

11:00 am  
Mon B2.01 Science Courtyard

11:00 am  
Wed MBO.07 (New building)

12:00 noon  
Fri MA-B1.01

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There are notes and example sheets from last years on my personal website. These will be updated with current notes and example sheets as the course progresses.

## Useful books.

### A Primer on Riemann Surfaces

Beardon - Follow this book except we don't prove the classification of simply connected Riemann surfaces. Instead we supplement with material from:

### → Riemann Surfaces

Donaldson - Includes "further developments" Connects with other directions.

### → Algebraic Curves

Herwig - Info on algebraic curves.

Assuming basics of topology  
including fundamental groups  
and covering spaces.

Assuming complex analysis  
course but will review some  
of the high lights.

Not assuming that you have had a course  
in manifolds or differential forms.

We can think of this course as providing  
interesting (but limited) examples of both  
things.

Start with motivation for studying  
Riemann surfaces from 2017 notes.

Algebraic expressions define "multi-valued"  
functions.

E.G.  $f(z) = \sqrt{z}$

$$f(z) = \sqrt{z^3 - z}$$

Equations in 2 complex  
variables  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2 : y = P(x)\}$ .

$$\pi_x : (x, y) \mapsto x.$$

Generalize  $\Sigma(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = P(x)$

Integration leads to "multi-valued"  
functions!

$$\int_1^y \frac{dz}{z} \rightarrow \text{"log}(z) \text{"}$$

Branch cuts.

Branches of the logarithm.

Combination  $\int \frac{dz}{z(z-1)}$  or  $\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{z^3 - z}}$   
elliptic integrals

Solutions of differential equations.  $\frac{d}{dz} = f(z)$   
simplest example.

Modern viewpoint is to think of  
the "graphs" of these objects as  
geometric objects in their own right  
by introducing the notion of Riemann surfaces.

Special case of manifolds.

Ubiquitous in modern mathematics.

Review of complex analysis. Let  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
 be a (real) differentiable function.  
 If we write vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as column  
 vectors.

Geometric picture

$U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

$$f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad f = u + iv$$

$f$  satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations  
 if  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  in  $U$ .

$$Df = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} = r \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Geometrically:

If  $Df \neq 0$  then  $Df$  preserves angles between  
 vectors.  $Df$  has positive determinant  $a^2 + b^2$

$Df$  need not preserve lengths.

We say that  $f$  is holomorphic if  $Df$  satisfies  
 the CR equations.  $f$  is conformal if it

is holomorphic and  $Df \neq 0$  in its domain.

Algebraic picture      The Cauchy-Riemann equations are conditions on a real linear map in order for it to actually be complex linear.

In terms of the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $e_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $e_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

multiplication by  $i$  is a real linear map with matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Call this matrix  $J: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ .

A real linear map  $A$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is complex linear if  $AJ = JA$ . This condition is equivalent to the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

The algebraic discussion extends to higher dimensions whereas the geometric discussion is strictly 2-real or 1-complex dimensional.

Remember: To put a complex structure on a 2dim real vector space we need a metric + orientation.

Basic tool for analyzing consequences of the Cauchy-Riemann equation is path integration.

The path integral is used to find anti-derivatives of holomorphic functions

Df.

Path integral.  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow U$

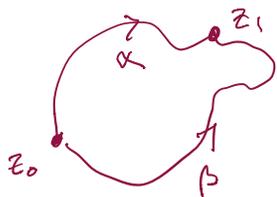
$$\int_{\gamma} f dz = \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \cdot \gamma'(t) dt.$$

Let  $U$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{C}$  (open connected set).

say that  $\int_{\gamma} f dz = 0$  for all loops in  $U$  then

given  $f$  on  $U$  and  $z_0 \in U$  we can define a function  $F$  on  $U$  by

$$F(z_1) = \int_{\gamma} f dz \text{ where } \gamma(0) = z_0, \gamma(1) = z_1$$



Then  $F(z_1)$  is independent of  $\gamma$  since if we have 2 paths  $\alpha, \beta$  from  $z_0$  to  $z_1$  then

$\int_{\alpha} f dz - \int_{\beta} f dz = \int_{\alpha \cdot \beta^{-1}} f dz = 0$  since  $\alpha \cdot \beta^{-1}$  is  
 a loop. Furthermore the function  $F$   
 that we produce this way satisfies  $F' = f$ .  
 It is an anti-derivative for  $f$ .

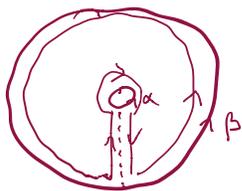
Cauchy's theorem. If  $f$  is holomorphic,  
 $U$  is a disk and  $\gamma$  is a loop then in  $U$

$$\int_{\gamma} f dz = 0.$$



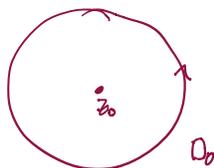
Corollary.  $f$  has a local anti-derivative  
 (unique up to the addition of a constant).

If  $U$  is an annulus and  $f$  is holomorphic  
 in  $U$  then



$$\int_{\alpha} f dz = \int_{\beta} f dz.$$

We can use this to prove Cauchy's integral  
 formula. If  $f$  is holomorphic in a disk



$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D_0} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz.$$

(The value of  $f$  at  $z_0$  is determined by its value on  $\mathcal{D}_0$ )

$$\text{Or } f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{D}_0} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz.$$

If  $f$  is holomorphic in a domain  $D$  then

$f$  has a Taylor expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n$$

valid in a disc  $\{z: |z-z_0| < r\}$  contained in  $D$ .

Consequence:

Morera's Theorem. If  $f$  is continuous in a domain  $U$  and if  $\int_{\gamma} f = 0$  for every closed path in  $U$  then  $f$  is holomorphic in  $U$ .

Proof. By the previous discussion  $f$  has an anti-derivative  $F$  which is holomorphic hence infinitely differentiable. Follows that  $f$  is infinitely differentiable.

Theorem. If  $f_1, f_2, \dots$  are holomorphic in  $D$  and converge locally uniformly to  $f$  in  $D$  then  $f$  is holomorphic in  $D$  and for each  $k \geq 1$  the sequence of  $k$ -th derivatives converges locally uniformly in  $D$ .

Proof. Derivatives are not controlled by uniform convergence but integrals are. Apply Morera's thm. and Cauchy integral formula.

