

Problem 1 (8.5.7). Provide all the details in the proof of the formula for the solution of the Dirichlet problem in a strip discussed in Section 1.3. Recall that it suffices to compute the solution at the points $z = iy$ with $0 < y < 1$.

(a) Show that if $re^{i\theta} = G(iy)$, then

$$re^{i\theta} = i \frac{\cos \pi y}{1 + \sin \pi y}$$

This leads to two separate cases: either $0 < y \leq 1/2$ and $\theta = \pi/2$ or $1/2 \leq y < 1$ and $\theta = -\pi/2$. In either case, show that

$$r^2 = \frac{1 - \sin \pi y}{1 + \sin \pi y} \quad \text{and} \quad P_r(\theta - \varphi) = \frac{\sin \pi y}{1 - \cos \pi y \sin \varphi}$$

(b) In the integral $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi P_r(\theta - \varphi) \tilde{f}_0(\varphi) d\varphi$ make the change of variables $t = F(e^{i\varphi})$. Observe that

$$e^{i\varphi} = \frac{i - e^{\pi t}}{i + e^{\pi t}}$$

and then take the imaginary part and differentiate both sides to establish the two identities

$$\sin \varphi = \frac{1}{\cosh \pi t} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \frac{\pi}{\cosh \pi t}$$

Hence deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi P_r(\theta - \varphi) \tilde{f}_0(\varphi) d\varphi &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin \pi y}{1 - \cos \pi y \sin \varphi} \tilde{f}_0(\varphi) d\varphi \\ &= \frac{\sin \pi y}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{f_0(t)}{\cosh \pi t - \cos \pi y} dt \end{aligned}$$

(c) Use a similar argument to prove the formula for the integral $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 P_r(\theta - \varphi) \tilde{f}_1(\varphi) d\varphi$.

Proof.

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Problem 2 (8.5.9). Prove that the function u defined by

$$u(x, y) = \Re\left(\frac{i + z}{i - z}\right), \quad u(0, 1) = 0$$

is harmonic in the unit disc and vanishes on the boundary. Note that u is not bounded in \mathbb{D} .

Proof.

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Problem 3 (8.5.16). Let

$$f(z) = \frac{i - z}{i + z} \quad \text{and} \quad f^{-1}(w) = i \frac{1 - w}{1 + w}$$

(a) Given $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, find real numbers a, b, c, d so that $ad - bc = 1$, and so that for any $z \in \mathbb{H}$

$$\frac{az + b}{cz + d} = f^{-1}(e^{i\theta} f(z))$$

- (b) Given $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, find real numbers a, b, c, d so that $ad - bc = 1$, and so that for any $z \in \mathbb{H}$

$$\frac{az + b}{cz + d} = f^{-1}(\psi_\alpha(f(z)))$$

with ψ_α defined in Section 2.1.

- (c) Prove that if g is an automorphism of the unit disc, then there exist real numbers a, b, c, d such that $ad - bc = 1$ and so that for any $z \in \mathbb{H}$

$$\frac{az + b}{cz + d} = f^{-1} \circ g \circ f(z)$$

[Hint: Use parts (a) and (b)].

Proof.

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Problem 4 (8.5.20). Other examples of elliptic integrals providing conformal maps from the upper half-plane to rectangles are given below.

- (a) The function

$$\int_0^z \frac{d\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta(\zeta - 1)(\zeta - \lambda)}}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$$

maps the upper half-plane conformally to a rectangle, one of whose vertices is the image of the point at infinity.

- (b) In the case $\lambda = -1$, the image of

$$\int_0^z \frac{d\zeta}{\sqrt{\zeta(\zeta^2 - 1)}}$$

is a square whose side lengths are $\frac{\Gamma^2(1/4)}{2\sqrt{2}\pi}$.

Proof.

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Problem 5 (8.5.21). We consider the conformal mappings to triangles.

- (a) Show that

$$\int_0^z z^{-\beta_1} (1 - z)^{-\beta_2} dz$$

with $0 < \beta_1 < 1$, $0 < \beta_2 < 1$, and $1 < \beta_1 + \beta_2 < 2$, maps \mathbb{H} to a triangle whose vertices are the images of 0, 1, and ∞ , and with angles $\alpha_1\pi$, $\alpha_2\pi$, and $\alpha_3\pi$, where $\alpha_j + \beta_j = 1$ and $\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 2$.

- (b) What happens when $\beta_1 + \beta_2 = 1$?

- (c) What happens when $0 < \beta_1 + \beta_2 < 1$?

- (d) In (a), the length of the side of the triangle opposite angle $\alpha_j\pi$ is $\frac{\sin(\alpha_j\pi)}{\pi} \Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2) \Gamma(\alpha_3)$.

Proof.

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Problem 6 (8.6.2). The angle between two non-zero complex numbers z and w (taken in that order) is simply the oriented angle, in $(-\pi, \pi]$, that is formed between the two vectors in \mathbb{R}^2 corresponding to the points z and w . This oriented angle, say α , is uniquely determined by the two quantities

$$\frac{(z, w)}{|z||w|} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(z, -iw)}{|z||w|}$$

which are simply the cosine and sine of α , respectively. Here, the notation (\cdot, \cdot) corresponds to the usual Euclidean inner product in \mathbb{R}^2 , which in terms of complex numbers takes the form $(z, w) = \Re(z\bar{w})$.

In particular, we may now consider two smooth curves $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $\eta : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, that intersect at z_0 , say $\gamma(t_0) = \eta(t_0) = z_0$ for some $t_0 \in (a, b)$. If the quantities $\gamma'(t_0)$ and $\eta'(t_0)$ are non-zero, then they represent the tangents to the curves γ and η at the point z_0 , and we say that the two curves intersect at z_0 at the angle formed by the two vectors $\gamma'(t_0)$ and $\eta'(t_0)$.

A holomorphic function f defined near z_0 is said to **preserve angles** at z_0 if for any two smooth curves γ and η intersecting at z_0 , the angle formed between the curves γ and η at z_0 equals the angle formed between the curves $f \circ \gamma$ and $f \circ \eta$ at $f(z_0)$. In particular we assume that the tangents to the curves $\gamma, \eta, f \circ \gamma$, and $f \circ \eta$ at the point z_0 and $f(z_0)$ are all non-zero.

- (a) Prove that if $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic, and $f'(z_0) \neq 0$, then f preserves angles at z_0 . [Hint: Observe that

$$(f'(z_0)\gamma'(t_0), f'(z_0)\eta'(t_0)) = |f'(z_0)|^2(\gamma'(t_0), \eta'(t_0))$$

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- (b) Conversely, prove the following: suppose $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is complex-valued function, that is real differentiable at $z_0 \in \Omega$, and $J_f(z_0) \neq 0$. If f preserves angles at z_0 , then f is holomorphic at z_0 with $f'(z_0) \neq 0$.

Proof.

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