

Mathematics II (BSM 102)

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- Continuity of Complex Variable Function(CVF)
- Differentiability of CVF
- Analyticity
- Cauchy-Riemann Equations

Continuity/Derivative/Differentiability

A function $f(z)$ is said to be **continuous** at $z = z_0$ if $f(z_0)$ is defined and

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0).$$

Note that by definition of a limit this implies that $f(z)$ is defined in some neighborhood of z_0 .

$f(z)$ is said to be continuous in a domain if it is continuous at each point of this domain.

The **derivative** of a complex function f at a point z_0 is written $f'(z_0)$ and is defined by

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + \Delta z) - f(z_0)}{\Delta z}$$

provided this limit exists. Then f is said to be **differentiable** at z_0 .

If we write $\Delta z = z - z_0$, we have $z = z_0 + \Delta z$ and takes the form

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$$

Analyticity

A function $f(z)$ is said to be **analytic** in a domain D if $f(z)$ is defined and differentiable at all points of D . The function $f(z)$ is said to be analytic at a point $z = z_0$ in D if $f(z)$ is analytic in a neighborhood of z_0 .

Also, by an analytic function we mean a function that is analytic in some domain.

A more modern term for analytic in D is holomorphic in D .

The **Cauchy-Riemann equations** are the most important equations that provide a criterion (a test) for the analyticity of a complex function

$$f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y).$$

with u and v real valued function which have continuous partial 1st order derivatives then

$$u_x = v_y, \quad u_y = -v_x \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

This is known as Cauchy-Riemann Equations.

Theorem on Cauchy-Riemann Equations

Theorem: If two real-valued continuous functions $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ of two real variables x and y have continuous first order partial derivatives that satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations in some domain D , then the complex function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic in D .

Example: Is $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y)$ analytic?

Solution: We have $u = e^x \cos y, v = e^x \sin y$ and by differentiation

$$\begin{aligned}u_x &= e^x \cos y, & v_y &= e^x \cos y \\u_y &= -e^x \sin y, & v_x &= e^x \sin y.\end{aligned}$$

We see that the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied and conclude that $f(z)$ is analytic for all z .

Exercise: Test for analyticity of given function:

(i) $f(z) = z^2$ (ii) $f(z) = z^3$ (iii) $f(z) = \bar{z}$

Harmonic Function:

Laplace's Equation: If $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic in a domain D , then both u and v satisfy Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

(∇^2 read “nabla squared”) and

$$\nabla^2 v = v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0,$$

in D and have continuous second order partial derivatives in D . If any analytic function satisfies the above both conditions (Laplace's equation) then the real and imaginary parts of the analytic function are called harmonic functions.

If two harmonic functions u and v satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations in a domain D , then u and v are harmonic conjugates of each other in D .

Example: Is $f(z) = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y)$ analytic? Is it harmonic?

How to Find a Harmonic Conjugate Function by the Cauchy-Riemann Equations

Verify that $u = x^2 - y^2 - y$ is harmonic in the whole complex plane and find a harmonic conjugate function v of u . Also find the corresponding analytic function.

Solution: $\nabla^2 u = 0$ by direct calculation. Now $u_x = 2x$ and $u_y = -2y - 1$. Hence because of the Cauchy-Riemann equations a conjugate v of u must satisfy

$$v_y = u_x = 2x, \quad v_x = -u_y = 2y + 1.$$

Integrating the first equation with respect to y and differentiating the result with respect to x , we obtain

$$v = 2xy + h(x), \quad v_x = 2y + \frac{dh}{dx}.$$

A comparison with the second equation shows that $\frac{dh}{dx} = 1$. This gives $h(x) = x + c$.

Hence $v = 2xy + x + c$ (c any real constant) is the most general harmonic conjugate of the given u .

The corresponding analytic function is

$$f(z) = u + iv = x^2 - y^2 - y + i(2xy + x + c) = z^2 + iz + ic.$$

Note: Here the solution steps are skipped, look at your class note for details.

Exercise

1. Are the following functions analytic?

(i) $f(z) = e^{-x}(\cos y - i \sin y)$

(ii) $f(z) = \operatorname{Re} z + \operatorname{Im} z$

(iii) $f(z) = e^{2x}(\cos y + i \sin y)$

2. Are the following functions harmonic? If your answer is yes, find a harmonic conjugate and corresponding analytic function

$$f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y).$$

(i) $u = x^3 - 3xy^2$

(ii) $v = xy$

(iii) $u = xy$

(iv) $u = x^2 - y^2$

Euler's Formula:

- The most common exponential function in complex variable which is analytic is e^z or $\exp(z) = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y)$
- A function $f(z)$ that is analytic for all z is called an entire function, Thus $f(z) = e^z$ is entire.
- **Properties:** $e^{z_1+z_2} = e^{z_1}e^{z_2}$, for any $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$ and $z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$
- If $z = iy$ then $e^z = e^{iy} = \cos y + i \sin y$
Hence, the polar form of a complex number
 $z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = re^{i\theta}$
Then, $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ is known as Euler's formula.
 $|e^{i\theta}| = |\cos \theta + i \sin \theta| = \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta} = 1$ Hence, for pure imaginary exponents the exponential function has absolute value 1.
Example: Verify it $|e^z| = e^x$

Prove that: $\cos z = \cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\cos z &= \frac{1}{2} (e^{iz} + e^{-iz}) \\&= \frac{1}{2} (e^{i(x+iy)} + e^{-i(x+iy)}) \\&= \frac{1}{2} e^{-y} (\cos x + i \sin x) + \frac{1}{2} e^y (\cos x - i \sin x) \\&= \frac{1}{2} (e^y + e^{-y}) \cos x - \frac{1}{2} i (e^y - e^{-y}) \sin x.\end{aligned}$$

Since, $\cosh y = \frac{1}{2} (e^y + e^{-y})$,

hence, $\cos z = \cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y$

Thank You