

## Harmonic function

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### Harmonic Functions (real-valued functions)

Def  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  open.  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is harmonic

$$\text{if } \Delta f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Laplacian

Remark  $\nabla = \text{gradient}$   $\nabla f = (\partial f / \partial x, \partial f / \partial y)$

$\text{div} = \text{divergence}$   $\vec{X}$  is a vector field

$$\vec{X}(x, y) = (a(x, y), b(x, y))$$

$$\text{div } \vec{X} = \partial a / \partial x + \partial b / \partial y$$

Suppose  $f(x+iy) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$  is holomorphic.

$u, v$  are twice continuously differentiable

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \stackrel{\text{C-R}}{=} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \stackrel{\text{C-R}}{=} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta u = 0$$

Call  $u, v$  conjugate Harmonic functions

Basic Property:  $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  open.  $f, g: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  harmonic

(1)  $f+g$  is holomorphic.  $(f+g)' = f' + g'$

(2)  $fg$  is holomorphic.  $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$

(3)  $f/g$  is holomorphic on  $\{g \neq 0\}$   $(f/g)' = (f'g - fg')/g^2$

(4)  $h: B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  holomorphic.  $B$  is open  $B \ni f(A)$  then

## Basic Functions' Holomorphic Test

$h \circ f: A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{h} \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic

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$$h(f(z))' = h'(f(z)) \cdot f'(z)$$

### Basic Functions

Prop  $\exp: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic  $(\exp)'(z) = \exp(z)$

Pf  $z = x + iy$ .

$$e^z = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y) = \underbrace{e^x \cos y}_u + i \underbrace{e^x \sin y}_v$$

$$\text{Verify C.R. } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x \cos y = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -e^x \sin y = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

$$f'(x+iy) = \partial u / \partial x + i \partial v / \partial x = e^x \cos y + i e^x \sin y = e^z$$

Cor  $\sin' z = \cos z$   $\cos' z = -\sin z$

$$\sin z = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{iz} - e^{-iz})$$

$$(\sin z)' = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{iz})' - (e^{-iz})' = \frac{1}{2i} (ie^{iz} + ie^{-iz}) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{iz} + e^{-iz}) = \cos z$$

$$(\cos z)' = \frac{1}{2} (e^{iz})' + (e^{-iz})' = \frac{1}{2} (ie^{iz} - ie^{-iz}) = \frac{-1}{2i} (e^{iz} - e^{-iz}) = -\sin z$$

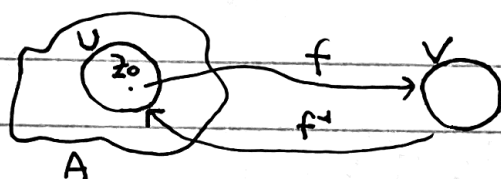
### Inverse Function

Inverse Function Thm  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ .

Then  $\exists$  a neighborhood  $U$  of  $z_0$   $V$  of  $f(z_0)$

s.t  $f: U \rightarrow V$  is a bijection  $f^{-1}: V \rightarrow U$  is holomorphic

$$(f^{-1})'(f(z)) = 1/f'(z) \iff (f^{-1})'(w) = 1/f'(f^{-1}(w)), w \in V$$



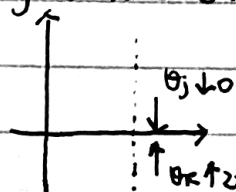
$$f(f^{-1}(w)) = w$$

$$f'(f^{-1}(w))(f^{-1})'(w) = 1$$

Remark  $U, V$  could be small

Take a branch of log. Say  $\log: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow A_0 = \{z: 0 \leq \text{Im } z < 2\pi\}$

log is not continuous on the positive real axis



$$\log(e^x(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)) = x + i\theta \quad (0 \leq \theta < 2\pi)$$

$\Rightarrow$  log is not cont. on  $\{z: \text{Im } z = 0, \text{Re } z \geq 0\}$

Generally,  $\log: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow A_{y_0} = \{z: y_0 \leq \text{Im } z < y_0 + 2\pi\}$

is not cont. on the ray  $\{\arg z = y_0\}$

log with branch  $A_0$

$$\log: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{z: \text{Im } z = 0, \text{Re } z \geq 0\} \rightarrow A_0$$

is holomorphic and is a bijection (the inverse of exp)

$$\log'(w) = \frac{1}{\exp'(\exp^{-1}(w))} = \frac{1}{\exp(\exp^{-1}(w))} = \frac{1}{w}$$

Remark On any choice of branch of log

$$\log'(z) = 1/z$$

## Contour Integrals

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Recall line integrals in  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $u(x,y), v(x,y): A \xrightarrow{\text{open}} \mathbb{R}$

continuous  $\gamma: [a,b] \rightarrow A$   $C^1$  curve

Parameterize  $\gamma$  by  $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t))$

$$\int_{\gamma} u dx + v dy = \int_a^b [u(x(t), y(t))x'(t) + v(x(t), y(t))y'(t)] dt$$

Now  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \quad dz = dx + i dy \quad (z = x + iy)$

Write  $f(x+iy) = u(x,y) + i v(x,y)$

Then formally  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma} (u + i v)(dx + i dy)$

$$= \int_{\gamma} (u dx - v dy) + i \int_{\gamma} (v dx + u dy)$$

Define  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$  in 2 steps

Step 1) Integrals on Interval  $f(t) = u(t) + i v(t) \quad t \in [a,b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

Define  $\int_a^b f(t) dt = \int_a^b u dt + i \int_a^b v dt$

Properties  $\int_a^b f(t) dt + \int_b^c f(t) dt = \int_a^c f(t) dt$

$$\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \quad \int_a^b \lambda f(t) dt = \lambda \int_a^b f(t) dt$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \int_a^b f(t) dt \right) = \int_a^b \operatorname{Re} [f(t)] dt$$

$$\operatorname{Im} \left( \int_a^b f(t) dt \right) = \int_a^b \operatorname{Im} [f(t)] dt$$

(Cont. Properties)

Triangle Inequality  $\left| \int_a^b f(z) dz \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(z)| dz.$

Step 2)  $\gamma$  = piecewise differentiable curve

parameterize  $\gamma(t)$ . Let  $\gamma: z = z(t)$  for  $a \leq t \leq b$   
 $\exists a = a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_n = b$  s.t.  $z(t)$  is differentiable  
 on  $[a_j, a_{j+1}]$ . Then  $z(t)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$

For  $f(z)$  continuous on  $\gamma$ . Define

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{a_j}^{a_{j+1}} f(z(t)) \left( \frac{dz}{dt} \right) dt$$

Prop  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$  is independent of the parametrization.

Pf Assume  $\gamma$  is differentiable. Parameterized by  $z = z(t)$


Suppose  $\tau: [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow z(t(\tau))$  is another parameterization

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(z(t(\tau))) \frac{dz(t(\tau))}{d\tau} d\tau$$

$$= \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(z(t(\tau))) \frac{dz(t)}{dt} \cdot \underbrace{t'(\tau) d\tau}_{dt}$$

$$\begin{matrix} u = t(\tau) \\ du = t'(\tau) d\tau \end{matrix} \quad \int_a^b f(z(u)) \frac{dz}{du} du$$

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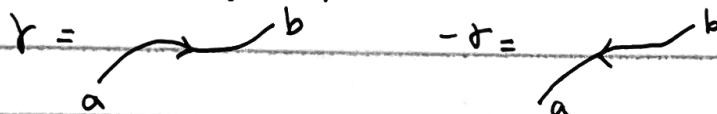
 Parameterization.

## Parameterization

Basic Properties

Let  $\gamma$  be parameterized by  $z = z(t)$ ,  $t \in [a, b]$

Define  $-\gamma$  by a parameterization:  $-\gamma$   $z = z(-t)$ ,  $t \in [-b, -a]$



$$\text{Then } \int_{-\gamma} f(z) dz = - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$$

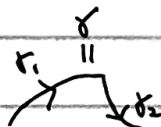
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf } \int_{-\gamma} f(z) dz &= \int_{-b}^{-a} f(z(-t)) \frac{dz(-t)}{dt} dt \quad \text{set } s = -t \\ &= \int_b^a f(z(s)) \frac{dz(s)}{ds} (-ds) = - \int_a^b f(z(s)) \frac{dz}{ds} ds \\ &= - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \end{aligned}$$

Linearity on  $f$

$$\int_{\gamma} (af + bg) dz = a \int_{\gamma} f dz + b \int_{\gamma} g dz$$

Linearity on  $\gamma$

$$\int_{\gamma} f dz = \int_{\gamma_1} f dz + \int_{\gamma_2} f dz$$



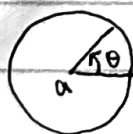
Ex Simple and fundamental  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ .  $\gamma$  = closed circle w/ radius  $R$

centered at  $a$ , counterclockwise

$$z(\theta) = a + Re^{i\theta} \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$$

$\downarrow$  center  $\downarrow$  Radius

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z-a} dz \quad (\text{Parametrize } \gamma)$$



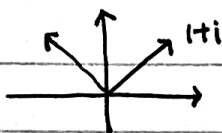
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{z(\theta)-a} z'(\theta) d\theta.$$

$$z'(\theta) = Rie^{i\theta}$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{Re^{i\theta}} Rie^{i\theta} d\theta = 2\pi i$$

Ex  $\int_{\gamma} z^2 dz$   $\gamma =$  line segment from 0 to  $1+i$   
 Parameterize  $\gamma$  by  $z(t) = (1+i)t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$

$$\int_{\gamma} z^2 dz = \int_0^1 (1+i)^2 t^2 \cdot \underbrace{(1+i)}_{z'(t)} dt = (1+i)^3 \int_0^1 t^2 dt = -2(1+i) \frac{1}{3}$$



### Fundamental Thm of Contour Integral

Thm: Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  open  $I = [a, b]$   $\gamma: I \rightarrow A$  piecewise  $C^1$   
 $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous,  $F: B \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  holomorphic  
 $B$  open.  $B \supseteq \gamma(I)$   $F'(z) = f(z)$

Then  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = F(\gamma(b)) - F(\gamma(a))$

In particular, if  $\gamma$  is closed  $\int_{\gamma} f dz = 0$

Pf  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_a^b f(z(t)) z'(t) dt$

$$= \int_a^b F'(z(t)) z'(t) dt = \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} (F(z(t))) dt$$

$$= F(z(b)) - F(z(a))$$

Ex  $z' = (\frac{1}{3} z^3)'$   $\int_{\gamma} z^3 dz = \frac{1}{3} z^3 \Big|_0^{1+i}$

Ex  $\int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} dz$   $(\log z)' = \frac{1}{z}$

$\log$  is not defined in a \_\_\_\_\_ of  $\gamma$