

Ex: 1 Show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

A func<sup>n</sup> of n variables  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  satisfying

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j^2} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \text{Laplace eq<sup>n</sup> .}$$

is called harmonic function.

Thus real and imaginary parts of a complex func<sup>n</sup> separately satisfy the Laplace equation and are harmonic func<sup>n</sup> of two variables.

Important: Converse is not true. A pair of harmonic func<sup>n</sup>s does not in general define a differentiable func<sup>n</sup>.

Example:  $f(z) = x + 2iy$

The Cauchy-Riemann conditions we have derived are necessary conditions. Because we have chosen only two specific limiting process. Therefore, the question is if the CR conditions are sufficient for  $f(z)$  to be differentiable.

Theorem: Let the real and imaginary parts  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  of a function of a complex variable  $f(z)$  obey CR equations and also possess continuous first partial derivatives with respect to the two variables  $x$  and  $y$  at all points of some region of the complex plane. Then  $f(z)$  is differentiable throughout this region.

Proof: See book.

Implications of CR conditions - A

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

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} (x-x_0)^{n-k} (y-y_0)^k \times \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^{n-k} \partial y^k} [u(x, y) + i v(x, y)]_{x=x_0, y=y_0}$$

From CR conditions we get

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^k}{\partial y^k} [u + i v]_{(x_0, y_0)} = i^k \frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} [u + i v]_{(x_0, y_0)}$$



Then,

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

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} (x-x_0)^{n-k} (y-y_0)^k$$

$$i^k \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} \left[ u(x, y) + i v(x, y) \right]_{(x_0, y_0)}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left\{ (x+iy) - (x_0+iy_0) \right\}^n \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^n} \left[ u(x, y) + i v(x, y) \right]_{(x_0, y_0)}$$

Due to the CR conditions, the two real variables  $x$  and  $y$  enter into the func<sup>n</sup> in the unique combinations  $(x+iy)$ .

Thus CR conditions have a consequence that a ~~more~~ differentiable func<sup>n</sup> depends only on the combination  $z = x+iy$ , not any other combination  $\bar{z} = x-iy$ .

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However, the conclusion depends on the assumption that the <sup>^</sup>func<sup>n</sup> can be expanded in a Taylor Series.

Important: An expression only depends on  $z$  and not on  $\bar{z}$  does not ensure the differentiability. Ex:  $\ln z$  is not differentiable at  $z=0$ .

[Because  $\ln z$  can not be expanded about  $z=0$ ]



Any function which is differentiable ~~at a point~~ within a neighbourhood of a point can be expanded in a Taylor series about that point. Therefore the expression that defines such a func<sup>n</sup> can explicitly depend on  $z$ .

Consider the example  $f(z) = x + 2iy$ .  $f(z)$  was not differentiable at  $z=0$ . Because  $f(z)$  can not be written as a func<sup>n</sup> of  $z$  only.

$$f(z) = \frac{3}{2}z - \frac{1}{2}\bar{z}$$

### Implications of CR conditions - B

Let  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is differentiable at  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$\vec{\nabla}u = \hat{x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}; \quad \vec{\nabla}v = \hat{x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{\nabla}u) \cdot (\vec{\nabla}v) \Big|_{(x_0, y_0)} = \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right]_{(x_0, y_0)} = 0 \quad \left[ \text{using CR} \right]$$

Now consider two curves passing through  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$u(x, y) = u(x_0, y_0) = C_1$$

$$\text{and } v(x, y) = v(x_0, y_0) = C_2$$

Now tangent vectors to these curves at  $(x_0, y_0)$  are  $\vec{\nabla}u$  and  $\vec{\nabla}v$ . Since  $(\vec{\nabla}u \cdot \vec{\nabla}v) = 0$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  we conclude: The tangent to the curves  $\text{Re } f(z) = \text{Re } f(z_0)$  and  $\text{Im } f(z) = \text{Im } f(z_0)$  are perpendicular ~~to~~ at the point  $z_0$  if  $f(z)$  is differentiable in the neighbourhood of this point.