

Problem 1. Compute the fractional linear transformation determined by the correspondence:

$$(0, 1, \infty) \mapsto (1, 1 + i, 2)$$

$$f(z) = \frac{z(2 - 2i) - 2}{z(1 - i) - 2}$$

Then $f(0) = 1$, $f(1) = \frac{2i}{1+i} = \frac{2i(1-i)}{|1+i|} = i(1-i) = i+1$, and $f(\infty) = 2$.

Problem 2. Show that the differential

$$\frac{-ydx + xdy}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad (x, y) \neq (0, 0)$$

is closed. Show that it is not independent of path on any annulus centered at 0.

First to show that the differential is closed.

Computing $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ we get

$$\frac{\partial \left(\frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \right)}{\partial y} = \frac{2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{-1}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{-x^2 + y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

Computing $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$

$$\frac{\partial \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \right)}{\partial x} = \frac{-2x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{-x^2 + y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

As $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$ we have that the differential is closed.

Now to show that it is not independent of path on any annulus centered at 0.

Let $r > 0$

$$\oint_{|z|=r} \frac{-ydx + xdy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

Using the parametrization $\gamma(t) = (r \cos t, r \sin t)$ for $t \in [0, 2\pi)$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{|z|=r} \frac{-ydx + xdy}{x^2 + y^2} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{-r \sin t \cdot -r \sin t + r \cos t \cdot r \cos t}{r^2 \cos^2 t + r^2 \sin^2 t} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} dt \\ &= 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

Therefore as this is a closed curve it is not independent of path.

Problem 3. Show that a complex valued function $h(z)$ on a simply connected domain is harmonic if and only if $h(z) = f(z) + \overline{g(z)}$, where $f(z), g(z)$ are analytic on D .

Proof. Assume that $h(z)$ is harmonic on a simply connected domain D . Then we have $h(z) = u(z) + iv(z)$ where $u(z), v(z)$ are both harmonic on D as well. Then for $u(z)$ as this is a simply connected domain there exists a harmonic conjugate $\mu(z)$. Likewise for $v(z)$ there exists a harmonic conjugate $\phi(z)$. From this we get the two analytic equations $a(z) = u(z) + i\mu(z)$ and $b(z) = v(z) + i\phi(z)$. Solving for $u(z)$ and $v(z)$ we get $u(z) = \frac{a(z) + \overline{a(z)}}{2}$ and $v(z) = \frac{b(z) + \overline{b(z)}}{2}$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(z) &= u(z) + v(z) \\ &= \frac{a(z) + \overline{a(z)}}{2} + i \frac{b(z) + \overline{b(z)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{a(z) + ib(z)}{2} + \frac{\overline{a(z) - ib(z)}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Letting $f(z) = \frac{a(z) + ib(z)}{2}$ and $\overline{g(z)} = \frac{\overline{a(z) - ib(z)}}{2}$. Both f, g are analytic as a, b are and the sum of two differentiable functions is differentiable with their derivatives still being continuous as well. This completes the forward direction.

For the backwards direction assume that $h(z)$ is a complex valued function on the simply connected domain D and $f(z), g(z)$ are analytic on D . With $h(z) = f(z) + \overline{g(z)}$

Then we have $h = u + iv$ with $u = \text{Re}f + \text{Re}g$ and $v = \text{Im}f - \text{Im}g$. Then as

$$\frac{\partial^2 \text{Re}f + \text{Re}g}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \text{Im}f + \text{Im}g}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \text{Im}f + \text{Im}g}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 \text{Re}f + \text{Re}g}{\partial y^2}$$

Which shows that u is harmonic.

Similarly with v .

$$\frac{\partial^2 \text{Im}f - \text{Im}g}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \text{Re}f - \text{Re}g}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \text{Re}f - \text{Re}g}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 \text{Im}f - \text{Im}g}{\partial y^2}$$

Hence v is harmonic as well which implies that $h = u + iv$ is harmonic. □

Problem 4. If $z_0 \in D$ and D_0 is a disk centered at z_0 with area A and contained in D , then $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{A} \int \int_{D_0} f(z) dx dy$.

Proof. Let D_0 have radius ρ . Then switching to polar coordinates we get.

$$\frac{1}{A} \int_0^\rho \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{i\theta}) d\theta dr$$

As $f(z)$ has the mean value property with respect to circles we get.

$$\frac{1}{A} \int_0^\rho \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{i\theta}) r d\theta dr = \frac{2\pi}{A} f(z_0) \int_0^\rho r dr = \frac{\pi\rho^2}{A} f(z_0) = f(z_0)$$

The last equality was satisfied due to $A = \rho^2\pi$. □

Problem 5. Use the maximum principle to prove the fundamental theorem of algebra, that any polynomial $p(z)$ of degree $n \geq 1$ has a zero, by applying the maximum principle to $1/p(z)$ on a disk of large radius.

Proof. Assume that $p(z)$ is a polynomial of degree greater than 1, and that $p(z)$ does not have any zeros. We have by the maximum principle that $p(z)$ obtains a maximum M_1 on a closed disk $\overline{D}(r, 0) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - 0| \leq r\}$ where $r > 0$. Additionally as $f(z) = \frac{1}{p(z)}$ is defined for all \mathbb{C} (as $p(z)$ has no zeros) we have that it also obtains a maximum M_2 on the closed disk.

However as $r \mapsto \infty$ we get $M_1 \mapsto \infty$. As $f(z) = \frac{1}{p(z)}$ we get $M_2 \mapsto 0$ as $r \mapsto \infty$ by the maximum principle this implies $\frac{1}{p(z)} \leq M_2$. This implies that $f(z)$ is constant which implies that $p(z)$ is constant but from the assumption that $p(z)$ has degree greater than 1 that is a contradiction. □