

## CRE - Polar form:

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

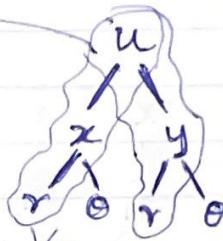
$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \end{aligned} \quad \text{i.e., express CRE in terms of partials w.r.t } r, \theta$$

Soln.

$$\begin{aligned} u_r &= u_x x_r + u_y y_r \\ &= u_x \cos \theta + u_y \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

Now, do the same for  $u_\theta$ ,  $v_r$ ,  $v_\theta$   
+ 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!



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 eq.)

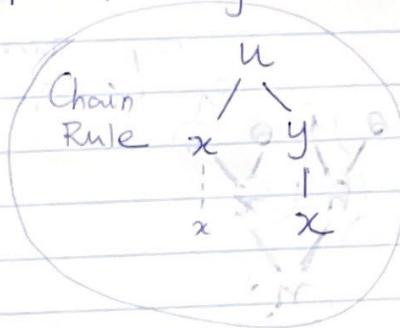
Recall that if  $f = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$  is analytic in a domain  $D$ , then both  $u$  and  $v$  are harmonic in  $D$ . (i.e.)  $\nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$   
 $\nabla^2 v = v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0$ .

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  $x$ :

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



$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_u = - \frac{u_x}{u_y}$$

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

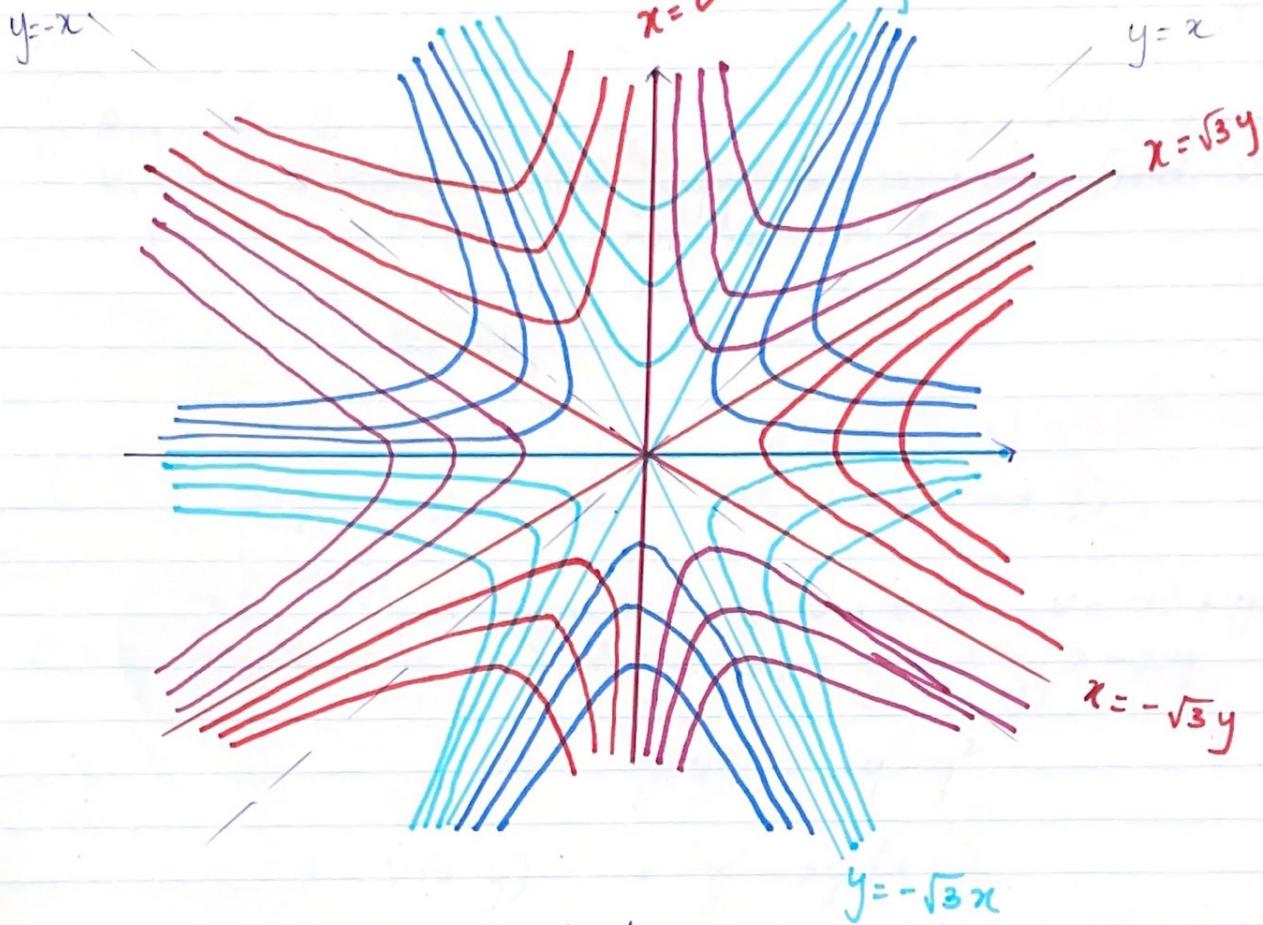
/// by for  $v(x,y) = c_2$ , we get

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_v = - \frac{v_x}{v_y} = - \frac{u_y}{u_x} = - \frac{1}{\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_u}$$

CRE

(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  $v = x^3 - 3xy^2$ .



One can use the above fact to find orthogonal trajectories to a given family of curves, provided (PS 7 Q4) 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  $\alpha x(1-y) = c$  orthogonally at all points of intersection.

Soln.

Let  $u = \alpha x(1-y)$ . 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

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

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= \alpha(1-y) \\ u_y &= -\alpha x \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} v_y &= 2(1-y) \rightarrow ① \\ v_x &= 2x \end{aligned} \right. \rightarrow ②$$

Partially integrate  $v_x$  w.r.t  $x$ :  $v = x^2 + g(y)$   
 Partially Diff.  $v$  w.r.t  $y$ :  $v_y = g'(y) = 2 - 2y$

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

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

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

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

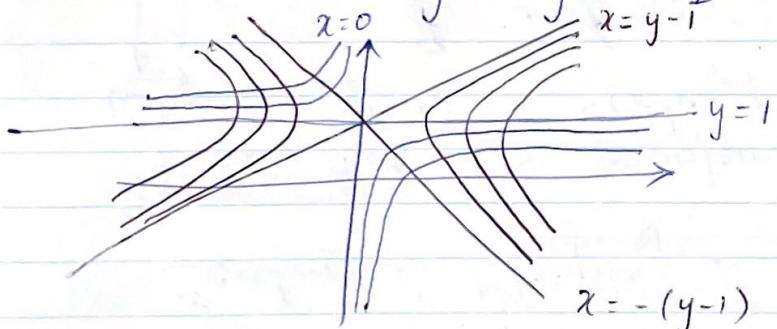


Illustration of  
 $u = +ve$  constants  
 $v = +ve$  constants

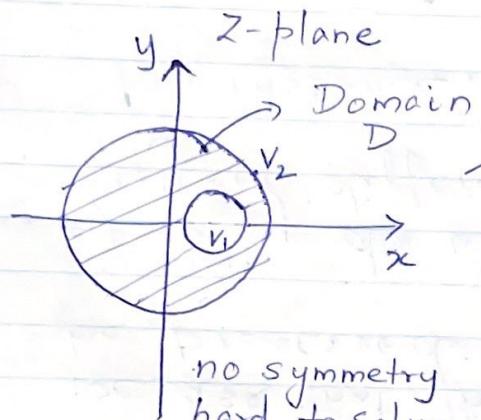
## Conformal mapping & Electrostatics Problems

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

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

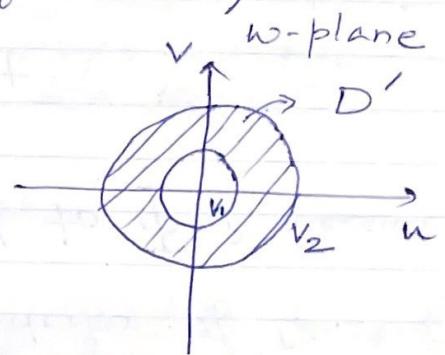
$$\phi_{rr} + \frac{1}{r}\phi_r + \frac{1}{r^2}\phi_{\theta\theta} = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0,0)\}$$

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



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

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

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

depends only on the radius!

Thm: [Preservation of Laplace Equation]

PS 7 Q8:  $\bar{\Phi}(u, v)$  is harmonic on  $D'$ , where

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

The condition

$|f'(z)| \neq 0$  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

$\phi(x,y) = \Phi(u,v)$  by returning to  $z$ -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  $\phi$  to  $\Phi$ ? 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  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ .

Ex. 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

Fractional linear transformation  
(or) bilinear (or) Möbius

$$w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} \text{ for } z \neq -\frac{d}{c}$$

with  $ad-bc \neq 0$

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

Three classes of elementary Möbius mappings

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

$$\tau_b: z \mapsto z + b \quad (\text{translation})$$

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

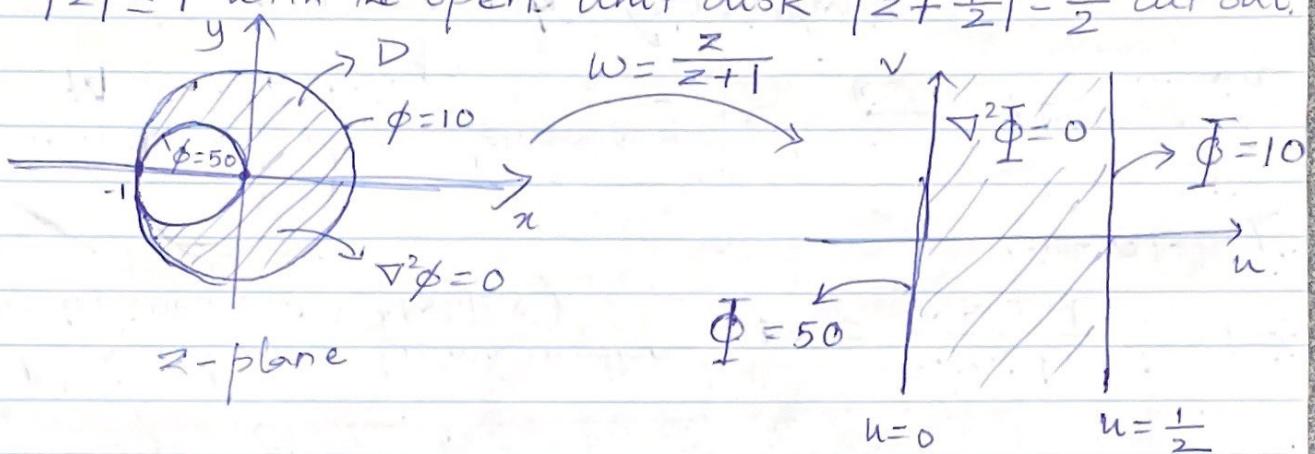
$$\text{and } I: z \mapsto \frac{1}{z} \quad (\text{inversion})$$

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

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

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.



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

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

$$\therefore |z|=1 \text{ maps to } \left| \frac{w}{1-w} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow |w| = \underbrace{|1-w|}_{\text{all points in } w\text{-plane}}$$

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

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 :  $\bar{\phi}_{uu} = 0$

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

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

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

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

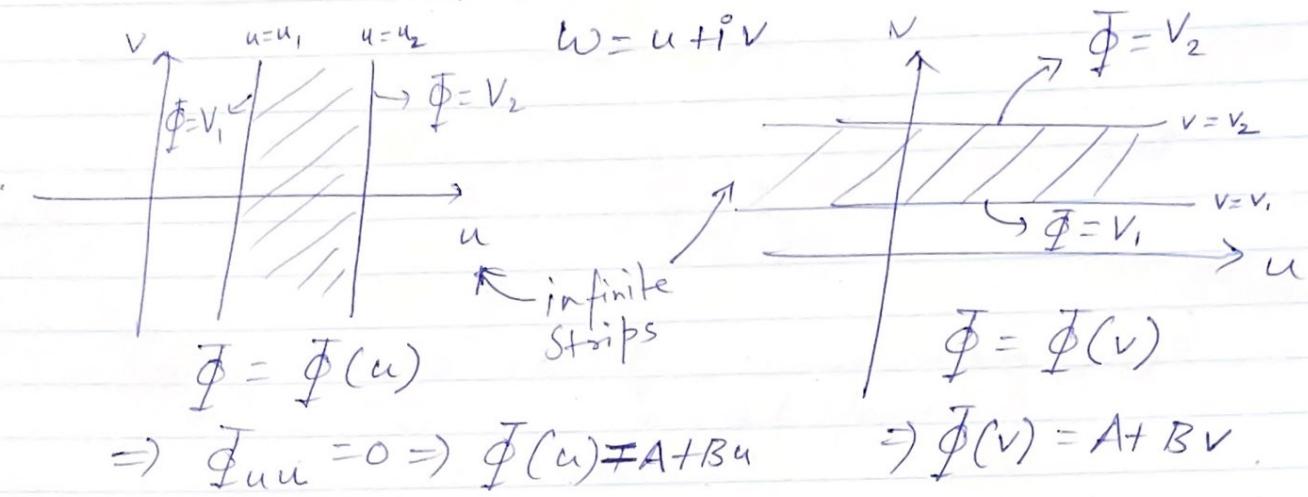
$$w = u + iv = \frac{z}{z+1} = \frac{x+iy}{(x+1)+iy} = \frac{x(x+1)+y^2+i(y)}{(x+1)^2+y^2} = \frac{y}{(x+1)^2+y^2}$$

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

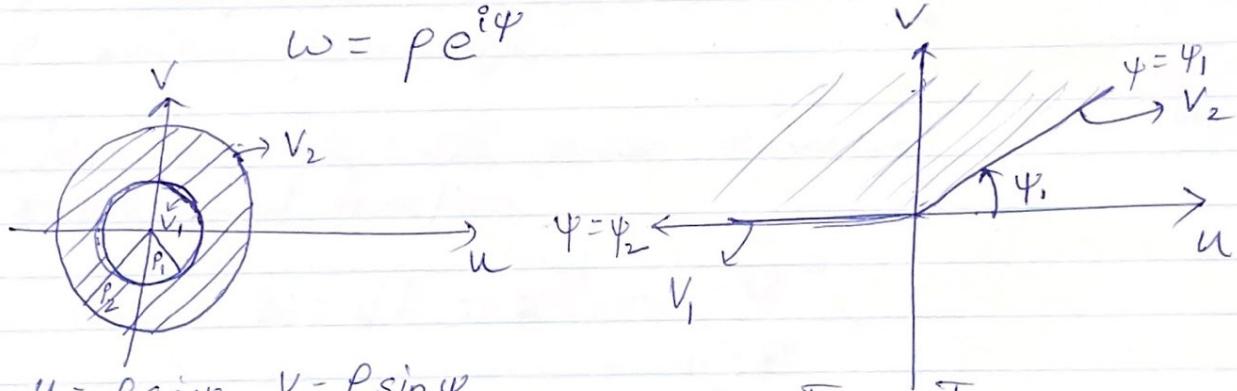
Plot the equipotentials for constants between 10 and 50.

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

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



Polar Laplace:  $\bar{\phi}_{pp} + \frac{1}{p} \bar{\phi}_p + \frac{1}{p^2} \bar{\phi}_{\psi\psi} = 0$



$$\Rightarrow \bar{\phi}_{pp} + \frac{1}{p} \bar{\phi}_p = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\phi} = A + B \ln p$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} \bar{\phi}_{\psi\psi} = 0$$

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

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