

# MATH2621 — Higher Complex Analysis. XI

## Exponential and related functions

# This lecture?

In this lecture, we define exponential, hyperbolic and trigonometric functions using power series.

# The exponential function

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This is the only possible power series extension of the real exponential into the whole complex plane. Indeed, we saw in the previous lecture that a complex power series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  is determined by its values on any real interval  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ .

# Properties of the exponential series

## Theorem

1.  $\exp(0) = 1$ ;
2.  $\exp(z + w) = \exp(z) \exp(w)$  for all  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ ;
3.  $\exp(-z) = \exp(z)^{-1}$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ;
4.  $\exp(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ;
5.  $\exp'(z) = \exp(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ;
6. if a function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  satisfies  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f'(z) = f(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $f(z) = \exp(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ;
7.  $\exp(x + iy) = e^x(\cos(y) + i \sin(y))$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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Finally, we prove (7). From item (2),  $\exp(z) = \exp(x)\exp(iy)$ ; using results for real power series, we see that

$$\exp(x) = e^x \quad \text{and} \quad \exp(iy) = \cos(y) + i\sin(y).$$



# Periodicity of the exponential mapping

## Corollary

*The exponential exp maps  $\mathbb{C}$  onto  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $\exp(z_1) = \exp(z_2)$  if and only if  $z_1 - z_2 \in 2\pi i\mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Proof.** From the theorem,  $\exp(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . If  $w \neq 0$ , then take  $z = \ln(|w|) + i \operatorname{Arg}(w)$ ; clearly,  $\exp(z) = w$ . Hence exp maps  $\mathbb{C}$  onto  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . If  $\exp(z_1) = \exp(z_2)$ , then  $\exp(z_1 - z_2) = 1$ , and so  $\operatorname{Re}(z_1 - z_2) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(z_1 - z_2) \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ , by trigonometry.  $\square$

The fact that  $\exp(z) = \exp(z + 2\pi ik)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  is called the *periodicity* of exp. Often, we write  $e^z$  rather than  $\exp(z)$ .

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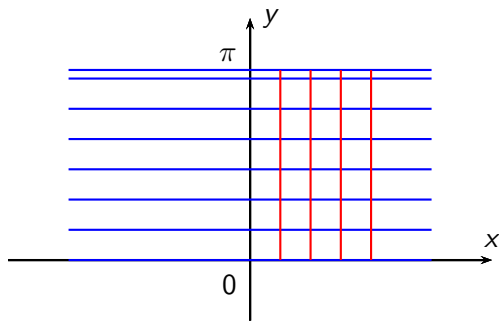
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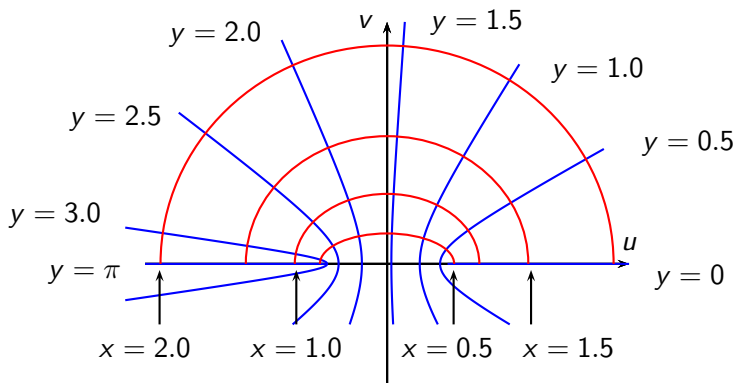
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Thus  $u$  is harmonic.

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The harmonic conjugate  $v$  of  $u$  must satisfy:

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and

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It follows that

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where  $c(y)$  depends only on  $y$ , and then

$$-\sin(x) \sinh(y) + c'(y) = \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y} = -\sin(x) \sinh(y),$$

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where  $z = x + iy$ . Since this is a differentiable function of  $z$ , the function  $v$  that we found must be correct.  $\triangle$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sinh(iy) &= i \sin(y) & \cosh(iy) &= \cos(y) \\ \sin(iy) &= i \sinh(y) & \cos(iy) &= \cosh(y). \end{aligned}$$

It may help to write series as  $a_0 + a_1(z - z_0) + a_2(z - z_0)^2 + \dots$