

Lecture 5.

Series

An infinite sequence of complex numbers $\{z_n\}$ is called a complex sequence.

Convergence

If for each positive quantity ε there exists a positive integer N such that

$$|z_n - z| < \varepsilon \quad \text{whenever } n > N, \quad N = N(\varepsilon)$$

then the sequence is said to converge to the limit z ;

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z.$$

The limit of a convergent sequence is unique.

Suppose we write

$$z_n = x_n + iy_n, \quad z = x + iy, \text{ then}$$

$$|x_n - x| \leq |z_n - z| \leq |x_n - x| + |y_n - y|$$

$$|y_n - y| \leq |z_n - z|$$

Suppose

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$$

then for any $\varepsilon > 0$

$$|x_n - x| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{for } n > N_x$$

$$|y_n - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \text{for } n > N_y$$

Choose $N = \max(N_x, N_y)$, then

$$|z - z_n| \leq |x_n - x| + |y_n - y| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

It is easy to show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x \quad \text{and} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y \quad !$$

Example. The sequence

$$z_n = \frac{1}{n^3} + i, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

converges to i , since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 \quad \text{exist, so}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^3} + i \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} + i \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$$

$$= 0 + i \cdot 1 = i,$$

$$\overline{|z_n - i|} < \varepsilon \quad \text{whenever} \quad n > \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{\varepsilon}}.$$

Def.

An infinite series of complex numbers z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots is the infinite sum, given by

$$z_1 + z_2 + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z_k$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} z_k = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n z_k$$

We define the sequence of partial sums by

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k$$

If the sequence $\{S_n\}$ converges to S , then the series is said to be convergent and S is its sum, otherwise, the series is divergent.

We define the remainder after n terms

$$R_n = S - S_n \quad \left(:= \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} x_k \right).$$

Obviously

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = 0 \quad \text{if series is convergent}$$

Conversely, if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = 0,$$

this is equivalent to $\forall \varepsilon > 0$

$$|S_n - S| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } n > N(\varepsilon),$$

hence

$$S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n.$$

Convergence conditions.

- A necessary condition for the convergence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = 0$$

$$\triangleleft \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (R_{n-1} - R_n)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_{n-1} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R_n = 0. \quad \blacktriangleright$$

- Comparison Test

Suppose

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k$ is a convergent series with $M_j \in \mathbb{R}$ (real numbers)

$$M_j \geq 0$$

If for all $k > K$ we have

$$|z_k| \leq M_k \quad \forall k > K$$

Then the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |z_k| \text{ converges also.}$$

4 $\{S_n\}$, where

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n |z_k|$$

is a bounded and increasing sequence \blacktriangleright

Absolute convergence

Def. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n$ is absolutely convergent if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |z_n|$ converges.

Note that

$$|x_n| \leq \sqrt{x_n^2 + y_n^2}, \quad |y_n| \leq \sqrt{x_n^2 + y_n^2}$$

and both series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n| \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n| \text{ must converge}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \text{ and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n \text{ converge.}$$

The converse may not hold.
and we have conditionally convergent
series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n$.

Examples

The series $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{3+2i}{(j+1)^j}$ converges.

We compare ~~it~~ the series.

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{3+2i}{(j+1)^j} = \frac{3+2i}{8} + \frac{3+2i}{64} + \dots$$

with the convergent geometric series:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^j} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$$

Since $|3+2i| = \sqrt{13} < 4$, then for
 $j \geq 3$

$$\left| \frac{3+2i}{(j+1)^j} \right| < \frac{4}{(j+1)^j} \leq \frac{1}{2^j} \quad \blacktriangleright$$

Root test and Ratio test

Suppose

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{z_{n+1}}{z_n} \right| = L, \quad L < 1$$

Then we can choose N : that for $n > N$

$$\left| \frac{z_{n+1}}{z_n} \right| \leq r, \quad \text{where } L < r < 1.$$

Now we have

$$|z_{N+1}| \leq r |z_N|$$

$$|z_{N+2}| \leq r |z_{N+1}| \leq r^2 |z_N|, \dots$$

$$|z_{N+1}| + |z_{N+2}| + |z_{N+3}| + \dots \leq |z_N| \underbrace{(r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots)}_{\text{convergent series}}$$

Thus $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |z_n|$ converges absolutely

by the comparison test

"M_n"

Sequences of complex functions

Let $f_1(z), f_2(z), \dots, f_n(z), \dots$ denoted by $\{f_n(z)\}$ be a sequence of complex functions defined in a region R .

Take some point $z_0 \in R$, then we get a sequence of complex numbers $\{f_n(z_0)\}$. Suppose it converges to a unique limit.

$$f(z_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(z_0)$$

If this holds for $\forall z \in R$ we get a complex function $f(z)$ $z \in R$:

$$f(z) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(z)$$

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Definition of this converges

$\{f_n(z)\}$ converge to function $f(z)$,
 $z \in R \iff$ (if and only if)

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$ we can find a positive
integer $N(\varepsilon; z)$ such that

$$|f(z) - f_n(z)| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } n > N(\varepsilon; z)$$

Def If it is possible to find
a single $N(\varepsilon) \forall z \in R$, $\{f_n(z)\}$ is
said to converge uniformly to $f(z)$
in R .

Infinite series of complex functions

$$f_1(z) + f_2(z) + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(z)$$

The sequence of partial sums $\{S_n(z)\}$

$$S_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(z)$$

Def. The infinite series is said to be convergent if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(z) = S(z),$$

where $S(z)$ is called the sum.

The properties of convergence are related to convergence of their counterparts of complex numbers.

Example Consider the complex series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kz}{k^2}$$

(i) When z is real, we have

$$\left| \frac{\sin kz}{k^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k^2} \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1/k^2$ is convergent, then

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sin(kz/k^2)$ is absolutely convergent

for all z by the comparison test

(ii) Let $z = x + iy$ (non-real) $y \neq 0$.

$$\left| \frac{\sin kz}{k^2} \right| \approx \frac{e^{-ky} e^{ikx} - e^{ky} e^{-ikx}}{2k^2 i}$$

$$e^{ikz} = e^{ik(x+iy)} = e^{ikx} e^{-ky}$$

$$e^{-ikz} = e^{-ikx} e^{ky}$$

$$2i \sin kz = e^{ikz} - e^{-ikz}$$

$$\sin kz = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{-ky} e^{ikx} - e^{ky} e^{-ikx})$$

We get that

$$\left| \frac{\sinh kz}{k^2} \right| = \frac{1}{2k^2} \left| e^{-ky} e^{ikx} - e^{ky} e^{-ikx} \right|$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2k^2} \left(e^{k|y|} - e^{-k|y|} \right) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

The condition

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\sinh kz}{k^2} \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ is not satisfied}$$

and the series is divergent

Uniform convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(z)$

Def. This series converges uniformly to $S(z)$ in some region R iff (\Leftrightarrow)

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N(\varepsilon)$, but not dependent on z such that $\forall z \in R$

$$\left| R_n(z) = S(z) - \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(z) \right| < \varepsilon, \quad n > N.$$

Weierstrass M-test

If $|f_k(z)| \leq M_k$, where M_k is independent of $z \in R$ and the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} M_k \text{ converges,}$$

then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k(z)$ is uniformly convergent in R .

Proof follows from the definition and properties of series of real numbers.

Examples

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n\sqrt{n+1}}, \quad |z| \leq 1$$

Note that

$$|f_n(z)| = \frac{|z|^n}{n\sqrt{n+1}} \leq n^{-3/2} \quad \text{if } |z| \leq 1$$

Take $M_n = n^{-3/2}$ and $\sum M_n$ converges

Home task :

Show that the geometric series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$$

converges uniformly to $\frac{1}{1-z}$ on any closed subdisk $|z| \leq r < 1$ of the open unit disk $|z| < 1$.

Power series

Def.
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$$

Then there exists a real number $R \geq 0$, such that the power series converges absolutely for $|z - z_0| < R$ and diverges for $|z - z_0| > R$. R is called the radius of convergence.

$|z - z_0| \leq R$ is called the circle of convergence.

Ratio test

The radius of convergence R is

by

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|, \text{ if the limit exists.}$$

Ratio test (general def)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{f_{n+1}(z)}{f_n(z)} \right| < 1.$$

$$f_n(z) = a_n (z - z_0)^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \frac{|z - z_0|^{n+1}}{|z - z_0|^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| |z - z_0|$$

Then it is clear, that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| |z - z_0| < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |z - z_0| < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$$

Examples. Find the circle of convergence

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} (z - i)^k$$

$z_0 = i$.

$$R = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/k}{1/(k+1)} = 1$$

so the circle of convergence is

$$\boxed{|z - i| \leq 1.}$$

