

Extra problems for Homework 1.

Let $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a complex valued function. Recall that we have defined

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = f_z = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = f_{\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right).$$

Let $g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be another complex valued function and define h to be the composition $h = f \circ g$.

1. Show that $h_z(w)$ and $h_{\bar{z}}(w)$ only depend on $g_z(w)$, $g_{\bar{z}}(w)$, $f_z(g(w))$ and $f_{\bar{z}}(g(w))$.
(Hint: Why does a similar statement hold for the partial derivatives of h with respect to x and y ?)

2. Show that:

(a) $h_z = (f_z \circ g)g_z + (f_{\bar{z}} \circ g)\bar{g}_{\bar{z}}$

(b) $h_{\bar{z}} = (f_z \circ g)g_{\bar{z}} + (f_{\bar{z}} \circ g)\bar{g}_z$

(Hint: Use (1) to reduce the calculation to the special functions $f(z) = az + b\bar{z}$ and $g(z) = cz + d\bar{z}$.)