

Needham, Chapter 4, Exercises 1-3, p. 211
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1. Use the Cauchy-Riemann equation to verify that $z \mapsto \bar{z}$ is not analytic.

Let $z = x + iy$

$$\bar{z} = x - iy, u = x, v = -y$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u) = 1, \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(v) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(u) = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(v) = -1$$

Test

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(v), 1 = -1, \text{contradiction}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(v) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(u), 0 = -0$$

The first C-R test fails. $z \mapsto \bar{z}$ is not analytic.

2. The mapping $z \mapsto z^3$ acts on an infinitesimal shape and the image is examined. It is found that the shape has been rotated by π , and its linear dimensions expanded by 12. Where was the shape originally located. [There are two possibilities.]

Rewrite

$$z = |z| e^{i\theta}, \quad z^2 = |z|^2 e^{i2\theta}, \quad z^3 = |z|^3 e^{i3\theta}$$

The amplitwist described in the question can be written:

$$12 e^{i\pi}$$

We can write an equation for $f'(z^3)$ if z^3 is analytic. We test with the Cauchy-Riemann equations. We move this to the end to make the answer easier to follow.*

Take the first derivative in the usual fashion to obtain $3z^2$.

$$f'(z) = 12 e^{i\pi} = 3z^2 = 3|z|^2 e^{i2\theta}$$

$$12 = 3|z|^2$$

$$|z|^2 = 4, |z| = 2$$

$$\pi = 2\theta \implies \theta = \pm\pi/2$$

$$z = 2 e^{i(\pm\pi/2)} = \pm 2i$$

The shape was originally located at $\pm 2i$.

*Footnote: The Cauchy-Riemann test on $z \mapsto z^3$

$$\begin{aligned} z^3 &= (x^2 + 2xyi - y^2)(x + yi) \\ &= x^3 + 2x^2yi - xy^2 + x^2yi - 2xy^2 - y^3i \\ &= x^3 + 3x^2yi - 3xy^2 - y^3i \\ &= (x^3 - 3xy^2) + (3x^2y - y^3)i \\ u &= x^3 - 3xy^2, \quad v = 3x^2y - y^3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u) &= 3x^2 - 3y^2, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(v) = 6xy \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(u) &= -6xy, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(v) = 3x^2 - 3y^2 \end{aligned}$$

Test

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(v), \quad 3x^2 - 3y^2 = 3x^2 - 3y^2 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(v) &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(u), \quad 6xy = -(-6xy) \end{aligned}$$

The C-R test confirms that $z \mapsto z^3$ is analytic.

3. Consider $z \mapsto \Omega(z) = \bar{z}^2/z$. By writing z in polar form, find out the geometric effect of Ω . Using two colours, draw two very small arrows of equal length emanating from a typical point z : one parallel to z ; the other perpendicular to z . Draw their images emanating from $\Omega(z)$. Deduce that Ω fails to produce an amplitwist. [Your picture should show this in two ways.]

$$\begin{aligned} z &= r e^{i\theta}, \quad \bar{z} = r e^{-i\theta} \\ \Omega(z) &= \bar{z}^2/z = r^2 e^{-i2\theta}/r e^{i\theta} = r e^{-i3\theta} \end{aligned}$$

First perform the conjugation.

$$r e^{i\theta} \mapsto r e^{-i\theta}$$

When the small arrows are reflected around the real line, their angles are reversed, showing that the

(* Cauchy-Riemann test of $\overline{z}^2/z$ *)

Clear["Global`*"]

$z = x + y I;$

Print[" $\overline{z}^2 / z =$ ", exp = ((Conjugate[z]^2 / z) // ComplexExpand)];

$$u = \frac{x^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} - \frac{3 x y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^3};$$

$$v = -\frac{3 x^2 y}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} + \frac{y^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^3};$$

Print["Cauchy-Riemann test fails, $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u) \neq \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(v) :$ \n", D[u, x], " $\neq$ ", D[v, y]]

$$\overline{z}^2 / z = \frac{x^3}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{3 x y^2}{x^2 + y^2} + i \left(-\frac{3 x^2 y}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{y^3}{x^2 + y^2} \right)$$

Cauchy-Riemann test fails, $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(u) \neq \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(v) :$

$$-\frac{6 x^4}{(x^2 + y^2)^4} + \frac{18 x^2 y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^4} + \frac{3 x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} - \frac{3 y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} \neq \frac{18 x^2 y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^4} - \frac{6 y^4}{(x^2 + y^2)^4} - \frac{3 x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^3} + \frac{3 y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^3}$$