$\text{Now, } f'(z) = 0 = u_x - i u_y \Rightarrow u_x = 0 \quad \& \quad u_y = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_x = 0 &\Rightarrow u = \phi(y) + C_1 \\ u_y = 0 &\Rightarrow u = \psi(x) + C_2 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \phi(y) + C_1 = \psi(x) + C_2 \Rightarrow u = \text{constant}$$

Similarly if you take $f'(z) = v_y + i v_x$ then $v = \text{constant}$ (prove it)

$$\therefore f(z) = u + i v = \text{const} + i \text{const} = \text{const} //$$

Ex Let $f(z)$ be analytic function & $|f(z)| = \text{constant}$.
Prove that $f(z) = \text{const}$.

Soln $f(z)$ is analytic $\Rightarrow$ C-R eqns are satisfied i.e.,
 $u_x = v_y \quad \& \quad u_y = -v_x$

$$|f(z)| = \text{const} \Rightarrow \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = \text{const} \\ \Rightarrow u^2 + v^2 = \text{const} \quad (1)$$

Differentiate (1) partially w.r.t. 'x':

$$2u u_x + 2v v_x = 0 \Rightarrow u u_x + v v_x = 0 \quad (2)$$

Differentiate (1) partially w.r.t. 'y':

$$2u u_y + 2v v_y = 0 \Rightarrow u u_y + v v_y = 0 \quad (3)$$

Using C-R eqns convert (2) & (3) in terms of partial derivatives of u [You can convert in terms of v also]

$$\begin{aligned} u u_x - u u_y &= 0 \quad] \times u \\ u u_y + v u_x &= 0 \quad] \times v \end{aligned} \quad \text{and subtract}$$

$$\Rightarrow (u^2 + v^2) u_x = 0 \Rightarrow u_x = 0 \quad (\text{from (1)}) \\ \Rightarrow u = \phi(y) + C_1 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Similarly we can show } (u^2 + v^2) u_y = 0 \Rightarrow u_y = 0 \\ \Rightarrow u = \psi(x) + C_2 \quad (5)$$

From (4) & (5) we have $u = \text{const}$.

Similarly we can prove $v = \text{const}$.

$$\therefore f(z) = u + iv = \text{const} //$$

Harmonic Functions: If $f(z) = u + iv$ is analytic in a domain D , then u and v satisfy Laplace's equation^{1,2}.

$$\nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \quad \& \quad \nabla^2 v = v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0.$$

If two harmonic functions u & v satisfy the C-R eqns in a domain D , they are real & imaginary parts of an analytic function f in D . Then v is said to be harmonic conjugate of u in D .

Ex Determine 'a' & 'b' such that the given functions are harmonic.

(1) $u = ax^3 + by^3$ (2) $v = e^{ax} \sin 5y$ (3) $u = ax^3 + bxy$

Soln (1) $u = ax^3 + by^3$

$$u_{xx} = 6ax$$

$$u_{yy} = 6by$$

$$\nabla^2 u = 0 \Rightarrow 6ax + 6by = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \boxed{a=0 \ \& \ b=0}$$

(2) $v = e^{ax} \sin 5y$

$$v_{xx} = a^2 e^{ax} \sin 5y, \quad v_{yy} = -25 e^{ax} \sin 5y$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 v = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 e^{ax} \sin 5y - 25 e^{ax} \sin 5y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 - 25) e^{ax} \sin 5y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 25 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = 5}$$

(3) $u = ax^3 + bxy$

$$u_{xx} = 6ax, \quad u_{yy} = 0$$

$$\therefore \nabla^2 u = 0 \Rightarrow 6ax = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{a=0}$$

$b \rightarrow$ can have any value.