

Note on Cauchy-Riemann Equations

The integral of the complex function $f(z)$ is computed as a line integral along a curve C in the complex plane

$$\int_C f(z) dz = \int_C (u + iv)(dx + idy) = \int_C (udx - vdy) + i \int_C (vdx + udy) \quad (1)$$

If this integral should be path independent, the expressions $udx - vdy$ and $vdx + udy$ must be total differentials

$$dw_1 = udx - vdy \quad (2)$$

$$dw_2 = vdx + udy$$

Therefrom it follows with help of the chain rule

$$dw_1 = \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial y} dy \quad (3)$$

$$dw_2 = \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial y} dy \quad (4)$$

that

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x} = u, \quad \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial y} = -v \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x} = v, \quad \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial y} = u \quad (6)$$

and differentiating further

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial y \partial x} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (8)$$

we obtain the Cauchy-Riemann equations known also as Cauchy-Riemann conditions

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (10)$$