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Here  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  is the maximum possible domain for  $f$ .

- Determine  $D$ .
- Which obvious symmetry property does  $f$  have? What can you conclude from this about the graph and the contours of  $f$ ?
- Determine the limits

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(including the possibilities  $\pm\infty$ ), or show that the limit does not exist.

- Show that  $f$  has no critical point (i.e., no point at which  $\nabla f$  vanishes).
- Sketch the 1-contour of  $f$  as accurately as possible. Your drawing should include the points with a horizontal or vertical tangent.
- Determine the slope of the graph  $G_f$  at  $(1, -1)$  in the direction of the origin (NW), and the maximal slope/direction of  $G_f$  at  $(1, -1)$ .

(a)  $\because f(x, y) = \frac{3x}{x^2 + xy + y^2} \quad \therefore x^2 + xy + y^2 = x^2 + xy + \frac{y^2}{4} + \frac{3y^2}{4} = (x + \frac{y}{2})^2 + \frac{3y^2}{4} \geq 0$  only  $x=0, y=0$  equals 0  
 $\therefore D: \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid (x, y) \neq (0, 0)\}$

(b)  $\because f(-x, -y) = -\frac{3x}{x^2 + xy + y^2} = -f(x, y)$

$\therefore$  the symmetry is  $f(-x, -y) = -f(x, y)$ ,  $f$  is symmetric about the origin  
~~-k-contour of  $f$  can be obtained from the contours of  $f$  by reflection at the origin of  $\mathbb{R}^2$~~

(c) (i)  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} f(x, y) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} = \infty$

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(v)  $\lim_{|(x,y)| \rightarrow \infty} |f(x, y)| = \lim_{|(x,y)| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3|x|}{x^2 + xy + y^2} \leq \lim_{|(x,y)| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6|x|}{x^2 + y^2} \leq \lim_{|(x,y)| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} = 0$

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$$f_y(x, y) = -\frac{3x^2 + 6xy}{(x^2 + xy + y^2)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}x \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \{y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \mid y = -\frac{1}{2}x\} \cap \{y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \mid y = \pm x\} = \emptyset$$

$\therefore f$  has no critical point.

$$f(x, y) = 1 \Rightarrow 3x = x^2 + xy + y^2$$

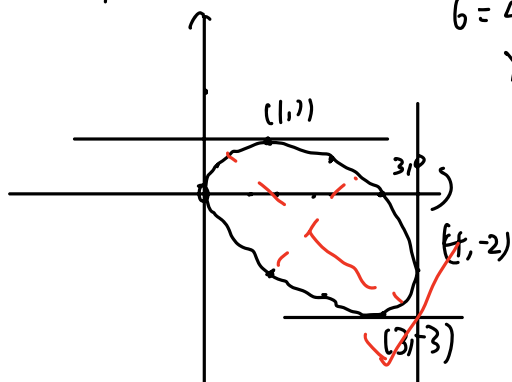
$$6 = 4 + 2y + y^2$$

$$y^2 + 2y + 1 = 3$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{3} - 1$$

$$y = 0$$

$$x(x-3) = 0$$



$$\frac{y}{2} + x - \frac{3}{2} = 0$$

(+) the unit direction vector  $u = \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

$$\therefore f_u(1, -1) = (f_x(1, -1), f_y(1, -1)) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$\therefore$  the slope is  $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$$f_x(1, -1) = 0, \quad f_y(1, -1) = 3$$

$$u = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi)$$

$$f_u(1, -1) = 0 \cdot \cos \varphi + 3 \sin \varphi \leq 3, \quad \varphi = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$\therefore$  maximal slope is 3

direction vector  $(0, 1)$

$$y = -2x + 3$$

y = -1

**Question 2** (ca. 7 marks)

Consider the differentiable map  $G: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$G(x, y) = (2xy - 2x, x^2 - y^2 + 2y).$$

- For  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  compute the Jacobi matrix  $J_G(x, y)$ .
- In which points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is  $G$  conformal?
- Determine the  $G$ -image  $S = G(Q)$  of the unit square  $Q = [0, 1]^2$ , and graph  $Q$  and the region  $S$  on paper (unit length at least 2 cm).  
*Hint:* It suffices to determine the  $G$ -images of the vertices and edges of  $Q$ . The edges are segments of the coordinate lines with equations  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ . You should indicate the correspondence between edges and their  $G$ -images by using the same color (or line style such as “dashed”, “dotted”, etc.).
- Is the figure obtained in c) compatible with the result in b)? Justify your answer!

$$(a) \quad G(x, y) = (2xy - 2x, x^2 - y^2 + 2y)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial G_1(x, y)}{\partial x} = 2y - 2, \quad \frac{\partial G_1(x, y)}{\partial y} = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial G_2(x, y)}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial G_2(x, y)}{\partial y} = -2y + 2$$

$$\therefore J_G(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial G_1(x, y)}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial G_1(x, y)}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial G_2(x, y)}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial G_2(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2y-2 & 2x \\ 2x & 2-2y \end{pmatrix}$$

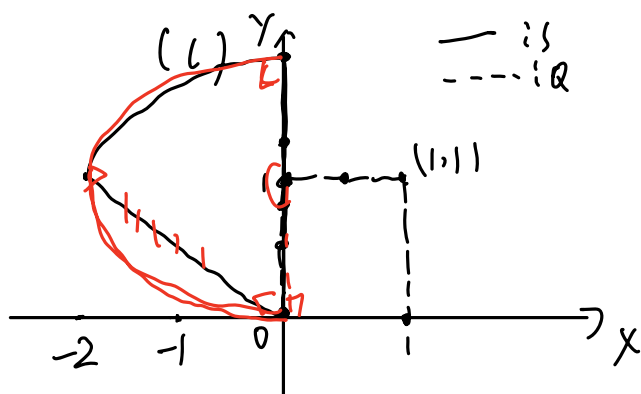
$$(b) \quad J_G(x, y)^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2y-2 & 2x \\ 2x & 2-2y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{when } G \text{ conformal } J_G(x, y)^T J_G(x, y) = I_2 \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 2y-2 & 2x \\ 2x & 2-2y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2y-2 & 2x \\ 2x & 2-2y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (2y-2)^2 + 4x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4x^2 + (2-2y)^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore (2y-2)^2 + 4x^2 = 1 \quad \text{for } (x, y) \neq (0, 1)$$

$\therefore$  for points on circle whose center at  $(0, 1)$ ,  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  are conformal



$$\begin{aligned} G(0,0) &= (0,0) \\ G(0,1) &= (0,1) \\ G(1,0) &= (-2,1) \\ G(1,1) &= (0,2) \\ G(0, \frac{1}{2}) &= (0, \frac{3}{4}) \end{aligned}$$

(d) yes as  $(0, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  should be conformal  
 $G(0, \frac{1}{2}) = (0, \frac{3}{4})$   
 $G(\frac{1}{2}, 1) = (0, \frac{5}{4})$

**Question 3** (ca. 4 marks)

The total resistance  $R$  produced by two conductors with resistances  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  connected in a parallel electrical circuit is given by the formula

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}.$$

- a) Find the linear approximation of  $R = R(R_1, R_2)$  near  $(R_1, R_2)$ .  
b) Suppose  $R_1 = 10 \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 5 \Omega$  with a possible tolerance of  $\pm 0.5 \Omega$ . Using the Mean Value Theorem, state (tight) rigorous upper and lower bounds for the true value of  $R$ .

Note: In b) it is not necessary to determine explicit figures.

$$(u) \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$$

OR

$$\therefore R = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial R}{\partial R_1} = \frac{R_2(R_1 + R_2) - R_1 R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} = \frac{R_2^2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2}, \quad \frac{\partial R}{\partial R_2} = \frac{R_1(R_1 + R_2) - R_1 R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} = \frac{R_1^2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2}$$

$$\therefore J_R(R_1, R_2) = \left( \frac{R_2^2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2}, \frac{R_1^2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \text{linear approximation: } R \approx R(R_1, R_2) + J_R(R_1, R_2) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta R_1 \\ \Delta R_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{R_2^2 \Delta R_1}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} + \frac{R_1^2 \Delta R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2}$$

OR  $\approx$

$$(b) \Delta R = R - R(R_1, R_2)$$

$$= \frac{R_2^2 \Delta R_1}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} + \frac{R_1^2 \Delta R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2}$$

$$\leq \frac{(5.5)^2 \cdot 0.5}{(9.5 + 4.5)^2} + \frac{(10.5)^2 \cdot 0.5}{(9.5 + 4.5)^2} = \frac{281}{784} \approx 0.36$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{60}{15} = \frac{10}{3} \approx 3.33 \quad \therefore R \in [3.33 - 0.36, 3.33 + 0.36] \\ = [2.97, 3.69]$$



