

Module-3: Analytic Functions-II

1 Introduction

To make the C-R equations as sufficient, an additional condition on partial derivatives is essential and this is the condition of continuity.

Theorem 1. (Sufficient Condition for Analyticity)

A single valued continuous function $w = f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is differentiable in a domain D if the four partial derivatives u_x, u_y, v_x, v_y exist, are continuous and satisfy C-R equations at each point of D .

Proof. We have to show that $f'(z) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z}$ exists at each point of D . Let $z = x + iy$ be any point of D . Since u_x, u_y, v_x, v_y exist and continuous at (x, y) , $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ are differentiable at (x, y) . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta u &= u(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - u(x, y) \\ &= u_x \Delta x + u_y \Delta y + \varepsilon_1 \Delta x + \varepsilon_2 \Delta y,\end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$, and

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta v &= v(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - v(x, y) \\ &= v_x \Delta x + v_y \Delta y + \eta_1 \Delta x + \eta_2 \Delta y,\end{aligned}$$

where $\eta_1, \eta_2 \rightarrow 0$ as $(\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$.

Since u and v satisfy C-R equations at (x, y) , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta w &= \Delta u + i\Delta v \\ &= u_x(\Delta x + i\Delta y) + v_x(i\Delta x - \Delta y) + (\varepsilon_1 + i\eta_1)\Delta x + (\varepsilon_2 + i\eta_2)\Delta y.\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

From (1) we get

$$\frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = u_x + iv_x + (\varepsilon_1 + i\eta_1)\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta z} + (\varepsilon_2 + i\eta_2)\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta z}.\quad (2)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (\varepsilon_1 + i\eta_1) \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta z} \right| &= \left| \varepsilon_1 + i\eta_1 \right| \left| \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta z} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \varepsilon_1 \right| + \left| \eta_1 \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } (\Delta x, \Delta y) \rightarrow (0, 0) \text{ i.e. as } \Delta z \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can get

$$\left| (\varepsilon_2 + i\eta_2) \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta z} \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \Delta z \rightarrow 0.$$

Thus taking limit as $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$ we obtain from (2)

$$\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta w}{\Delta z} = u_x + iv_x.$$

Hence $f'(z)$ exist and is equal to $u_x + iv_x$. Since z is any point in D , $f(z)$ is differentiable in D . This proves the theorem.

Example 1. Let $f = u + iv$ be analytic in a domain D . Show that f is constant in D if $f'(z) \equiv 0$ in D .

Solution. Since $f = u + iv$ is analytic in D , it is differentiable there and satisfies the C-R equations in D . Now $f'(z) = 0$ implies $u_x + iv_x = 0$. That is $u_x = 0$ and $v_x = 0$. So using C-R equations we have $u_y = 0$ and $v_y = 0$. Thus

$$du = u_x dx + u_y dy = 0$$

i.e. $u = \text{constant}$.

Similarly we obtain $v = \text{constant}$ and so $f(z) = u + iv$ is constant.

Theorem 2. Let $f(z) = u + iv$ be analytic in a domain D and $|f(z)|$ is equal to constant in D . Then $f(z)$ is constant in D .

Proof. Let $|f(z)| = c$, say. Then $u^2 + v^2 = c^2$. Differentiating with respect to x and y we get respectively

$$uu_x + vv_x = 0, \tag{3}$$

$$uu_y + vv_y = 0. \tag{4}$$

Using C-R equations $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$, we obtain from (4) that

$$-uv_x + vu_x = 0. \tag{5}$$

From (3) and (5) we get $(u^2 + v^2)u_x = 0$. Now $u^2 + v^2 = 0$ implies $u = 0 = v$ and hence $f(z) = 0$, a constant function. If $u^2 + v^2 \neq 0$, we have $u_x = 0$. Similarly from (3) and (5) we get $v_x = 0$. Hence $u_x = v_x = u_y = v_y = 0$. Thus

$$du = u_x dx + u_y dy = 0$$

i.e. $u = \text{constant}$.

Similarly we obtain $v = \text{constant}$ and so $f(z) = u + iv$ is constant.

Theorem 3. Let $f = u + iv$ be analytic in a domain D . Then f is constant in D if $\arg f(z)$ is constant in D .

Proof. Let $\arg f(z) = c_1$, a constant. Then $v = cu$. Differentiating with respect to x and y separately, we get

$$v_x = cu_x, \quad v_y = cu_y.$$

This gives

$$f' = u_x + iv_x = (1 + ic)u_x.$$

Again

$$\begin{aligned} f' &= v_y - iu_y = v_y - \frac{i}{c}v_y \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{i}{c}\right)v_y = \left(1 - \frac{i}{c}\right)cu_x. \end{aligned}$$

If $u_x = 0$ then $f' = 0$, which gives f is constant. Thus $u_x \neq 0$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + ic &= 1 - \frac{i}{c} \\ \text{i.e. } c^2 &= -1 \\ \text{i.e. } c &= \pm i. \end{aligned}$$

If $c = -i$, then $v_x = -iu_x$ and $v_y = -iu_y$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} f' &= (1 + ic)u_x = 2u_x \\ f' &= v_y - iu_y = -2iu_y, \end{aligned}$$

which is not possible. Therefore $c = i$ and $f' = (1 + ic)u_x = 0$. This shows that f is constant.

Example 2. Show that the function $f(z) = xy + iy$ is everywhere continuous but is not analytic.

Solution. Let $f(z) = u + iv$. Then $u = xy$ and $v = y$. Since u and v are continuous everywhere, $f(z)$ is continuous everywhere. Now,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 1.$$

Since

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \neq \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \neq -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x},$$

$f(z)$ is not an analytic function.

Example 3. If $u = (x - 1)^3 - 3xy^2 + 3y^2$, find v so that $u + iv$ is an analytic function of $x + iy$.

Solution. Here $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 3(x - 1)^2 - 3y^2$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -6xy + 6y$.

By C-R equations we have

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 6xy - 6y.$$

Integrating with respect to x we get

$$v = 3x^2y - 6xy + f(y). \tag{6}$$

This gives

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 3x^2 - 6x + f'(y).$$

Also $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 3(x - 1)^2 - 3y^2$. Hence

$$3x^2 - 6x + f'(y) = 3(x - 1)^2 - 3y^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } f'(y) = 3 - 3y^2.$$

Integrating we get $f(y) = 3y - y^3 + c$, where c is a constant. Substituting this value of $f(y)$ in (6) we obtain

$$v = 3x^2y - 6xy + 3y - y^3 + c.$$

Example 4. Given that the function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic in a domain D . Verify whether the functions $\overline{f(z)}$, $f(\bar{z})$, $\overline{f(\bar{z})}$ are analytic or not in D .

Solution. Since the function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic in a domain D , we have

$$u_x = v_y \text{ and } u_y = -v_x$$

for all points of D . Now

$\overline{f(z)} = u(x, y) - iv(x, y)$ will be analytic if

$$u_x = (-v)_y \text{ and } u_y = -(-v)_x$$

$$\text{i.e. } u_x = -v_y \text{ and } u_y = v_x,$$

which is not the case. Hence $\overline{f(z)}$ is not analytic in D .

Again $f(\bar{z}) = u(x, -y) + iv(x, -y)$ will be analytic if

$$u_x = v_{-y} \text{ and } u_{-y} = -v_x$$

$$\text{i.e. } u_x = -v_y \text{ and } u_y = v_x,$$

which is not the case. Hence $f(\bar{z})$ is not analytic in D .

The function $\overline{f(\bar{z})} = u(x, -y) - iv(x, -y)$ will be analytic in D if

$$u_x = (-v)_{-y} \text{ and } u_{-y} = -(-v)_x$$

$$\text{i.e. } u_x = v_y \text{ and } u_y = -v_x.$$

Therefore, $\overline{f(\bar{z})}$ is analytic in D .

Example 5. Show that the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^4}$, $z \neq 0$ is differentiable in indicated domain and find $f'(z)$.

Solution. Here we consider the polar system. The given function is

$$f(z) = r^{-4}(\cos 4\theta - i \sin 4\theta).$$

Therefore,

$$u(r, \theta) = \frac{\cos 4\theta}{r^4}, \quad v(r, \theta) = -\frac{\sin 4\theta}{r^4}.$$

Thus

$$u_r = -\frac{4 \cos 4\theta}{r^5}, \quad u_\theta = -\frac{4 \sin 4\theta}{r^4}, \quad v_r = \frac{4 \sin 4\theta}{r^5}, \quad v_\theta = -\frac{4 \cos 4\theta}{r^4}.$$

The first order partial derivatives of u and v , being rational continuous functions with non-vanishing denominators, are continuous. Also, the C-R equations

$$u_r = -\frac{4 \cos 4\theta}{r^5} = \frac{1}{r}v_\theta, \text{ and } v_r = \frac{4 \sin 4\theta}{r^5} = -\frac{1}{r}u_\theta$$

are satisfied. This concludes that $f'(z)$ exists and

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= e^{-i\theta}(u_r + iv_r) = e^{-i\theta} \left(-\frac{4 \cos 4\theta}{r^5} + i\frac{4 \sin 4\theta}{r^5} \right) \\ &= -\frac{4}{(re^{i\theta})^5} = -\frac{4}{z^5}. \end{aligned}$$

