

PMATH 352, FALL 2009

Assignment #2 Due: October 14

1. If $V \subset \mathbb{C}$ is open, $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $z \in V$ and $\zeta \in \mathbb{T}$, i.e. $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\zeta| = 1$, let the *directional derivative* be given by

$$D_{\zeta}f(z) = \lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow 0 \\ t \in \mathbb{R}}} \frac{f(z + t\zeta) - f(z)}{t}$$

when the limit exists.

- (a) Show that if f is \mathbb{C} -differentiable at z then $D_{\zeta}f(z) = f'(z)\zeta$ for each ζ in \mathbb{T} .

Remark: If $f'(z) \neq 0$ then one can interpret for ζ, ξ in \mathbb{T} , the ratio $D_{\zeta}f(z)/D_{\xi}f(z)$, which by (a) is $\zeta\bar{\xi}$, as the angle made by the curves $t \mapsto f(z + t\zeta)$ and $t \mapsto f(z + t\xi)$. Thus it is often said that “ f preserves angles at z ”, or “ f is *conformal* at z ”.

- (b) Use (a) to deduce the Cauchy-Riemann equations for f at z .

- (c) Prove or provide a counter-example to the following statement: If there is an a in \mathbb{C} such that $D_{\zeta}f(z) = a\zeta$ for each ζ in \mathbb{T} , then f is \mathbb{C} -differentiable at z .

2. (a) Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n(z - z_0)^n$, $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(z - z_0)^n$ be power series about z_0 with respective radii of convergence R, S . Compute a power series expansion for fg about z_0 and show that its radius of convergence is at least $\min\{R, S\}$. BONUS: Prove that the radius of convergence is $\min\{R, S\}$, or provide a counterexample to show otherwise.

- (b) Prove that for w, z in \mathbb{C} that $\exp(w + z) = \exp(w)\exp(z)$. Use this to deduce the formulas

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(w + z) &= \cos(w)\cos(z) - \sin(w)\sin(z), \text{ and} \\ \sin(w + z) &= \cos(w)\sin(z) + \sin(w)\cos(z).\end{aligned}$$

3. Devise a power series $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$ with radius of convergence 1 such that

(i) $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$ converges uniformly on $\bar{D}(0, 1)$, and

(ii) the power series describing $f''(z)$ converges at no point on $\mathbb{T} = \partial D(0, 1)$.

4. (a) Prove the *Abel summation formula* for sequences $(a_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}, (b_n)_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset \mathbb{C}$:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k b_k = a_n \sum_{k=0}^n b_k - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^k b_j (a_{k+1} - a_k).$$

[Use induction starting at $n = 1$.]

(b) Suppose $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$ has radius of convergence R , $|z_0| = R$ and $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z_0^k$ converges. Prove that

$$\lim_{\substack{t \rightarrow 1 \\ t \in [0,1)}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (tz_0)^k = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z_0^k.$$

[Hint: Establish that the series converges uniformly on $[0, z_0]$.]

5. Given a sequence of distinct points a_1, \dots, a_n in \mathbb{C} , we denote by $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$ the closed chain $[a_1, a_2]^+ \dots + [a_{n-1}, a_n]^+ + [a_n, a_1]$. Compute each of the following chain integrals

$$(a) \int_{[1, -1+i, -1-i]} \frac{dz}{z} \quad (b) \int_{[i, -1, -i, 1]} \frac{dz}{z} \quad (c) \int_{[1+\frac{i}{2}, -1-i, -1+i, 1-\frac{i}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}]} \frac{dz}{z}.$$

[You will save yourself a headache by first devising a formula for $\int_{[a,b]} \frac{dz}{z}$, provided $0 \notin [a, b]$.]

6. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{1+t^2}.$$

Show that f is \mathbb{R} -analytic in the sense that $f(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (t-t_0)^n$, with all a_n in \mathbb{R} , for t in $(t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)$ for some $\delta > 0$, for every t_0 in \mathbb{R} . Calculate, for every t_0 , the radius of convergence for the power series describing f about t_0 .

[Hint: This may really be a complex analysis question.]

7. (a) Let $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ be an open interval and $w : [a, b] \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on its domain, and continuously partially differentiable in the second variable. Let $g(x) = \int_a^b w(t, x) dt$ for x in I . Prove that g is continuously differentiable on I with $g'(x) = \int_a^b \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}(t, x) dt$.

[Hint: MVT tells you $w(t, x+h) - w(t, x) = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}(t, x+h_t)h$; you may use, without proof, that w is uniformly continuous on compact subsets of $[a, b] \times I$.]

(b) Let $V \subset \mathbb{C}$ be open and $\varphi : [a, b] \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be continuous on its domain, and holomorphic in the second variable, i.e. $u = \operatorname{Re} \varphi$ and $v = \operatorname{Im} \varphi$ are continuously partially differentiable in the variables $x = \operatorname{Re} z$, $y = \operatorname{Im} z$ and satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$. Prove that $g(z) = \int_a^b \varphi(t, z) dt$ is holomorphic on V with $g'(z) = \int_a^b \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}(t, z) dt$ where $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial z}(t, z) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi(t, z+h) - \varphi(t, z)}{h}$. [Warning: Holomorphic functions admit no straightforward analogue of MVT.]

(c) Use Cauchy's integral formula and (b) to deduce Cauchy's integral formula for derivatives: if $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic and $\overline{D}(z, r) \subset V$, then

$$f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_{\partial D(z,r)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z)^{n+1}} dw.$$