

Selected Exercises

Complex Analysis

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Here are selected problems I solved while self-studying *Complex Analysis* by Stein and Sharkarchi.

1.9. We first deduce the Cauchy-Riemann equations in polar coordinates. Polar coordinates Notice that:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \cos \theta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \sin \theta \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} r \cos \theta - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} r \sin \theta \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \left(-\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} r \sin \theta + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} r \cos \theta \right) \\ &= -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \sin \theta - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \cos \theta \\ &= -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}.\end{aligned}$$

Write $\log z = \log r + i\theta = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)$. By Theorem 2.4, it suffices to show u and v satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations. Clearly, for the given pairs (r, θ) , we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = 1.$$

Thus, we get that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = 0 = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}.$$

Thus, $\log z$ is holomorphic for $r > 0$ and $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi)$.