

Summary for Complex Variables I

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Chapter 1

Preliminaries

1.1 Complex Plane

Definition 1.1.1: Complex Number

$i := \sqrt{-1}$ is called the *imaginary unit*. $\mathbb{C} := \{x + iy \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is the set of complex numbers where \mathbb{R} is the set of real numbers.

Definition 1.1.2: Algebras of \mathbb{C}

For $z_k := x_k + iy_k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $x_k, y_k \in \mathbb{R}$,

- $z_1 + z_2 := (x_1 + x_2) + i(y_1 + y_2)$
- $z_1 \cdot z_2 := (x_1x_2 - y_1y_2) + i(x_1y_2 + x_2y_1)$.

Theorem 1.1.3

\mathbb{C} is a field.

Proof. Trivial. □

Note

$z = a + ib$, $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $z \neq 0$. Then, $z^{-1} = \frac{1}{a+ib} = \frac{a-ib}{a^2+b^2}$.

1.2 Rectangular Representation

Definition 1.2.1

Let $z = x + iy$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

- (i) $|z| := \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ is called *modulus* of z .
- (ii) $\bar{z} := x - iy$ is called *conjugate* of z .
- (iii) $\Re z = x$ is called the *real part* of z and $\Im z = y$ is called the *imaginary part* of z .
- (iv) For $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$, $|z_1 - z_2|$ is the *distance* between z_1 and z_2 .

Note

- $z + \bar{z} = 2\Re z$
- $z - \bar{z} = 2i\Im z$
- $|z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$
- $||z_1| - |z_2|| \leq |z_1 - z_2|$

1.3 Polar Representation

Given $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $|z|$ is unique. $\arg z = \theta + 2k\pi$ ($k \in \mathbb{Z}$) (Or $\arg z = \theta \pmod{2\pi}$)

Definition 1.3.1

If $z = |z| \cdot (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, θ is called an *argument* of z and is written $\arg z = \theta \pmod{2\pi}$ (as $\theta + 2k\pi$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ is an argument of z as well). If $\arg z = \theta^* \pmod{2\pi}$, and if $-\pi < \theta^* \leq \pi$, then we define $\text{Arg } z = \theta^*$ and it is called the *principal argument* of z .

Theorem 1.3.2

For $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ with $z_1, z_2 \neq 0$, $\arg z_1 z_2 = \arg z_1 + \arg z_2 \pmod{2\pi}$.

Proof. Let $\arg z_1 = \theta_1 \pmod{2\pi}$ and $\arg z_2 = \theta_2 \pmod{2\pi}$. Then, $z_1 = |z_1|(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$ and $z_2 = |z_2|(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$. Now, we have $z_1 \cdot z_2 = |z_1||z_2|(\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2))$. \square

Chapter 2

Elementary Complex Functions

2.1 Exponential Functions

Definition 2.1.1: Exponential Function

For each $z = x + iy$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, we define $e^z := e^x \cdot (\cos y + i \sin y)$.

Theorem 2.1.2

For each $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $e^z = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{j!}$.

Proof. Proved later using complex integral. □

Theorem 2.1.3

For each $z, z' \in \mathbb{C}$,

- (a) $e^{z+z'} = e^z \cdot e^{z'}$,
- (b) $e^{-z} = \frac{1}{e^z}$, and
- (c) $e^{z+2k\pi i} = e^z$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Definition 2.1.4

For each $z \in \mathbb{C}$,

- (1) $\cos z := \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$
- (2) $\sin z := \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}$
- (3) $\cosh z = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2}$
- (4) $\sinh z = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2}$

Theorem 2.1.5

For each $z \in \mathbb{C}$, we have $\cosh z = \cos(iz)$ and $\sinh z = -i \sin(iz)$.

Example 2.1.6

Let us solve $\cos z = 2$. Let $t := e^{iz}$ to obtain $t^2 - 4t + 1 = 0$, which gives $t = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$. Write $z = x + iy$ where $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ to have $e^{ix} e^{-y} = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$. Taking modulus to both sides gives $e^{-y} = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$, i.e., $y = -\ln(2 \pm \sqrt{3})$. Taking argument to both sides gives $x = 2k\pi$

for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus, $z = 2k\pi - i \ln(2 \pm \sqrt{3})$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

2.2 Mapping Properties

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2.3 Logarithmic “Functions”

Definition 2.3.1: Logarithmic Function

For any $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, we define $w = \ln z$ if and only if $e^w = z$.

Note

How to compute $\ln z$? Note that $z = |z| \cdot e^{i(\text{Arg } z + 2k\pi)}$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $w = u + iv$ where $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ so that $e^w = e^u \cdot e^{iv} = |z| \cdot e^{i(\text{Arg } z + 2k\pi)}$. Hence, we have $u = \ln|z|$ and $v = \text{Arg } z + 2k\pi$. In other words, $\ln z = \ln|z| + i \arg z$. (Note that this is not a “function”!)

Definition 2.3.2: Principal Logarithmic Function

For any $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, we define $\text{Ln } z := \ln|z| + i \text{Arg } z$ and it is called the *principal value* of $\ln z$.

Chapter 3

Analytic Functions

Chapter 4

Complex Integration

Chapter 5

Conformal Mapping

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