

# Conformal Mapping (6A)

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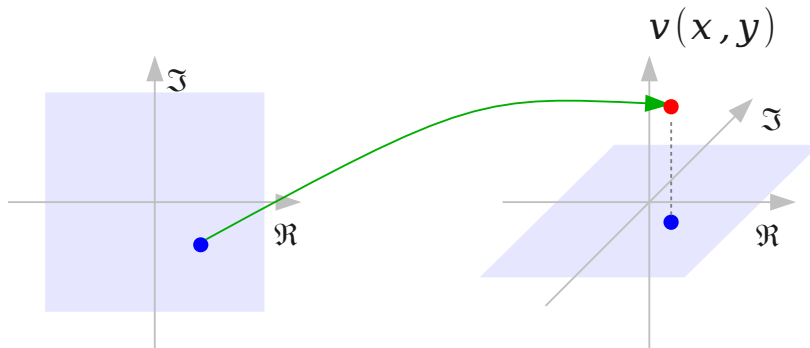
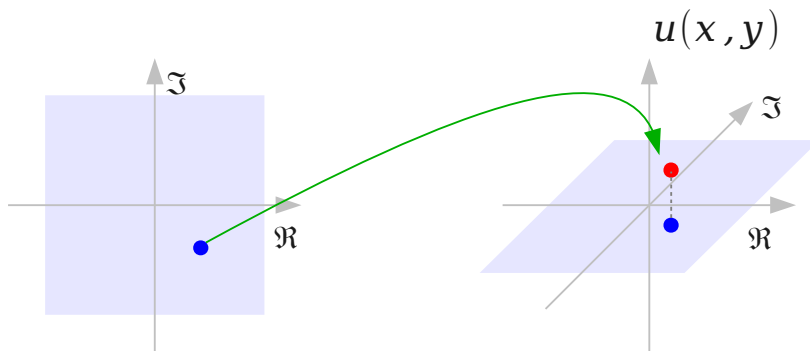
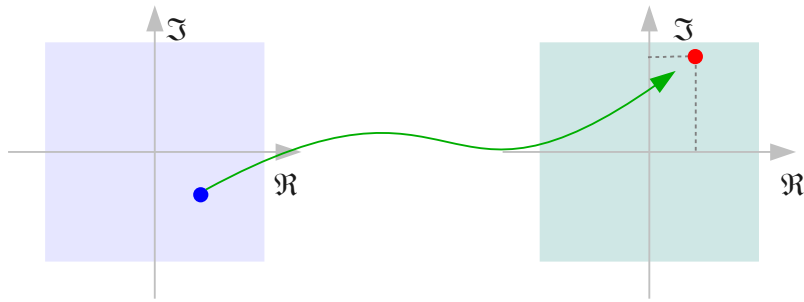
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# Visualizing Functions of a complex variable

$$z = x + iy$$

$$f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$$



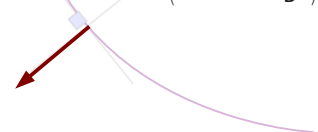
# Isocontour

$$\nabla u = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \quad \nabla v = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla u \cdot \nabla v &= \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

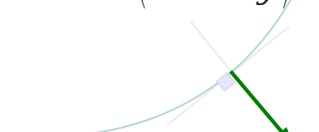
the gradient of  $u(x,y)$  :  
orthogonal to its  
isocontour

$$\nabla u = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$



the gradient of  $v(x,y)$  :  
orthogonal to its  
isocontour

$$\nabla v = \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)$$



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

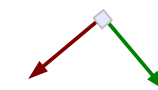


orthogonal  
isocontours

the isocontours of  $u(x,y)$  and  $v(x,y)$  are  
orthogonal to each other whenever they  
cross with each other

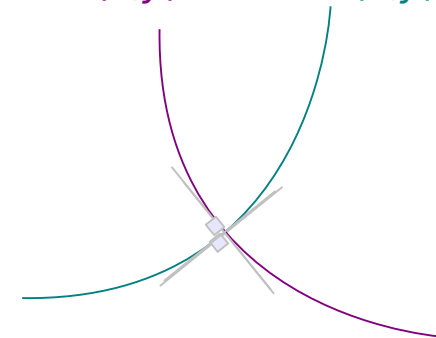
$$\nabla u \cdot \nabla v = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = 0$$

$$\nabla u \cdot \nabla v = 0 \quad \nabla u \perp \nabla v$$



$$\nabla u \perp \nabla v$$

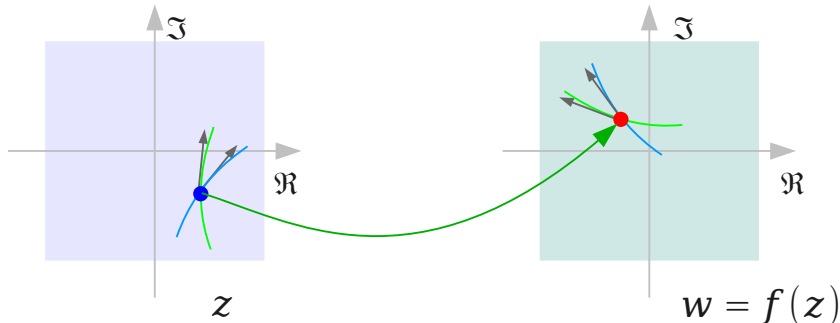
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# Angle Preserving Mappings

$$z = x + iy$$

$$f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(u, y)$$

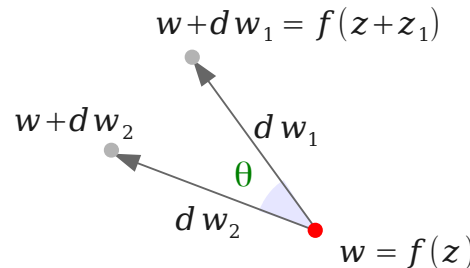
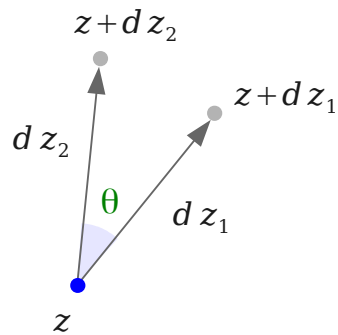


all angles are **preserved** by the mapping  $w = f(z)$  **except** where  $f'(z) = 0$  and  $dw_1 = dw_2 = 0$  at first order.

$$f(z+\Delta z) - f(z) \approx f'(z)\Delta z$$

$dw_1, dw_2$  at first order

$$f(z+\Delta z) - f(z) = f'(z)\Delta z$$



$$f(z+z_1) - f(z) = w+dw_1 - w$$

$$f(z+z_2) - f(z) = w+dw_2 - w$$

$f'(z) = 0$  and  $dw_1 = dw_2 = 0$  at first order.

$$0 \cdot dz_1 = dw_1 = 0$$

$$0 \cdot dz_2 = dw_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \arg\left(\frac{dw_2}{dw_1}\right) \text{ undefined}$$

$$\text{regardless of } \theta = \arg\left(\frac{dz_2}{dz_1}\right)$$

$dw_1, dw_2$  at first order

$$f'(z) dz_1 = dw_1$$

$$f'(z) dz_2 = dw_2$$

$$\arg\left(\frac{dw_2}{dw_1}\right) = \arg\left(\frac{dz_2}{dz_1}\right) = \theta$$

$$dz_1 = |dz_1|e^{j\theta_1}$$

$$dz_2 = |dz_2|e^{j\theta_2}$$

$$\frac{dz_2}{dz_1} = \frac{|dz_2|}{|dz_1|}e^{j(\theta_2-\theta_1)}$$

# Angle Preserving Mappings

$f'(z) = 0$   
 $f''(z) \neq 0$   
 $dw_1$  and  $dw_2$  at second order

at such points,  
angles are **doubled**

$$\frac{f''(z)}{2} dz_1^2 = dw_1$$

$$\frac{f''(z)}{2} dz_2^2 = dw_2$$

$$\frac{dz_2}{dz_1} = \left( \frac{dz_2}{dz_1} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{|z_2|}{|z_1|} \right)^2 e^{j2(\theta_2 - \theta_1)} = 2\theta$$

$$f(z) = z^2$$

$$f'(z) = 2z$$

$$f''(z) = 2$$

$$z = r e^{i\theta}$$

$$z^2 = r^2 e^{i2\theta}$$

$f'(z) = 0$   
 $f''(z) = 0$   
 $f^{(3)}(z) \neq 0$   
 $dw_1$  and  $dw_2$  at third order

at such points,  
angles are **trippled**

$$\frac{f^{(3)}(z)}{3!} dz_1^3 = dw_1$$

$$\frac{f^{(3)}(z)}{3!} dz_2^3 = dw_2$$

$$\frac{dz_2}{dz_1} = \left( \frac{dz_2}{dz_1} \right)^3 = \left( \frac{|z_2|}{|z_1|} \right)^3 e^{j3(\theta_2 - \theta_1)} = 3\theta$$

$$f(z) = z^3$$

$$f'(z) = 3z^2$$

$$f''(z) = 6z$$

$$f^{(3)}(z) = 6$$

$$z = r e^{i\theta}$$

$$z^3 = r^3 e^{i3\theta}$$

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# Critical Points and Conformal Mapping

## A type of a critical point

$f'(z) = 0$  and  
 $dw_1 = dw_2 = 0$  at first order.

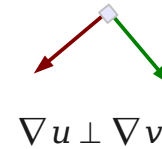
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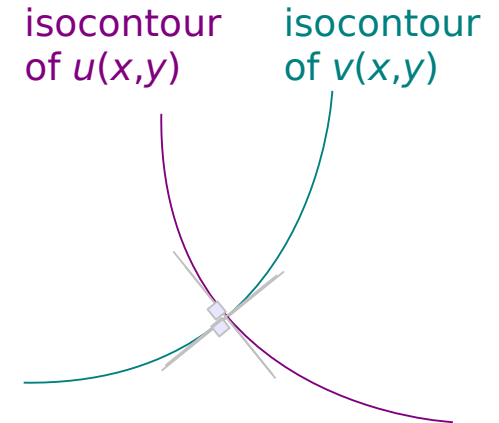
→  $\arg\left(\frac{dw_2}{dw_1}\right)$  undefined

regardless of  $\theta = \arg\left(\frac{dz_2}{dz_1}\right)$

## Except a critical point



all angles are **preserved**  
 by the mapping  $w = f(z)$



## At a critical point,

$$\nabla u = 0, \text{ then } \nabla v = \nabla \perp u = 0$$

the vectors do **not define tangent directions**

the **orthogonality** of the level curves  
**does not necessarily hold at critical points.**

the **critical points** of  $u$

= the **critical points** of  $v$

= the **critical points** of  $f(z)$

= points where its complex derivative vanishes:  **$f'(z) = 0$ .**

$$f'(z) = 0$$

# Conformal Condition

For every point  $z$  where  $f$  is **holomorphic** and  $f'(z) \neq 0$ , the mapping  $z \rightarrow w = f(z)$  is **conformal**, i.e., it preserves angles.

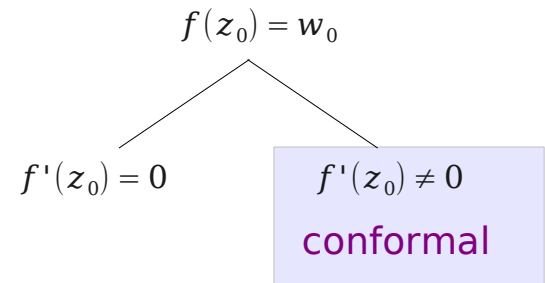
The phrase "**holomorphic** at a point  $z_0$ " means not just **differentiable at  $z_0$** , but **differentiable everywhere within some neighborhood of  $z_0$** .

The existence of a complex derivative in a neighborhood is a very strong condition, for it implies that **any holomorphic function** is actually **infinitely differentiable** and **equal to its own Taylor series**.

tangent vectors  $dz$  to each curve at  $z_0$  are transformed into vectors  $dw$  at  $w_0 = f(z_0)$  which are

- **magnified** by factor  $|f'(z_0)|$
- **rotated** through angle  $\psi_0 = \arg\{f'(z_0)\}$

$\Rightarrow$  angles between curves remain the same (conformal mapping)





# Critical Points

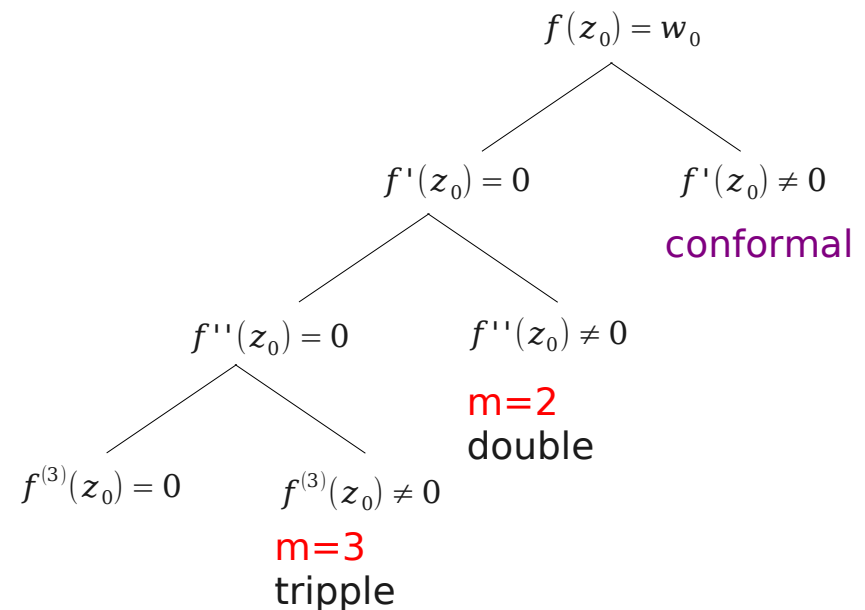
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$dw_1$  &  $dw_2$   
at 1<sup>st</sup> order  $\Rightarrow$

$dw_1$  &  $dw_2$   
at 2<sup>nd</sup> order  $\Rightarrow$

$dw_1$  &  $dw_2$   
at 3<sup>rd</sup> order  $\Rightarrow$



# Conformal Mapping

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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

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# Riemann Surface

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A one-dimensional complex manifold.  
can be thought of as "deformed versions" of  
the complex plane: **locally** near every point  
they look like patches of the complex plane,  
but the **global topology** can be quite different.  
For example, they can look like a sphere or a  
torus or a couple of sheets glued together.

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