

**VV286**  
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**Assignment 5**

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## Exercise 5.1

i)

If  $f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + v(x, y)i$  is harmonic, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \Delta f &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(u + vi) + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}(u + vi) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + i \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + i \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \\ &= \Delta u + i(\Delta v) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u, v : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\Delta u, \Delta v \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u, v \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ . So  $\Delta u + i(\Delta v) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta u = 0 \wedge \Delta v = 0$ . So  $u, v$  are harmonic.

ii)

For a function  $v$  which satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann differential equations with  $u$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + i \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + i \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u, v$  are potential functions,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ . So  $f(x + yi) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) \in C^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\Delta f = 0$ , i.e.  $f$  is harmonic.

According to Cauchy-Riemann differential equations, the harmonic conjugate of  $u$  satisfies that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Since  $u(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy^2$ ,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 3x^2 - 3y^2, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -(-6xy) = 6xy$$

so

$$v = \int 6xy dx = 3x^2 y + C(y)$$

where  $C(y)$  is a real function of  $y$  only. So

$$3x^2 - 3y^2 = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 3x^2 + \frac{\partial C(y)}{\partial y}$$

So

$$\frac{\partial C(y)}{\partial y} = -3y^2 \Leftrightarrow C(y) = \int -3y^2 dy = -y^3 + C$$

where  $C \in \mathbb{R}$  is a constant.

To sum up, a harmonic conjugate of  $u$  is

$$v(x, y) = 3x^2 y - y^3$$

## Exercise 5.2

Since  $|a| < r < |b|$ , series  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^i$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{b}\right)^j$  are convergent and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{(z-a)(z-b)} dz &= \oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{bz(1-\frac{a}{z})(\frac{z}{b}-1)} dz \\ &= - \oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{bz} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^i \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{b}\right)^j dz \\ &= - \oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{bz} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^i \left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^j \cdot \left(\frac{z}{b}\right)^{i-j} dz \\ &= - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^i a^j b^{j-i-1} \oint_{\gamma} z^{i-2j-1} dz \end{aligned}$$

Choose parametrization as  $\gamma : [0, 2\pi) \rightarrow (t), \gamma(t) = re^{it}, r > 0$ , then

$$\oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} dz = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ire^{it}}{re^{it}} dt = 2\pi i$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq -1, \oint_{\gamma} z^n dz = \int_0^{2\pi} ire^{i(n+1)t} dt = \frac{1}{n+1} re^{i(n+1)t} \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 0$$

So only for  $i - 2j - 1 = -1$ , i.e.  $i = 2j$ , the integral will not vanish, and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{(z-a)(z-b)} dz &= - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^i a^j b^{j-i-1} \oint_{\gamma} z^{i-2j-1} dz \\ &= -2\pi i \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a^j b^{-j-1} = -\frac{2\pi i}{b} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^j \\ &= -\frac{2\pi i}{b} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{a}{b}} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{a-b} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{(z-a)(z-b)} dz = \frac{2\pi i}{a-b}.$$

## Exercise 5.3

Since  $e^{ix^2}$  is holomorphic in an open set containing the  $\Gamma_R$ , Cauchy's theorem gives

$$\int_0^R e^{ix^2} dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{i(Re^{it})^2} iRe^{it} dt + \int_R^0 e^{i(re^{i\frac{\pi}{4}})^2} r dr = 0$$

and we have

$$\int_0^R e^{i(re^{i\frac{\pi}{4}})^2} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} dr = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^R e^{-r^2} dr \stackrel{t=\sqrt{2}r}{=} \frac{1}{2}(1+i) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\sqrt{2}R}^{\sqrt{2}R} e^{-t^2/2} dt$$

then let  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and we get that

$$\int_0^\infty e^{i(re^{i\frac{\pi}{4}})^2} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} dr = \frac{1}{4}(1+i) \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{i(Re^{it})^2} iRe^{it} dt \right| &\leq R \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left| e^{iR^2(\cos(2t)+isin(2t))} \right| dt = R \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{-R^2 \sin(2t)} dt \\ &\leq R \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{-R^2 \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot 2t} dt = -\frac{\pi R}{4R^2} e^{-R^2 \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot 2t} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = -\frac{\pi R}{4R^2} (e^{-R^2} - 1) \\ &= \frac{(1 - e^{-R^2})\pi}{4R} \leq \frac{\pi}{4R} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\int_0^\infty e^{ix^2} dx = -\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{i(Re^{it})^2} iRe^{it} dt + \int_0^\infty e^{i(re^{i\frac{\pi}{4}})^2} r dr = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}i$$

So  $\int_0^\infty \sin(x^2) dx = \text{Im}(\int_0^\infty e^{ix^2} dx) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}$ ,  $\int_0^\infty \cos(x^2) dx = \text{Re}(\int_0^\infty e^{ix^2} dx) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}$ ,  
i.e.

$$\int_0^\infty \sin(x^2) dx = \int_0^\infty \cos(x^2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}$$

## Exercise 5.4

Since  $\frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz}$  is holomorphic in an open set containing the semi circle, Cauchy's theorem gives

$$\int_{-R}^{-\varepsilon} \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz + \oint_{-C_\varepsilon} \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz + \int_\varepsilon^R \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz + \oint_{C_R} \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz = 0$$

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{C_R} \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz &= \int_0^\pi \frac{e^{iRe^{it}} - 1}{2iRe^{it}} iRe^{it} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi e^{iR\cos t - Rsint} dt - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \left| \int_0^\pi e^{iR\cos t - Rsint} dt \right| &\leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-R\frac{2}{\pi} \cdot t} dt + \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi e^{R\frac{2}{\pi} \cdot (t-\pi)} dt \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{2R} e^{-R\frac{2}{\pi} \cdot t} \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} + \frac{\pi}{2Re^{2R}} e^{R\frac{2}{\pi} \cdot t} \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^\pi \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{2R} (e^{-R} - 1) + \frac{\pi}{2Re^{2R}} (e^{2R} - e^R) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2R} (1 - e^{-R} + 1 - e^{-R}) \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0 \end{aligned}$$

So let  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and we will obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-\varepsilon} \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz + \oint_{-C_\varepsilon} \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz + \int_\varepsilon^\infty \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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Since  $\frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} = \frac{1}{2i} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(j+1)!} (iz)^j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \oint_{-C_\varepsilon} \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\pi}^0 \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} (i\varepsilon e^{it})^j}{2i\varepsilon e^{it}} \cdot i\varepsilon e^{it} dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} |\varepsilon|^j dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} (e^{|\varepsilon|} - 1) dt = \frac{e^{|\varepsilon|} - 1}{2} \pi \xrightarrow{|\varepsilon| \rightarrow 0} 0 \end{aligned}$$

So let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and we will obtain

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{iz} - 1}{2iz} dz = \frac{1}{2i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos z}{z} dz + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin z}{z} dz - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2iz} dz$$

Since  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2iz} dz = 0$ ,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin z}{z} dz = \pi$ . Since  $\frac{\sin z}{z}$  is odd,  $\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\sin z}{z} dz = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin z}{z} dz$ . So

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

## Exercise 5.5

i)

Since  $\left| \frac{R^2}{z} \right| > R$ ,  $\frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - R^2/\bar{z}}$  is holomorphic function on the disc  $D_0$  centered at the origin and of radius  $R$ , so the integral of  $\frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - R^2/\bar{z}}$  around the circle of radius  $R$

$$\oint_{C_R} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - R^2/\bar{z}} dz = 0$$

i.e.

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(Re^{i\varphi})}{Re^{i\varphi} - R^2/\bar{z}} \cdot iRe^{i\varphi} d\varphi = 0$$

According to Cauchy's Integral Formula,  $\forall |z| < R$

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_R} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(Re^{i\varphi})}{Re^{i\varphi} - z} \cdot iRe^{i\varphi} d\varphi - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(Re^{i\varphi})Re^{i\varphi}}{Re^{i\varphi} - R^2/\bar{z}} d\varphi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(Re^{i\varphi}) \left( \frac{Re^{i\varphi}}{Re^{i\varphi} - z} + \frac{\bar{z}}{Re^{-i\varphi} - \bar{z}} \right) d\varphi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(Re^{i\varphi}) \left( \frac{R^2 - |z|^2}{(Re^{i\varphi} - z)(Re^{-i\varphi} - \bar{z})} \right) d\varphi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(Re^{i\varphi}) \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R^2 - \bar{z}Re^{i\varphi} + zRe^{i\varphi} - |z|^2 + R^2 + \bar{z}Re^{i\varphi} - zRe^{i\varphi} - |z|^2}{(Re^{i\varphi} - z)(Re^{-i\varphi} - \bar{z})} \right) d\varphi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(Re^{i\varphi}) \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{Re^{i\varphi} + z}{Re^{i\varphi} - z} + \frac{Re^{-i\varphi} + \bar{z}}{Re^{-i\varphi} - \bar{z}} \right) d\varphi = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(Re^{i\varphi}) Re \left( \frac{Re^{i\varphi} + z}{Re^{i\varphi} - z} \right) d\varphi \end{aligned}$$

To sum up,

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(Re^{i\varphi}) Re\left(\frac{Re^{i\varphi} + z}{Re^{i\varphi} - z}\right) d\varphi$$

ii)

For  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & Re\left(\frac{Re^{i\varphi} + z}{Re^{i\varphi} - z}\right) \\ &= Re\left(\frac{Re^{i\varphi} + re^{i\theta}}{Re^{i\varphi} - re^{i\theta}}\right) \\ &= Re\left(\frac{(R\cos\varphi + r\cos\theta) + i(R\sin\varphi + r\sin\theta)}{(R\cos\varphi - r\cos\theta) + i(R\sin\varphi - r\sin\theta)}\right) \\ &= Re\left(\frac{((R\cos\varphi + r\cos\theta) + i(R\sin\varphi + r\sin\theta))((R\cos\varphi - r\cos\theta) - i(R\sin\varphi - r\sin\theta))}{((R\cos\varphi - r\cos\theta) + i(R\sin\varphi - r\sin\theta))((R\cos\varphi - r\cos\theta) - i(R\sin\varphi - r\sin\theta))}\right) \\ &= \frac{(R\cos\varphi + r\cos\theta)(R\cos\varphi - r\cos\theta) + (R\sin\varphi + r\sin\theta)(R\sin\varphi - r\sin\theta)}{(R\cos\varphi - r\cos\theta)^2 + (R\sin\varphi - r\sin\theta)^2} \\ &= \frac{R^2\cos^2\varphi - r^2\cos^2\theta + R^2\sin^2\varphi - r^2\sin^2\theta}{(R^2 + r^2 - 2Rr(\cos\varphi\cos\theta + \sin\varphi\sin\theta))} \\ &= \frac{R^2 - r^2}{R^2 - 2Rr\cos(\theta - \varphi) + r^2} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$Re\left(\frac{Re^{i\varphi} + z}{Re^{i\varphi} - z}\right) = \frac{R^2 - r^2}{R^2 - 2Rr\cos(\theta - \varphi) + r^2}$$

for  $z = re^{i\theta}$ .

## Exercise 5.6

i)

Set  $f(x+yi) := u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  where  $v(x, y)$  is a harmonic conjugate to the function  $u(x, y)$ . Then  $f$  is holomorphic on the disc centered at the origin and of radius 1. Then for any  $0 \leq r < 1, \theta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} & f(rcos\theta + irsin\theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{i\varphi}) Re\left(\frac{e^{i\varphi} + re^{i\theta}}{e^{i\varphi} - re^{i\theta}}\right) d\varphi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi) \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r\cos(\theta - \varphi) + r^2} d\varphi \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} P_r(\theta - \varphi) u(\cos\varphi, \sin\varphi) d\varphi + \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} P_r(\theta - \varphi) v(\cos\varphi, \sin\varphi) d\varphi \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_r(\theta - \varphi) = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r\cos(\theta - \varphi) + r^2}$ . Since  $u, v$  are real valued functions,

$$u(rcos\theta, rsin\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} P_r(\theta - \varphi) u(\cos\varphi, \sin\varphi) d\varphi$$

ii)

For  $r = 1$ , it's the solution to the *Dirichlet problem*. Also from i) we can know that  $u(r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} P_r(\theta - \varphi) u(\cos\varphi, \sin\varphi) d\varphi = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} P_r(\theta - \varphi) f(\cos\varphi, \sin\varphi) d\varphi$  for  $r < 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta u(x, y) \\
&= \Delta_{r, \theta} u(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi) \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r\cos(\theta-\varphi)+r^2} d\varphi \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi) \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r\cos(\theta-\varphi)+r^2} d\varphi \\
&\quad + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi) \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r\cos(\theta-\varphi)+r^2} d\varphi \\
&= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi) 2r(1-r^2) \frac{4r(1+r^2) - (1+10r^2+r^4)\cos(\theta-\varphi) + 4r^2\cos^3(\theta-\varphi)}{(1-2r\cos(\theta-\varphi)+r^2)^4} d\varphi \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{r} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi) \frac{-4r + 2(1+r^2)\cos(\theta-\varphi)}{(1-2r\cos(\theta-\varphi)+r^2)^2} d\varphi \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\cos\varphi + i\sin\varphi) \\
&\quad \frac{(12r^4 + 8r^2 - 4) + (-4r^5 - 40r^3 - 4r)\cos(\theta-\varphi) + (8r^4 + 32r^2 + 8)\cos^2(\theta-\varphi) - 16r\cos^3(\theta-\varphi)}{(1-2r\cos(\theta-\varphi)+r^2)^4} d\varphi \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

So  $u$  is harmonic and therefore it's a solution to the Dirichlet problem for the unit disc.

## Exercise 5.7

For  $r < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& u(r, \theta) \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} P_r(\theta - \varphi) u(1, \varphi) d\varphi \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r\cos(\theta-\varphi)+r^2} d\varphi + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1-r^2}{1-2r\cos(\theta-\varphi)+r^2} d\varphi \\
&= -\frac{1}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r} \tan \frac{\varphi-\theta}{2}\right) \Big|_{-\pi}^0 + \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r} \tan \frac{\varphi-\theta}{2}\right) \Big|_0^{\pi} \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r} \tan \frac{\theta}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r} \tan \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r} \tan \frac{\theta}{2}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$u(r, \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r} \tan \frac{\theta}{2}\right), & 0 \leq r < 1 \\ -1 & , r = 1 \wedge -\pi \leq \theta < 0 \\ 1 & , r = 1 \wedge 0 \leq \theta < \pi \end{cases}$$

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a = RevolutionPlot3D[  
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  {y, -Pi, Pi}]
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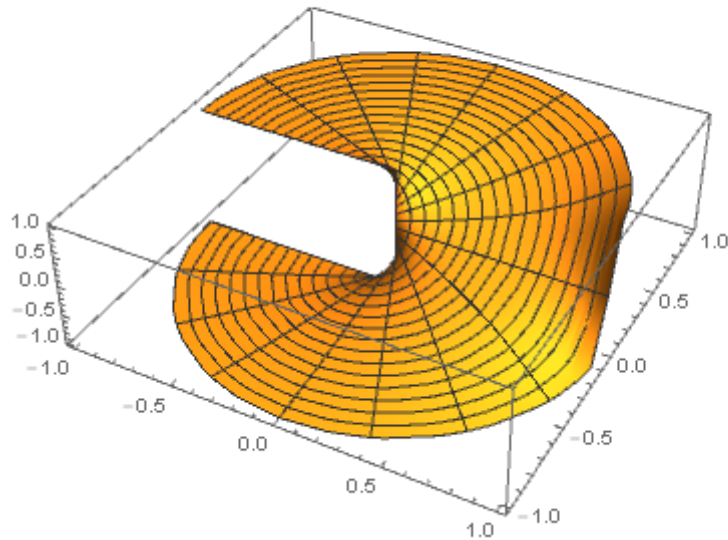


Figure 1: The figure of the solution to the Dirichlet problem

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