

II Proof of Cauchy-Riemann (CR)

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Theorem (CR) Assume $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, and assume u and v are differentiable (in the sense of Real Valued functions $u: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, v: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$) at the point $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$. Then

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

exists independent of how $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$ iff CR holds:

$$u_x(x_0, y_0) = v_y(x_0, y_0) \quad (CR)$$

$$u_y(x_0, y_0) = -v_x(x_0, y_0).$$

Note: We don't need the derivatives to be continuous, or even defined away from z_0 !

Proof (\Rightarrow) For this we must assume $f'(z_0)$ exists in the sense of (D), and prove (CR). This we already did by taking $\Delta z = \Delta x$ and getting $f'(z_0) = u_x + iv_x$; then $\Delta z = i\Delta y$ to get $f'(z_0) = v_y - iu_x \Rightarrow u_x = v_y$ & $u_y = -v_x$ ✓

(\Leftarrow) This is the hard way. For this we must assume that u and v are differentiable at (x_0, y_0) in the sense of real valued functions together with (CR), and prove that the limit (D) exists independent of how you take $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$. ②

• We use the \mathbb{R}^2 notation $\underline{x} = (x, y)$,
 $\underline{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$, $|\underline{x}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = |z|$.

• To start we must recall the definition of differentiability at \underline{x}_0 for real valued fns:

Defn: $u(x, y) = u(\underline{x})$ is differentiable at $\underline{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ if there exists a vector (\vec{a}, \vec{b}) named $\nabla u(\underline{x}_0) = (\vec{a}, \vec{b})$ such that

$$\lim_{\substack{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0 \\ \underline{x} \neq \underline{x}_0}} \left\{ \frac{u(\underline{x}) - u(\underline{x}_0)}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|} - (\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \cdot \frac{\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|} \right\} = 0 \quad (\text{diff})$$

$(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)$ is "linear approximation"

$$\lim_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} \left\{ \frac{u(\underline{x}) - u(\underline{x}_0)}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|} - (\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \cdot \frac{\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|} \right\} = 0 \quad (3)$$

This says: "The difference $u(\underline{x}) - u(\underline{x}_0)$ agrees with a linear approximation $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0)$ (i.e., a tangent plane) to within an error which tends to zero faster than $|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0| = |\Delta \underline{x}|$ tends to zero"

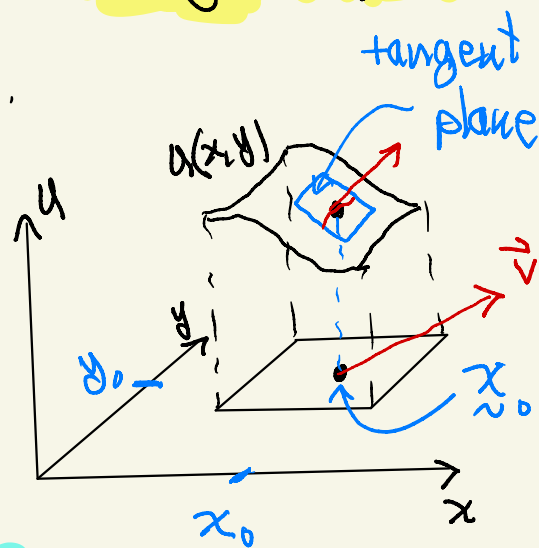
I.e., $u: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ must have a tangent plane in every direction at \underline{x}_0 .

For example, assuming (diff),

if $\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0 = t \vec{v}$, (i.e., we

restrict to the line thru \underline{x}_0

in direction \vec{v} , $\|\vec{v}\|=1$), gives



$$\frac{d}{dt} u(\underline{x}_0 + t \vec{v}) = (\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{v} \equiv \nabla u(\underline{x}_0) \cdot \vec{v}$$

(giving the formula for directional derivatives)

Taking $\vec{v} = \vec{e}_1 = (1, 0)$, $\vec{e}_2 = (0, 1)$ gives

(4)

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(x_0 + t \vec{e}_1) = (a, b) \cdot (1, 0) = a \Rightarrow u_x = a$$

defn of $u_x(x_0)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(x_0 + t \vec{e}_2) = (a, b) \cdot (0, 1) = b \Rightarrow u_y = b$$

defn of $u_y(x_0)$

Conclude: (diff) implies that $(a, b) = \nabla u(x_0)$ in the usual sense of partial derivatives.

• Note: The defn of derivative says $u(x, y)$ must have a tangent plane covering every direction and it's not enough to say

u_x & u_y exist!

To make the proof easier, we re-write the limit (diff) using the "order notation"

$$\lim_{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} \left\{ \frac{u(\underline{x}) - u(\underline{x}_0)}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|} - (\vec{a}, \vec{b}) \cdot \frac{\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0}{|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|} \right\} = 0 \quad (\text{diff})$$

Equivalently - multiply thru by $|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|$

$$u(\underline{x}) - u(\underline{x}_0) - (\vec{a}, \vec{b})(\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0) = o(1) |\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0| \quad (\text{diff})$$

change in the output u change in u along tangent plane "little oh of one" \equiv a function which tends to zero as $\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0$

In words: "u agrees with a tangent plane to within an error which tends to zero faster than \underline{x} tends to \underline{x}_0 "

• Here $o(1)$ "little oh of one" is a function of \underline{x} which tends to zero as $\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0$. The idea is that we don't have to keep track of anything about $o(1)$ except $o(1) \xrightarrow{\underline{x} \rightarrow \underline{x}_0} 0$

• The order notation lets us replace a limit by an equality!

Conclude: If both $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ are differentiable at $\underline{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0)$, then there exists vectors $\nabla u_0 = \overrightarrow{(a, b)}$ and $\nabla v_0 = \overrightarrow{(c, d)}$ such that

$$u(\underline{x}) - u(\underline{x}_0) = \overrightarrow{(a, b)} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0) + o(1) |\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|$$

$$v(\underline{x}) - v(\underline{x}_0) = \overrightarrow{(c, d)} \cdot (\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0) + o(1) |\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|$$

or in vector notation:

We do not distinguish different $o(1)$ terms?

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}(\underline{x}) - \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}(\underline{x}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x - x_0 \\ y - y_0 \end{pmatrix} + o(1) |\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|$$

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Jacobian = $J(\underline{x}_0)$

Therefore: If $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ is differentiable at \underline{x}_0 , then we must have

$$J(\underline{x}_0) = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\nabla u(\underline{x}_0) & - \\ -\nabla v(\underline{x}_0) & - \end{bmatrix}$$

• Now we need to show $f'(z_0)$ exists at $z = z_0$. (7)
 assuming (CR) $u_x = a = d = v_y$, $u_y = b = -c = -v_x$
 But $f'(z_0)$ exists if there exists $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ s.t.

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \alpha + i\beta \iff \boxed{f'(z_0) = \alpha + i\beta}$$

which is equivalent to

$$f(z) - f(z_0) = (\alpha + i\beta)(z - z_0) + o(1)|z - z_0|$$

which can be rewritten

tends to zero as $z \rightarrow z_0$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ i v \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ i v_0 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (\alpha + i\beta)(\Delta x + i\Delta y) \end{bmatrix}}_{\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \Delta x - \beta \Delta y \\ i(\beta \Delta x + \alpha \Delta y) \end{pmatrix}} + o(1)|\Delta z|$$

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 $\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + \Delta y^2}$
 $= |\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|$

Conclude: To show $f'(z_0)$ exists we need only

find (α, β) such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ i v \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ i v_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\beta \\ i\beta & i\alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} = o(1)|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|$$

This alone implies $f'(z_0) = \alpha + i\beta$.

But assuming u, v differentiable at \underline{x}_0 implies

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ i v \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ i v_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ ic & id \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} + o(1)|\underline{x} - \underline{x}_0|$$

↑ put it's in to make comparison

That is - we need an $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that (8)

$$(1) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ i v \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ i v_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & -\beta \\ i\beta & \alpha \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} = o(1) |\underline{z} - \underline{z}_0|.$$

and assuming differentiability of u, v at \underline{z}_0 we have

$$(2) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ i v \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ i v_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ i c & i d \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} + o(1) |\underline{z} - \underline{z}_0|$$

with $a = u_x(\underline{z}_0)$, $b = u_y(\underline{z}_0)$, $c = v_x(\underline{z}_0)$, $d = v_y(\underline{z}_0)$.

Finally, if we assume (CR) holds at \underline{z}_0 ,

then $a = d$, $b = -c$, and (2) becomes

$$(2)' \begin{pmatrix} u \\ i v \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u_0 \\ i v_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -i b & i a \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix} + o(1) |\underline{z} - \underline{z}_0|$$

So (CR) implies (1) holds with $\alpha = a$, $\beta = -b$,

in which case $f'(z_0)$ exists and $f'(z_0) = \alpha + i\beta$.

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