

# Re: Complex differentiable and multiplication

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On Sat, 2 Oct 2004 11:37:56 +0000 (UTC), anonymous@mathforum.org (Sergei) wrote:

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> *Could someone explain to me the meaning of this statement:*  
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> *(From Mathworld)*  
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> *Re: Complex-differentiable functions:*  
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> *"...Then  $f$  is complex-differentiable if its' Jacobian is*  
> *of the form:*  
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>  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$  (\*)  
>  $\begin{bmatrix} -b & a \end{bmatrix}$   
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> *..."*  
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> *This follows from  $C-R$ , but , below is where I am not clear:*  
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> *That is, the derivative is given by the multiplication of*  
> *a complex number".*

The derivative they're talking about here is a real-linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by that matrix of partial derivatives. Say  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is real-linear. Then it's "given by multiplication by a complex number" if and only if it's equivalent to a complex-linear map from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$  (equivalent using the standard identification of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ). And  $T$  is complex-linear if and only if it commutes with multiplication by  $i$ :  $T(iz) = iT(z)$ .

Now say  $z = x + iy$ ,  $T$  is defined by the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

note that  $i(x,y) = (-y,x)$ , and verify that  $T$  commutes with multiplication by  $i$  if and only if  $c = -b$  and  $d = a$ .

- > *I understand that there is an isomorphism from  $C$  to*
- >  *$GL(4,R)$  given by  $a+bi \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{bmatrix}$ .*
- >  *$\begin{bmatrix} -b & a \end{bmatrix}$*
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- > *And I know that complex multiplication implies both*
- > *scaling and rotating, but how does the above representation*
- > *of the Jacobian (\*) relate analytic functions with*
- > *multiplication?*
- > *Thanks for any help.*
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