

CRE - Polar form:

Given $u_x = v_y$, $u_y = -v_x$ for an analytic function, convert these to polar form using

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad \text{i.e., express CRE in terms of partials w.r.t } r, \theta$$

Soln.

$$u_r = u_x x_r + u_y y_r$$

$$= u_x \cos \theta + u_y \sin \theta$$

Now, do the same for u_θ , v_r , v_θ
& use CRE - cartesian form to derive (PS 7 Q 6.)

$$\boxed{r u_r = v_\theta \quad r v_r = -u_\theta}$$

Note that

To compute $u_\theta = u_x x_\theta + u_y y_\theta$, Note we would need \arg to be a continuous function.

So Choose a branch cut and our f must be defined on appropriate domain where \arg is continuous!

\downarrow
 $u + iv$

PS 7 Q 7 @: If $f(z) = u(r, \theta) + i v(r, \theta)$ is holomorphic (analytic) in a domain that does not include the origin. Then using CRE - polar form, you show that $u(r, \theta)$ satisfies the PDE: $u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} = 0$ (Polar form of Laplace's eq.)
($v(r, \theta)$ also satisfies the same equation).

Recall that if $f = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$ is analytic in a domain D , then both u and v are harmonic in D . (i.e.) $\nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$
 $\nabla^2 v = v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0$.

Given an harmonic function u in D , we call v the harmonic conjugate of u if $u + iv$ is analytic in D .

(Guaranteed to exist such v if D is connected and simply-connected).

FACT: The level curves of $u(x,y)$ and $v(x,y)$ are orthogonal at their intersections.

Idea: Differentiate $u(x,y) = C_1$ implicitly w.r.t x :

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

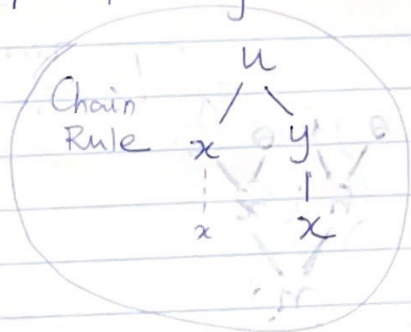
$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_u = - \frac{u_x}{u_y}$$

→ this notation specifies that we mean the slope of the u level curves.

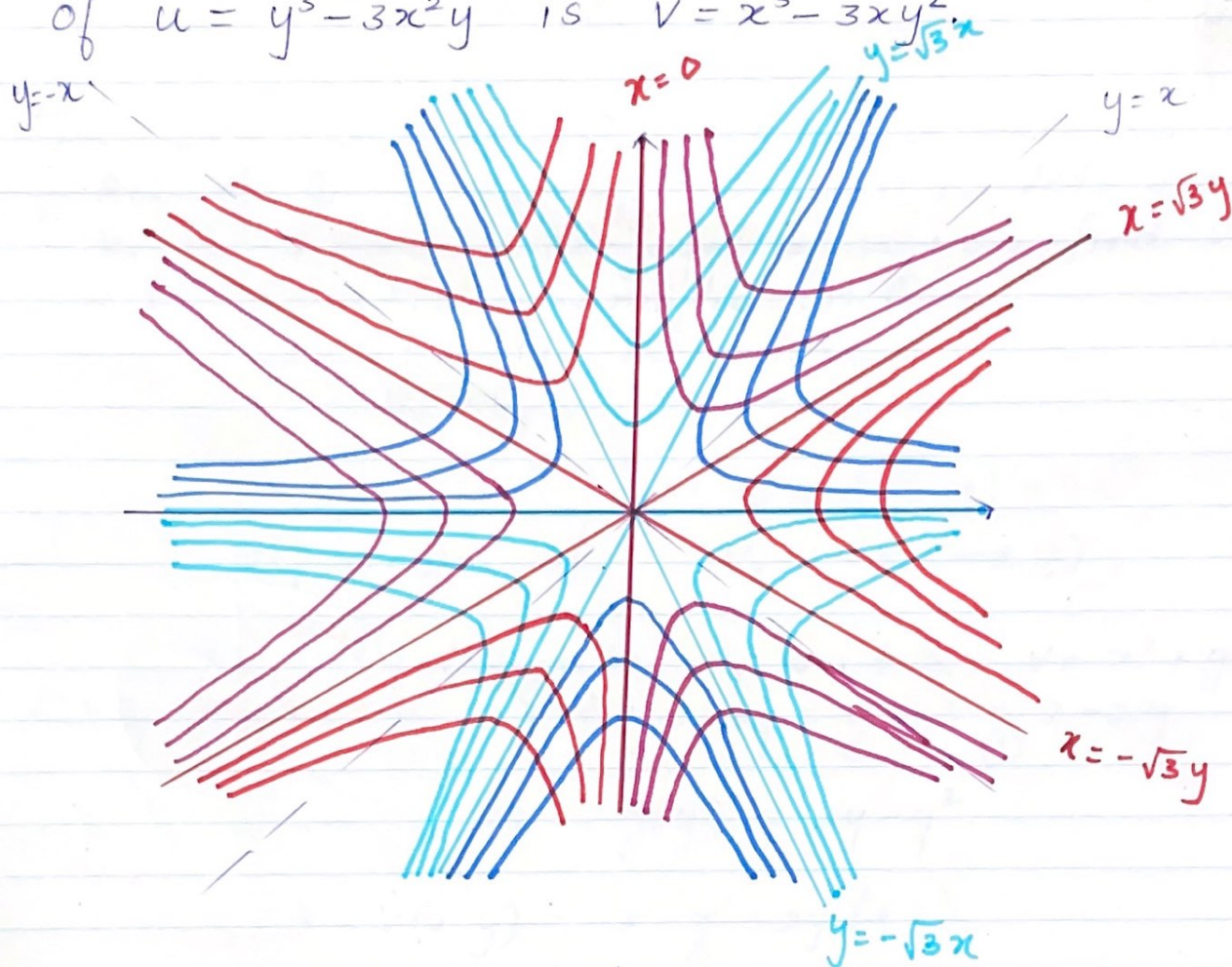
Similarly for $v(x,y) = C_2$, we get

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_v = - \frac{v_x}{v_y} \underset{\text{CRE}}{=} \frac{u_y}{u_x} = - \frac{1}{\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_u}$$

(i.e.) Slopes are negative reciprocals and hence the family of curves for u and v are orthogonal.



Recall the example from the previous lecture where we found that the harmonic conjugate of $u = y^3 - 3x^2y$ is $v = x^3 - 3xy^2$.



- $v = +ve$ constant
- $v = -ve$ constant
- $u = -ve$ constant
- $u = +ve$ constant

One can use the above fact to find orthogonal trajectories to a given family of curves, provided (PS 7 Q 4) they are level curves of a harmonic function. (An application of Complex analysis in hindsight)

Ex. Find a family of curves which intersects the family $2x(1-y) = c$ orthogonally at all points of intersection.

Soln.

Let $u = 2x(1-y)$. Then u is harmonic on all of \mathbb{C} . ($u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 + 0 = 0$). Let's find v , the harmonic conjugate of u i.e., find v s.t. $f = u + iv$ is analytic on \mathbb{C} .
 \Rightarrow CRE holds everywhere

$$u_x = v_y \quad v_x = -u_y$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u_x = 2(1-y) \\ u_y = -2x \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} v_y = 2(1-y) \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ v_x = 2x \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \end{array} \right.$$

Partially integrate v_x w.r.t x : $v = x^2 + g(y)$
 Partially Diff. v w.r.t y : $v_y = g'(y) \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} 2 - 2y$

$$\Rightarrow g(y) = 2y - y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + 2y (+k)$$

\therefore the family of curves orthogonal to $2x(1-y) = c$ is :

$$x^2 - y^2 + 2y = C_1 \quad (\text{or}) \quad x^2 - (y-1)^2 = C_2$$

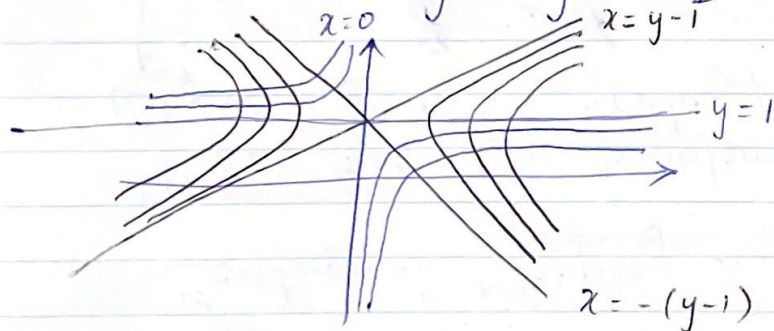


Illustration of
 $u = +ve$ constants
 $v = +ve$ constants

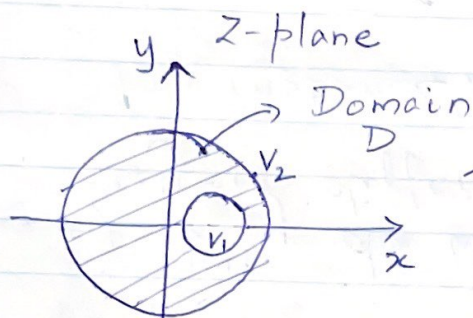
Conformal mapping & Electrostatics Problems

Recall that ES problems satisfy $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$, where ϕ is a scalar potential.

$$\phi_{xx} + \phi_{yy} = 0 \quad (\text{Cartesian form of } \nabla^2 \phi = 0)$$

$$\phi_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} \phi_r + \frac{1}{r^2} \phi_{\theta\theta} = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$$

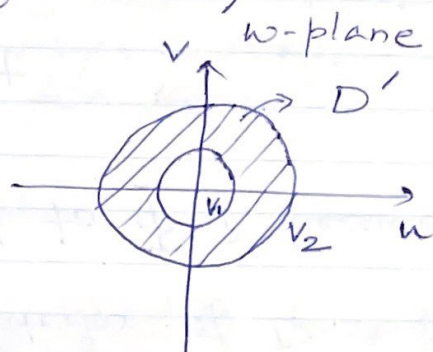
$$(\text{Polar form of } \nabla^2 \phi = 0)$$



no symmetry
hard to solve
 $\nabla^2 \phi$ in D
given the boundary
values of ϕ

Change
of variables
 $u = u(x, y)$
 $v = v(x, y)$

hoping
that
image of
 D is simpler
to work with



nice symmetry
easier to solve
the corresponding
Complex potential

$$\Phi(u, v) = \phi(x(u, v), y(u, v))$$

depends only on the
radius!

Thm: [Preservation of Laplace Equation]

PS 7 Q8: $\phi(u, v)$ is harmonic on D' , where

D' is the image of D in w -plane,
under the mapping $w = f(z) = u + iv$.

The condition

that $|f'(z)| \neq 0$ for all $z \in D$ ensures
that $\begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} u_x & -v_x \\ v_x & u_x \end{vmatrix} = u_x^2 + v_x^2 \neq 0$. So, we can

recover x and y from change the variables as $x(u,v)$ and $y(u,v)$ and find

$$\phi(x,y) = \Phi(u,v) \text{ by returning to } z\text{-plane}$$

[We will want a one-to-one correspondence between points in D and points D'].

Remarks:

1) $f'(z) \neq 0$ in D means at all interior points of D ; $f'(z)$ need not be non-zero on the boundary of D . In other words, we ask that the Laplace equation $\nabla^2 \phi = 0$ be preserved only on the interior of D .

2) Why do we change ϕ to Φ ? Because they are different functions.

For instance, suppose that

$$\Phi(u,v) = u + 2v \text{ and } f(z) = z^2$$

Then $u = x^2 - y^2$, $v = 2xy$ so

$$\Phi(u,v) = u + 2v = x^2 - y^2 + 4xy = \phi(x,y)$$

Evidently, $\Phi(u,v) = u + 2v$ & $\phi(x,y) = x^2 - y^2 + 4xy$ are different functions

$$\Phi(0,1) = 2, \quad \phi(0,1) = -1.$$

Mappings that preserve angle between curves and their orientation are said to be conformal.

Thm. An analytic function f is conformal at every point z_0 at which $f'(z_0) \neq 0$.

Eg. The mapping $w = z^2$ is conformal at every point except $z = 0$.

Important take-away: Conformal maps carry harmonic functions to harmonic functions.

An useful class of conformal maps

(or) Fractional linear transformation (or) bilinear (or) Möbius $w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ for $z \neq -d/c$

with $ad-bc \neq 0$

$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$.

Three classes of elementary Möbius mappings

$w' = \frac{ad-bc}{(cz+d)^2} \neq 0$ in its domain

$T_b: z \mapsto z + b$ (translation)

$M_a: z \mapsto az, a \neq 0$ (Magnification by $|a|$ and CCW rotation by θ where $a = |a|e^{i\theta}$)

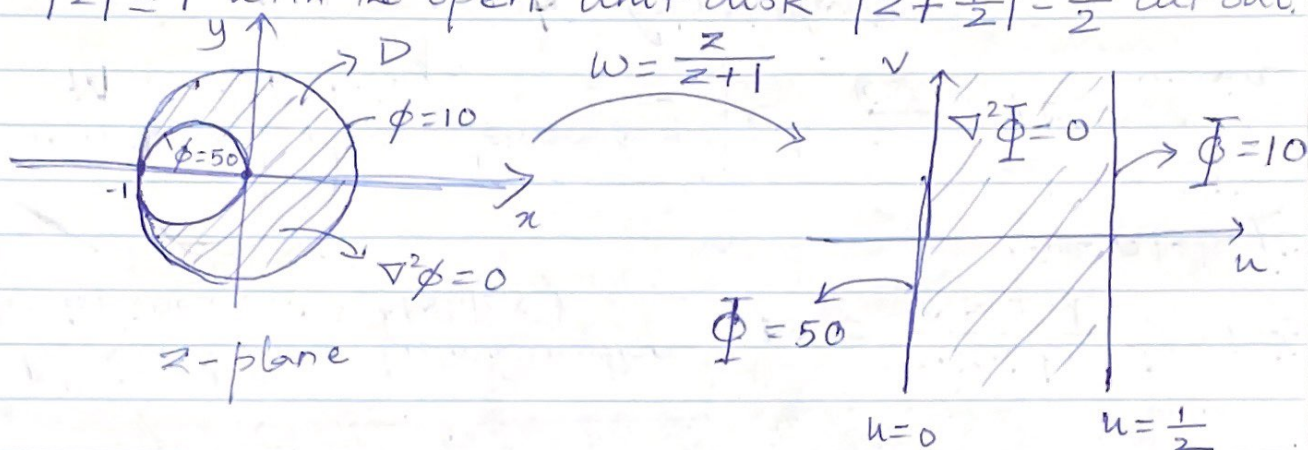
and $I: z \mapsto \frac{1}{z}$ (inversion)

$$w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{bc-ad}{c^2} \frac{1}{z+(d/c)}$$

$$\left[z \xrightarrow{z \mapsto z+(d/c)} z+(d/c) \xrightarrow{I} \frac{1}{z+(d/c)} \xrightarrow{M_{\frac{bc-ad}{c^2}}} \frac{bc-ad}{c^2} \frac{1}{z+(d/c)} \xrightarrow{z \mapsto \frac{a}{c} + \frac{bc-ad}{c^2} \frac{1}{z+(d/c)}} \right]$$

FACT: Möbius maps takes circles (or) straight lines in \mathbb{C} to circles (or) straight lines in w -plane.

An application Consider the following Laplace problem on the domain D which is the disk $|z| \leq 1$ with the open unit disk $|z + \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$ cut out.



$$\Phi_{uu} + \Phi_{vv} = 0$$

$$w = \frac{z}{z+1} \Rightarrow w(z+1) = z \Rightarrow z = \frac{w}{1-w}$$

$$|z| = 1 \text{ maps to } \left| \frac{w}{1-w} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow |w| = |1-w|$$

(Realize that $|z| < 1$ maps to $u < \frac{1}{2}$)

all points in w -plane that are equidistant from $u=0$ and $u=1$

\therefore the line $u = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\left| z + \frac{1}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \xrightarrow{\text{maps to}} \left| \frac{w}{1-w} + \frac{1}{2} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{w+1}{1-w} \right| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |w+1| = |1-w| \Rightarrow \text{the line } u=0$$

Furthermore, $w'(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)^2} \neq 0$ for all $z \neq -1$
(particularly in the interior of D).

So w is conformal (in interior of) D , and carries $\phi(x, y)$ to the harmonic function

$$\bar{\phi}(u, v) \text{ on } D' : \left\{ u+iv : 0 \leq u \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

Solving $\bar{\phi}$ on D' is easy because $\bar{\phi}$ varies with u but not v . So it is solving one-dimensional PDE: $\bar{\phi}_{uu} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\phi}(u, v) = A + Bu$ for some constants A and B .

$$\bar{\phi}(0, v) = 50 \Rightarrow \boxed{A = 50}$$

$$\bar{\phi}\left(\frac{1}{2}, v\right) = 10 \Rightarrow 50 + \frac{B}{2} = 10 \Rightarrow \boxed{B = -80}$$

$$\therefore \bar{\phi}(u, v) = 50 - 80u$$

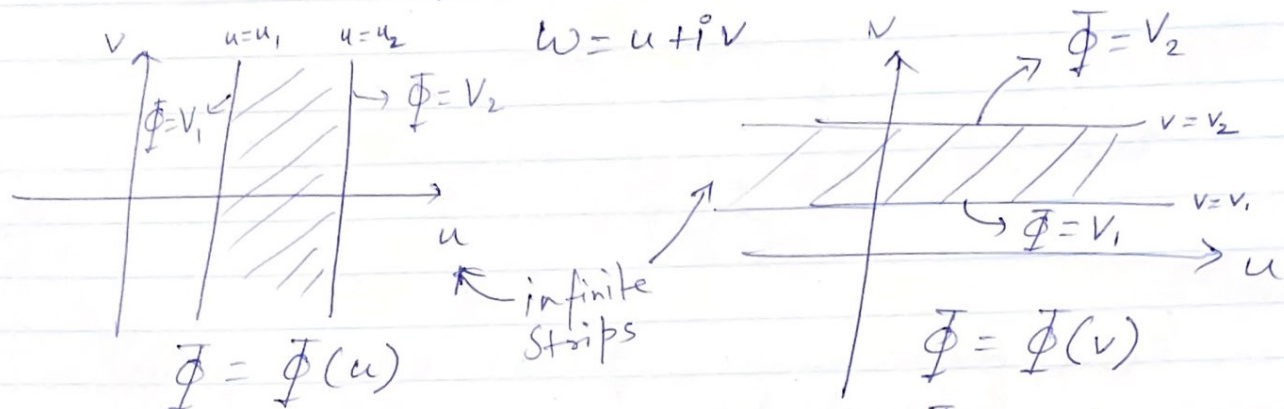
$$w = u + iv = \frac{z}{z+1} = \frac{x+iy}{(x+1)+iy} = \frac{x(x+1)+y^2+i}{(x+1)^2+y^2} \cdot \frac{y}{(x+1)^2+y^2}$$

$$\therefore \phi(x, y) = \bar{\phi}(u(x, y), v(x, y)) = 50 - 80 \frac{x(x+1)+y^2}{(x+1)^2+y^2} = 50 - 80 \frac{|z+\frac{1}{2}|^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{|z+1|^2}$$

Plot the equipotentials for constants between 10 and 50.

Following simplifications of the domains in w -plane are easy to solve $\nabla^2 \bar{\Phi} = 0$

Cartesian Laplace: $\bar{\Phi}_{uu} + \bar{\Phi}_{vv} = 0$

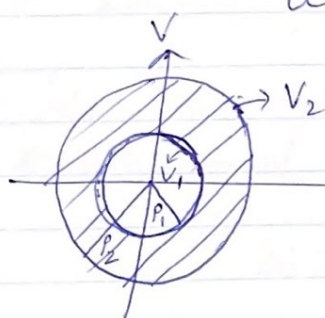


$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi}_{uu} = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{\Phi}(u) = A + Bu$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi}(v) = A + Bv$

Polar Laplace: $\bar{\Phi}_{\rho\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \bar{\Phi}_{\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \bar{\Phi}_{\psi\psi} = 0$

$w = \rho e^{i\psi}$



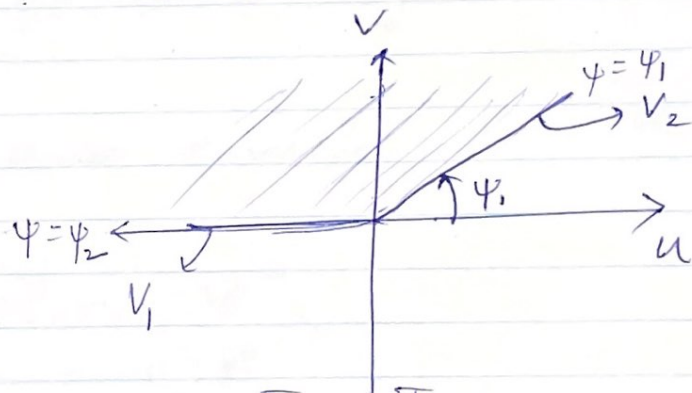
$u = \rho \cos \psi \quad v = \rho \sin \psi$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi} = \bar{\Phi}(\rho)$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi}_{\rho\rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \bar{\Phi}_{\rho} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi} = A + B \ln \rho$

So $\phi(x, y) = A + B \ln |f(z)|$



$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi} = \bar{\Phi}(\psi)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\rho^2} \bar{\Phi}_{\psi\psi} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi} = A + B\psi$

So $\phi(x, y) = A + B \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{v(x, y)}{u(x, y)} \right)$