

Complex Variables & Linear Algebra (BMAT201L)

# **Module 1**

## **Analytic Functions**

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## 1 Differentiability and Analyticity

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a path-connected open set and  $z_0 \in S$ . A mapping  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is said to be *differentiable* at  $z_0$ , if  $f'(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$ , provided this limit exists, and  $f'(z_0)$  is called the *derivative* of  $f$  at  $z_0$ .

### Limit Test for Nonexistence of the derivative

If  $L = \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$  is different along different paths of approach as  $z \rightarrow z_0$ , then the derivative  $f'(z_0)$  of  $f$  does not exist at  $z_0$ .

**Example 1.1.** Consider  $f(z) = f(x + iy) = x$  for all  $z \in S$ . Let

$$L = \frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z - 0} = \frac{x}{x + iy}.$$

Along the real axis,  $y = 0$  and  $x \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $L = x/x = 1$ , while along the imaginary axis,  $x = 0$  and  $y \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$ . Thus  $L = x/iy = 0$ . That is,  $L$  is different along different paths of approach as  $z \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore,  $f'(0)$  does not exist, and  $f$  is not differentiable at  $z = 0$ .

### Cauchy-Riemann equations

**Theorem 1.1.** Consider  $f(z) = u(z) + iv(z)$  and  $z_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ . If  $f'(z_0)$  exists, then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \text{ at } (x_0, y_0). \quad (1.1)$$

Conditions (1.1) are called the *Cauchy-Riemann* equations.

**Remark 1.1.** If the Cauchy-Riemann equations are not satisfied at a point,  $f$  cannot be differentiable at that point. Thus the conditions (1.1) are *necessary* for a function  $f(z)$  to be differentiable at a point  $z_0$ .

**Example 1.2.** The complex function  $f(z) = x - iy$  is nowhere differentiable.

**Exercise 1.1.** Show that  $f(z) = \operatorname{Re}(z)$  is everywhere differentiable as a real variable function, but nowhere differentiable as a complex variable function.

**Remark 1.2.** Cauchy-Riemann equations (1.1) are not sufficient for the differentiability of  $f$  at a point  $z_0$ . That is, a complex function  $f$  may satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations at a point, without being differentiable at that point.

**Example 1.3.** Consider

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\bar{z}^2}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}^3}{|z|^2} = \left( \frac{x^3 - 3xy^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right) + i \left( \frac{y^3 - 3x^2y}{x^2 + y^2} \right) & \text{if } z \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } z = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(0,0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x,0) - u(0,0)}{x-0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \left( \frac{x^3-0}{x^2+0} \right) = 1.$$

Similarly,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(0,0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(0,0) = 1$ . Thus the Cauchy-Riemann equations hold good at the origin. Write

$$L = \frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z-0} = \frac{z^2}{z^2}.$$

Along the line  $y = mx$ :  $z = (1 + im)x$  and  $L = \frac{(1-im)^2}{(1+im)^2}$ . Thus  $L$  is different for different  $m$ -values, that is  $L$  is different along different linear paths  $y = mx$  of approach as  $z \rightarrow 0$ . Hence,  $f$  is not differentiable at 0.

**Exercise 1.2.** Show that each of the following functions  $f(z)$  satisfies the Cauchy Riemann equations at the origin, but  $f'(0)$  does not exist:

$$(a) f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy^2(x+iy)}{x^2+y^4}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(b) f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2y^5(x+iy)}{x^4+y^{10}}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(c) f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3y(y-ix)}{x^6+y^2}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(d) f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3-y^3}{x^2+y^2} + i \left( \frac{x^3+y^3}{x^2+y^2} \right), & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(e) f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(f) f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3y^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.2.** Consider  $f(z) = u(z) + iv(z)$  and  $z_0 = (x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{C}$ . Suppose that

- (a) the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  are continuous at  $(x_0, y_0)$ , and
- (b) satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ .

Then  $f$  will be differentiable at  $z_0$ , and its derivative is given by

$$f'(z_0) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0). \quad (1.2)$$

### Cauchy-Riemann Equations in Polar Form

If  $f(z) = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)$  is differentiable at  $z = re^{i\theta} \neq 0$ , then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}, \text{ and} \quad (1.3)$$

$$f'(z) = (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{\cos \theta - i \sin \theta}{r} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) \quad (1.4)$$

**Example 1.4.** Using the polar Cauchy-Riemann equations, let us find the derivative of  $f(z) = z^n$ , where  $n \geq 2$  at  $z \neq 0$ .

**Solution.** Let  $z = re^{i\theta} \neq 0$ . Then  $r \neq 0$ , and

$$f(z) = z^n = \left( re^{i\theta} \right)^n = r^n e^{in\theta} = r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta) = u + iv$$

so that  $u = r^n \cos n\theta$  and  $v = r^n \sin n\theta$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} &= nr^{n-1} \cos n\theta, \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -nr^n \sin n\theta \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} &= nr^{n-1} \sin n\theta, \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} = nr^n \cos n\theta. \end{aligned}$$

We find that

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= \frac{\cos \theta - i \sin \theta}{r} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) \\ &= \frac{\cos \theta - i \sin \theta}{r} (nr^n \cos n\theta + inr^n \sin n\theta) \\ &= nr^{n-1} [(\cos n\theta \cos \theta + \sin n\theta \sin \theta) + i(\sin n\theta \cos \theta - \cos n\theta \sin \theta)] \\ &= nr^{n-1} [\cos(n-1)\theta + i \sin(n-1)\theta] \\ &= nr^{n-1} e^{i(n-1)\theta} = nz^{n-1}, z \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

### Analytic Function

A function  $f$  is said to be *analytic* at a point  $z_0 \in S$ , if it is differentiable on some neighborhood of  $z_0$ . A function  $w = f(z)$  is *analytic* on  $S$ , if and only if it is analytic at every point of  $S$ .

**Remark 1.3.** Everywhere differentiable functions are analytic everywhere on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Conversely, everywhere analytic functions are everywhere differentiable. A function which is analytic throughout the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  is called an *entire* function.

**Example 1.5.** The exponential mapping  $e^z$  is entire

**Solution.** We have

$$e^z = e^{x+iy} = e^x \cdot e^{iy} = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y) = u + iv, \quad (1.5)$$

so that  $u = e^x \cos y$  and  $v = e^x \sin y$ . Then  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x \cos y$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -e^x \sin y$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = e^x \sin y$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = e^x \cos y$ . Thus at every point  $z = (x, y)$  the Cauchy-Reimann equations (1.1) hold good. Also, these first order partial derivatives are known to be continuous in the entire complex plane. Thus, by Theorem 1.2,  $f = u + iv$  is analytic throughout the complex plane and hence entire.

**Example 1.6.** The trigonometric sine  $f(z) = \sin z$  is analytic in the entire complex plane

**Solution.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sin z &= \sin(x + iy) = \sin x \cos(iy) + \cos x \sin(iy) \\ &= \sin x \cosh y + i \cos x \sinh y = u + iv \end{aligned}$$

so that  $u = \sin x \cosh y$  and  $v = \cos x \sinh y$ . Then  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \cos x \cosh y$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin x \sinh y$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\sin x \sinh y$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \cos x \cosh y$ . Thus at every point  $z = (x, y)$  the Cauchy-Reimann equations (1.1) hold good. Also, these first order partial derivatives are known to be continuous in the entire complex plane. Thus, by Theorem 1.2,  $f = u + iv$  is analytic throughout the complex plane. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \cos x \cosh y + i[-\sin x \sinh y] \\ &= \cos x \cos(iy) - \sin x \sin(iy) = \cos(x + iy) = \cos z \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.7.** The trigonometric cosine  $f(z) = \cos z$  is an entire function

**Solution.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \cos z &= \cos(x + iy) = \cos x \cos(iy) - \sin x \sin(iy) \\ &= \cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y = u + iv. \end{aligned}$$

Then proceed as in the previous lines.

**Example 1.8.** Identify the real and imaginary parts of  $f(z) = e^{z^2}$ , and show that  $f$  is everywhere differentiable

Let  $z = x + iy$ . Then  $z^2 = (x + iy)^2 = x^2 - y^2 + i.2xy$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} e^{z^2} &= e^{x^2 - y^2 + i.2xy} = e^{x^2 - y^2} \cdot e^{i.2xy} \\ &= e^{x^2 - y^2} (\cos 2xy + i \sin 2xy) = u + iv \end{aligned}$$

so that  $u = e^{x^2-y^2} \cos 2xy$  and  $v = e^{x^2-y^2} \sin 2xy$  are real and imaginary parts of  $f$ . Since  $f$  is a composition of the entire functions  $e^z$  and  $z^2$ , it will also be analytic, and by the chain rule of differentiation, we have

$$f'(z) = \frac{d}{dz} (e^{z^2}) = e^{z^2} (2z) = 2ze^{z^2}$$

**Example 1.9.** Identify the real and imaginary parts of  $f(z) = e^{e^z}$ , and hence show that  $f$  is everywhere differentiable

We see that  $e^{e^z} = e^{e^x \cos y} [\cos(e^x \sin y) + i \sin(e^x \sin y)] = u + iv$ , so that  $u = e^{e^x \cos y} \cos(e^x \sin y)$  and  $v = e^{e^x \cos y} \sin(e^x \sin y)$ , and  $f'(z) = e^z e^{e^z}$

**Example 1.10.** Show that  $f(z) = e^{1/z}$  is analytic at all  $z \neq 0$ , and hence find its derivative

For  $z \neq 0$ ,  $e^{1/z} = e^{x/(x^2+y^2)} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}\right) \right] = u + iv$  so that  $u = e^{x/(x^2+y^2)} \cos\left(\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}\right)$  and  $v = -e^{x/(x^2+y^2)} \sin\left(\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}\right)$

**Example 1.11.** The principal branch

$$F(z) = \log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + i \tan^{-1}(y/x) \quad (1.6)$$

of the complex logarithm  $f(z) = \log z$ , is analytic at all points  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  with

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} > 0 \text{ and } -\pi < \tan^{-1}(y/x) < \pi. \quad (1.7)$$

**Solution.** Let  $z = re^{i\theta}$  with  $r > 0$  and  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ . Then

$$F(z) = \log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + i \tan^{-1}(y/x) = \log r + i\theta = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta),$$

so that real and imaginary parts of  $F$  are  $u(r, \theta) = \log r$  and  $v(r, \theta) = \theta$  respectively. We find that

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

Thus  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy the Cauchy-Reimann equations (1.3). Since  $u$ ,  $v$  and their first partial derivatives are continuous at all points  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  in the domain (1.7), it follows that  $F$  is analytic in this domain. Also, the derivative of  $F$  is given by

$$f'(z) = (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta) \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \right) = e^{-i\theta} \left( \frac{1}{r} + i \cdot 0 \right) = 1/re^{i\theta} = 1/z$$

**Exercise 1.3.** Identify the real and imaginary parts of  $f(z) = (z^2 - 2)e^{-z}$ , and show that  $f$  is entire. Then find  $f'(z)$ .

**Exercise 1.4.** Explain why  $f(z) = 2z^2 - 3 - ze^z + e^{-z}$  and  $g(z) = 3z^2 + 5z - 6i$  are

entire

**Exercise 1.5.** Explain why  $f(z) = x + \sin x \cosh y + i(y + \cos x \sinh y)$  is analytic at every point of the complex plane

**Exercise 1.6.** Show that each of the following functions  $f(z)$  is entire, and find the derivative at each point  $z$  of the complex plane:

(a)  $z^3 = x^3 - 3xy^2 + i(3x^2y - y^3)$

(b)  $4x^2 + 5x - 4y^2 + 9 + i(8xy + 5y - 1)$

**Exercise 1.7.** Find the choice of the constants (*mentioned in brackets*) such that each of the following functions is entire:

(a)  $f(z) = x + ay + i(bx + cy)$ ,  $(a, b, c)$

(b)  $f(z) = (ax + y) + i(3y - bx)$ ,  $(a, b)$

(c)  $f(z) = e^x[\cos ay + i \sin(y + b)] + c$ ,  $(a, b, c)$

(d)  $f(z) = x^2 + axy + by^2 + i(cx^2 + dxy + y^2)$ ,  $(a, b, c, d)$

(e)  $f(z) = (3x - y + 5) + i(ax + b - 3)$ ,  $(a, b)$

**Exercise 1.8.** Show that each of the following functions  $f(z)$  is analytic in an appropriate domain, and find its derivative in the domain:

(a)  $\frac{x-1}{(x-1)^2+y^2} - i\frac{y}{(x-1)^2+y^2}$

(b)  $\frac{x^3+xy^2+x}{x^2+y^2} + i\frac{x^2y+y^3-y}{x^2+y^2}$

**Remark 1.4.** Analyticity at a point implies the differentiability at a point, but the converse is not true. In fact, there are functions which are differentiable at a point but are nowhere analytic

**Example 1.12.** Consider  $f(z) = |z|^2 = x^2 + y^2$  for all  $z = (x, y) \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $u_x \equiv \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x$ ,  $u_y \equiv \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2y$ ,  $v_x \equiv \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$ ,  $v_y \equiv \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$ , which are continuous functions and  $u_x = v_y$ ,  $v_x = -u_y$  only if  $x = 0 = y$ . That is, the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied at  $z = (0, 0)$  only. Thus, by Theorem 1.2,  $f$  is differentiable only at  $z = 0$ . Since the Cauchy-Riemann equations are not satisfied at  $z \neq (0, 0)$ , there exists no neighborhood of  $(0, 0)$ , in which  $f$  is differentiable, except at  $(0, 0)$ . That is,  $f$  is not analytic at 0.

Since the Cauchy-Riemann equations are not satisfied at the points  $z \neq 0$ ,  $f$  is not differentiable and hence not analytic at  $z = 0$ . Thus  $f$  is nowhere analytic.

**Example 1.13.** If  $f(z) = x^2y^2$  for all  $z = (x, y) \in \mathbb{C}$ , we see that

$$u_x \equiv \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2xy^2, u_y \equiv \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2x^2y, v_x \equiv \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0, v_y \equiv \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0,$$

which are continuous functions and

$$u_x = v_y, v_x = -u_y \quad \text{only if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0.$$

That is, the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied at all points on the coordinate axes. Then by Theorem 1.2,  $f$  will be differentiable on the coordinate axes. But there is no neighborhood of any of the points on the axes, on which  $f$  is differentiable. Hence it is nowhere analytic.

**Exercise 1.9.** Show that  $f(z) = e^{i\bar{z}}$  and  $g(z) = 2x + ixy^2$  are nowhere differentiable and hence nowhere analytic

**Exercise 1.10 (HOT).** Show that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \cos x - i \sinh y \\ g(z) &= (\bar{z} + 1)^3 - 3\bar{z} \end{aligned}$$

are nowhere analytic

**Exercise 1.11.** Show that each of the following functions is differentiable only at the origin but nowhere analytic:

- (a)  $z^2\bar{z} = z\bar{z}^2, z\operatorname{Im}z$
- (b)  $|z|^2 = x^2 + y^2, x^2 - ixy$

**Exercise 1.12.** Show that each of the following functions is nowhere analytic but is differentiable along the indicated curve(s)

- (a)  $f(z) = x^2 + y^2 + i2xy$ , the real axis
- (b)  $f(z) = 3x^2y^2 - i6x^2y^2$ , the coordinate axes
- (c)  $f(z) = x^3 + 3xy^2 - x + i(y^3 + 3x^2 - y)$ , the coordinate axes

**Exercise 1.13 (HOT).** If  $f(z) = \begin{cases} e^{-1/z^4}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0, \end{cases}$  show that the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied at every point of the complex plane but  $f$  is analytic only at all  $z \neq 0$ .

**Exercise 1.14 (HOT).** Prove or disprove the following statements:

- (a) Everywhere differentiable functions are analytic everywhere



- (b) If  $f = u + iv$  satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations at every point of the complex plane, then it will be differentiable at at least one point of the complex plane
- (c) Nowhere analytic function is nowhere differentiable
- (d) If  $f$  is differentiable at a point of the complex plane, then it will be analytic at that point
- (e) If  $f = u + iv$  is analytic, then  $f = v + iu$  is analytic

**Exercise 1.15.** If  $f = u + iv$  is differentiable at a point, compute the Jacobian  $J\left(\begin{smallmatrix} u,v \\ x,y \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  in terms of the derivative  $f'(z)$

**Exercise 1.16 (HOT).** If  $f(z)$  is differentiable at a point  $z_0$ , show that

$$\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}\right) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}}\right) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ at } z_0$$

**Exercise 1.17 (HOT).** Show that  $f(z) = \sin(\bar{z})$  is nowhere differentiable and hence nowhere analytic

## 2 Applications

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $f(z)$  is an analytic with constant modulus (that is,  $|f(z)| = \text{constant}$ ) on a domain  $S$ , then  $f(z)$  will also be constant on  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $f(z)$  is an analytic with  $f'(z) = 0$  on a domain  $S$ , then  $f(z)$  will be constant on  $S$ .

**Harmonic function:** A function  $\psi(x, y)$  which has continuous partial derivatives of second order on a domain  $S$  is said to be *harmonic*, if it satisfies the Laplace's equation  $\nabla^2 \psi \equiv \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = 0$  on  $S$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  be analytic on a domain  $S$ . Then the real and imaginary parts  $u \equiv u(x, y)$  and  $v \equiv v(x, y)$  will be harmonic on  $S$ , that is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0 \text{ on } S.$$

**Remark 2.1.** If  $f = u + iv$  is analytic, we say that the imaginary part  $v$  is a harmonic conjugate of the real part  $u$  of  $f$ . Note that  $v$  is a harmonic conjugate of  $u$  if and only if  $u$  is a harmonic conjugate of  $-v$ . This follows from the observation that  $if = i(u + iv) = -v + iu$  is analytic whenever  $f = u + iv$  is analytic. This property is referred to as the *antisymmetry* of harmonic conjugates.

### Finding a Harmonic Conjugate

Let  $f$  be an analytic function with the real part  $u$ . Then  $u$  is harmonic. The imaginary part  $v$  of  $f$  is the conjugate harmonic of  $u$ , and is determined by integrating the total derivative

$$dv = \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right) dx + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) dy = -\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) dx + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) dy.$$

Thus the short-cut formula is

$$v \equiv v(x, y) = - \int_{y-\text{constant}} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) dx + \int_{x-\text{free}} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) dy + \text{constant} \quad (2.1)$$

**Exercise 2.1.** Given a harmonic function  $u \equiv u(x, y)$ , determine its harmonic conjugate  $v \equiv v(x, y)$  and the analytic function  $f(z) = u + iv$ :

- (a)  $\cos x \cosh y$
- (b)  $y + e^x \cos y, e^{2xy} \sin(x^2 - y^2), e^{x^2 - y^2} \cos(2xy)$
- (c)  $x^2 - y^2, 4xy^3 - 4x^3y + x$
- (d)  $\frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, x^2 - y^2 + \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$
- (e)  $\frac{\sin 2x}{\cos 2x + \cosh 2y}, e^x(x \cos y - y \sin y)$

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $f$  be an analytic function with the imaginary part  $v$ . Then  $v$  is harmonic. The real part  $u$  of  $f$  is determined by the short-cut formula

$$u \equiv u(x, y) = \int_{y-\text{constant}} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right) dx - \int_{x-\text{free}} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right) dy + \text{constant} \quad (2.2)$$

**Milne-Thomson method:** Given the harmonic function  $u(x, y)$ , to find the corresponding analytic function  $f$  whose real part is  $u$ , first we write

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}.$$

We replace  $x$  by  $z$  and  $y$  by  $0$  in this and then integrate w. r. t.  $z$ .

**Exercise 2.2.** Without finding the real parts, find the analytic functions whose imaginary parts are  $e^x(x \sin y + y \cos y)$  and  $\frac{x-y}{x^2+y^2}$ , respectively.

**Exercise 2.3 (HOT).** Determine the analytic function  $f(z) = u + iv$  where  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy the following relations:

- (a)  $u - v = \frac{\cos x + \sin x - e^{-y}}{2(\cos x - \cosh y)}$
- (b)  $u + v = \frac{x-y}{x^2 + 4xy + y^2}$

**Theorem 2.4 (Analytic Function and Orthogonal Curves).** Suppose that  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is analytic at a point  $P$ . Then the curves  $u(x, y) = a$  and  $v(x, y) = b$  are orthogonal at  $P$ .

**Flow Problems:** Consider the irrotational motion of a frictionless, incompressible fluid moving in planes parallel to the  $xy$ -plane (that is, planar flow). Suppose that  $\mathbf{F}(x, y) = f_1\mathbf{i} + f_2\mathbf{j}$  is the two dimensional velocity field of a fluid particle. Then  $\nabla \times \mathbf{F} = 0$  so that  $\mathbf{F} = \text{grad } \phi$  for some scalar potential  $\phi(x, y)$ . Since the flow is incompressible,  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0$  or  $\nabla \cdot \text{grad } \phi = \nabla^2 \phi = 0$ , that is  $\phi$  is harmonic. The scalar potential  $\phi$  is called a *velocity potential*. It follows that there exists a harmonic conjugate  $\psi(x, y)$  of  $\phi$  such that  $f(z) = \phi(x, y) + i\psi(x, y)$  is analytic, and the harmonic conjugate  $\psi$  is called the *stream function*. Since  $f$  is analytic, the level curves  $\phi(x, y) = c_1$  and  $\psi(x, y) = c_2$  are orthogonal. The level curves corresponding to the velocity potential  $\phi$  are known as *equipotential* curves, while the level curves corresponding to the stream function are called the *stream lines*. Stream lines represent the actual paths along which the fluid particles will move. The flow pattern is fully represented by the analytic function  $f(z) = \phi(x, y) + i\psi(x, y)$ , called the *complex potential*. In electrostatics and gravitational fields, the curves  $\phi = c_1$  and  $\psi = c_2$  are equipotential lines and lines of force. In steady state heat flow problems, the curves  $\phi = c_1$  and  $\psi = c_2$  are isotherms and lines of flow or flux lines

**Exercise 2.4 (HOT).** You should be little clever in giving the conclusions for the following problems:

1. If  $f(z)$  is an entire function, is  $\overline{f(z)}$  analytic at at least one point of the complex plane? If both  $f(z)$  and  $\overline{f(z)}$  are analytic, what can you say about  $f$ ?
2. If  $u$  and  $v$  are harmonic functions, can  $f = u + iv$  be analytic? Justify!
3. If  $f = u + iv$  is analytic where  $u$  is a harmonic conjugate of  $v$ , what can you say about  $f$ ?
4. If  $f = u + iv$  is analytic, prove that  $U = e^u \cos v$  and  $V = e^u \sin v$  are harmonic conjugates of each other.
5. If  $u(x, y)$  is a harmonic function and  $v(x, y)$  is its harmonic conjugate, show that  $\phi(x, y) = u(x, y)v(x, y)$  and  $\psi(x, y) = u^2 - v^2$  are harmonic.