

Cultivating Complex Analysis: Basic calculus (2.2.1)

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The key is of course that f is not differentiable (neither real nor complex) at the origin.