

Solutions to Long Quiz 2

Problem 1 Determine at which points the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{\bar{z}}$, defined for $z \neq 0$, is complex-differentiable.

Solution: Let us write this function in terms of the real and imaginary parts of $z = x + iy$,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{\bar{z}} \\ &= \frac{1}{x - iy} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{x - iy} \right) \left(\frac{x + iy}{x + iy} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{x + iy}{x^2 + y^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Its real and imaginary parts are thus

$$u(x, y) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad v(x, y) = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2},$$

respectively. The Cauchy-Riemann equations for this function are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} &= \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} &= \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

a system without solutions. It follows that f is nowhere complex-differentiable.

Problem 2 Find a function $v(x, y)$ so that

$$f(x + iy) = (2x^2 + x + 1 - 2y^2) + iv(x, y)$$

satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

Solution: The derivatives of the real part of f are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 4x + 1, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -4y.$$

The Cauchy-Riemann equations for v thus amount to

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= 4y \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 4x + 1.\end{aligned}$$

The function $v(x, y) = 4xy + y$ is a solution, defined on the entire complex plane.

Problem 3 Use properties of the exponential function to derive the following relation:

$$\sin(2z) = 2 \sin(z) \cos(z).$$

Solution: From the definition of the complex sine and cosine functions in terms of complex exponentials,

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(2z) &= \frac{e^{2iz} - e^{-2iz}}{2i} \\ &= \frac{(e^{iz})^2 - (e^{-iz})^2}{2i} \\ &= \frac{(e^{iz} + e^{-iz})(e^{iz} - e^{-iz})}{2i} \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} \right) \left(\frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} \right) \\ &= 2 \sin(z) \cos(z).\end{aligned}$$