

Exam by email Fri, Feb 04 02 Feb 2022

(or at other times by arrangement — just let me know)

Sorry again about Zoom glitch today — "It's not my

(At least) 2 things that deserve a bit of "fault!"

follow-up attention is (convergence of) Fourier series

chain rule — with  $\partial \bar{\partial}$

I don't want to write much formulaic stuff about F.-series here, but, rather, re-emphasize that the general idea pre-dates Fourier by 100+ years, but it was Fourier who optimistically/aggressively promoted the universality of such expressibility.

Also, his first paper was blocked due to the "scandalousness" — so Dirichlet inaccurately gets credit for some basic theorems, & for the

"Dirichlet" Fourier honor. ☺

About a chain rule for  $\partial (= \frac{\partial}{\partial z})$  and  $\bar{\partial} (= \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}})$ .

Yes, on one hand, we can just revert to  
the literal, real variables versus  
unwind

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right), \text{ etc.}$$

to prove  
that harmonic  
is harmonic,

But, there is some interest/  
utility in seeing how to

Correctly operate the  $\partial, \bar{\partial}$  "machine":

(This is also typeset in "discussion 05")  
terse

To begin, of course "the chain rule" is usefully thought of  
as about causality/change, so, beyond notational  
persiflage (!),

$\alpha$  change in  $f(g(x), h(x))$  due to change in  $x$  is  
change in  $f$  due to first argument  $\times$  change in  $g$  due to change in  $x$

+ change in  $f$  due to second arg  $\times$  change in  $h$  due to change in  $x$   
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→ The correct manifestation of this of the mysterious  $z, \bar{z}$  &  $\partial, \bar{\partial}$  is not immediately clear!

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As in the typeset discussion 05, using  $h_1$  &  $h_2$  for partial derivs w.r.t. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> arguments is better than giving the vastly

arguments supposedly inviolate names, such as  $z, \bar{z}$ . ☺ So, for example, (with general  $f, g$ )

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} (f \circ g) = (\partial f) \circ g \times \partial g$$

(C-valued  
as C)

$$+ (\bar{\partial} f \circ g) \times \bar{\partial} g$$

because the two arguments to  $f$  are  $\partial f$  &  $\bar{\partial} f$ .  
derivatives with respect to

Lesson: the chain rule is well worth thinking about! ☺