

Lesson 35 The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Exam 2 due Monday, 4/17
11:00pm in Gradescope

Thm: A polynomial of degree $N \geq 1$ has a root in $\mathbb{C}$.

Polynomials: Complex polynomials $P(z) = a_N z^N + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$

where a 's and z are complex numbers.

EX: $x^2 + 1 = (x - i)(x + i)$

Euclidean algorithm: $P(z) = Q(z)G(z) + R(z)$, $\deg R < \deg G$

$$P(z) = Q(z)(z - z_0) + (\text{const})$$

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root
of $P(z)$

Plug in z_0 : $0 = P(z_0) = Q(z_0) \cdot 0 + \underbrace{(\text{const.})}_{\text{must be zero}}$

See $P(z) = Q(z)(z - z_0)$, $\deg Q = \deg P - 1$

Repeat until $\deg Q = 1$.

Get $P(z) = a_N (z - z_1)(z - z_2) \dots (z - z_N)$ $N = \deg P$
 $a \neq 0$

(OK if some z_n 's repeat.)

Motivation: Dirichlet problem on unit disc.

Did separation of variables on polar version of $\Delta u = 0$.

Found solⁿs $u(r, \theta) = R(r)\Theta(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ r^n \cos n\theta \\ r^n \sin n\theta \end{cases} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{array} \right. \text{harmonic!}$

Try $u(r, \theta) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n r^n \cos n\theta + b_n r^n \sin n\theta)$

B.C. $u(1, \theta) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\theta + b_n \sin n\theta) = f(\theta)$ want

a 's, b 's are just Fourier coeff for $f(\theta)$.

Interesting thing: $z = re^{i\theta}$ $z^n = (re^{i\theta})^n = r^n e^{in\theta}$
 $= (r^n \cos n\theta) + i(r^n \sin n\theta)$

Aha! $\operatorname{Re} z^n$ and $\operatorname{Im} z^n$ are harmonic!

Consequently, complex polys satisfy the above property.

Complex analysis Complex polys are complex diff'ble =

Defⁿ: $f(z)$ is complex diff'ble at $a \in \mathbb{C}$ if

$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{f(z) - f(a)}{z - a}$ exists. Call limit $f'(a)$.

EX: Constant fctns ✓
 z ✓

$f(z) = z^2$

DQ = $\frac{z^2 - a^2}{z - a} = \frac{(z-a)(z+a)}{z-a}$

$= z + a \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow a} a + a = 2a$

Fact: Freshman calculus facts hold true with same proof.

EX: If f and g are $\mathbb{C}$ -diff'ble at a , then

so is $h(z) = f(z)g(z)$ and $h'(a) = f'(a)g(a) + f(a)g'(a)$.

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - g'f}{g^2} \quad \text{when } g(a) \neq 0.$$

Defⁿ: $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = L$ means, given $\varepsilon > 0$,

$\exists \delta > 0$ such that $|f(z) - L| < \varepsilon$ when

$|z - a| < \delta$ and $z \neq a$. [Same as $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ concept.]

$f(z)$ is in $D_\varepsilon(L)$ when $z \in D_\delta(a) - \{a\}$.

Key fact: Complex rational fcn $R(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$

is $\mathbb{C}$ -diff where denom poly Q is $\neq 0$.

Will show: Real and imag parts of $\mathbb{C}$ -rational fcn are harmonic!

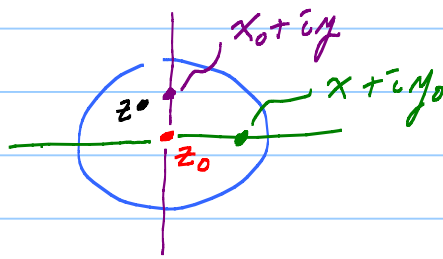
Cauchy-Riemann eqns (MA 425) $w = f(z)$

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

Fact: If f is $\mathbb{C}$ -diff'ble at $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$, then

C-R eqns $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{array} \right.$ when $(x, y) = (x_0, y_0)$

PF: Easy



Green and purple slides go to same limit $f'(z_0)$.

Horizontal case $DQ = \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$

$$= \frac{[u(x, y_0) + i v(x, y_0)] - [u(x_0, y_0) + i v(x_0, y_0)]}{(x + i y_0) - (x_0 + i y_0)}$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{u(x, y_0) - u(x_0, y_0)}{x - x_0}}_{\text{exists as } x \rightarrow x_0} + i \underbrace{\frac{v(x, y_0) - v(x_0, y_0)}{x - x_0}}_{\text{same}}$$

→ $f'(z_0) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0)$ Red box #1

Vertical case: $DQ = \frac{\dots}{(x_0 + i y) - (x_0 + i y_0)}$

$$= \frac{u(x_0, y) - u(x_0, y_0)}{i(y - y_0)} + \frac{i(v(x_0, y) - v(x_0, y_0))}{i(y - y_0)}$$

$\frac{1}{i} = -i$

$f'(z_0) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0) - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)$ Red box #2

Equate red boxes to get C-R eqns.

Thm: f C-diff'ble at $z_0 \Rightarrow$ first partials of u and v exist at (x_0, y_0) and satisfy C-R eqns.

Cor: Real and imag parts of complex rational fns are harmonic!

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Pf: Step one: $R(z)$ can be $\mathbb{C}$ -diff'ed infinitely many times.

$$R(x+iy) = u(x,y) + i v(x,y)$$

$$R'(z) = \underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}}_{\bar{U}} + i \underbrace{\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}}_{\bar{V}} \left(= \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = U + iV \right)$$

Can do C-R eqns again on R'

$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}}_{\bar{U}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}}_{\bar{V}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}}_{\bar{U}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\underbrace{-\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}_{\bar{V}} \right) = -u_{yy} \quad \Delta u = 0!$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}}_{\bar{U}} \right) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}}_{\bar{V}} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}}_{\bar{U}} \right) = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\underbrace{-\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}}_{\bar{V}} \right)$$

$-v_{xx} = v_{yy} \quad \Delta v = 0!$

$u \quad v$ are harmonic!