

But since

$$\left| \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta z} \right| = \frac{\Delta x}{[(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2]^{1/2}} \leq 1$$

$$\left| \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta z} \right| = \frac{\Delta y}{[(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2]^{1/2}} \leq 1$$

we obtain from (4.9), on taking the limit  $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\frac{df}{dz} = \frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v(x,y)}{\partial x}$$

which shows that  $f(z)$  is differentiable.

To give a more intuitive meaning to the Cauchy-Riemann conditions, suppose that two real functions  $\operatorname{Re} f(z) = u(x,y)$  and  $\operatorname{Im} f(z) = v(x,y)$  can be expanded in a double Taylor series about a point with coordinates  $x_0$  and  $y_0$ :

$$u(x,y) + iv(x,y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (x-x_0)^{n-k} (y-y_0)^k \times \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x^{n-k} \partial y^k} [u(x_0, y_0) + iv(x_0, y_0)] \quad (4.1)$$

According to Eq. 4.5

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y_0} [u(x_0, y_0) + iv(x_0, y_0)] = i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_0} [u(x_0, y_0) + iv(x_0, y_0)]$$

Hence

$$\frac{\partial^k}{\partial y_0^k} [u(x_0, y_0) + iv(x_0, y_0)] = i^k \frac{\partial^k}{\partial x_0^k} [u(x_0, y_0) + iv(x_0, y_0)]$$

Inserting this in Eq. 4.11 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,y) + iv(x,y) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} (x-x_0)^{n-k} (y-y_0)^k i^k \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_0^n} [u(x_0, y_0) + iv(x_0, y_0)] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} [(x+iy) - (x_0+iy_0)]^n \frac{\partial^n}{\partial x_0^n} [u(x_0, y_0) + iv(x_0, y_0)] \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

We see that because of the Cauchy-Riemann conditions, the two real variables  $x$  and  $y$  enter into the function in the unique combination  $x+iy$ . Thus, these conditions have as a consequence that a mathematical expression defining a differentiable function can depend explicitly on  $x+iy$ .