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**A Functions of complex variables, Limit, continuity**

1. Show that  $\lim_{x+iy \rightarrow 0} [xy/(x^2 + y^2)]$  does not exist.
2. Show that  $\lim_{x+iy \rightarrow 0} [x^2y/(x^4 + y^2)]$  does not exist even though this function approaches the same limit along every straight line through the origin.
3. If

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) & y \neq 0 \\ 0 & y = 0 \end{cases}$$

show that  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} [\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)]$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)$  exist and are equal, but that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y)]$  does not exist.

4. Show that the various values approached by the difference quotient of  $f(z) = \bar{z}$  as  $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$  along the lines  $y = mx$  all lie on a circle.

**B Complex differentiability, Cauchy-Riemann equations**

5. Check whether the following functions analytic?

(a)  $f(z) = \operatorname{Im}(z^2)$

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

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

(f)  $f(z) = \ln |z| + i \operatorname{Arg} z$

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

(g)  $f(z) = i/z^8$

(d)  $f(z) = \operatorname{Arg} z$

(h)  $f(z) = z^2 + 1/z^2$

6. Prove that the function  $f(x + iy) = \sqrt{|x||y|}$  satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations at the origin, but  $f$  is not holomorphic at origin.

7. Find the set points on which each of the following functions satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations. Also check whether the function is holomorphic and if so find its derivative.

(a)  $f(x + iy) = x$

(c)  $f(x + iy) = x^3 + i(y - 1)^3$

(e)  $f(z) = \bar{z}^2$ .

(b)  $f(x + iy) = x^2 + iy^2$

(d)  $f(z) = \bar{z}$ .

(f)  $f(z) = |z|^2$ .

8. Let  $f$  be a holomorphic function in an open set  $\Omega$ . Prove that  $f$  reduces to a constant if any of the following is true:

(a)  $\operatorname{Re}(f)$  is a constant

(c)  $|f|$  is a constant

(e)  $f' = 0$ .

(b)  $\operatorname{Im}(f)$  is a constant

(d)  $\operatorname{Arg}(f)$  is a constant

(f)  $\bar{f}$  is analytic.

9. If  $f(z)$  is an analytic function, show that

(a)  $\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x}|f(z)|\right]^2 + \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial y}|f(z)|\right]^2 = |f'(z)|^2$

(b)  $\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}\right)|f(z)|^2 = 4|f'(z)|^2$

10. If  $u$  and  $v$  are respectively the real and imaginary parts of a holomorphic function  $f$ , prove that the level curves  $u(x, y) = k$  and  $v(x, y) = c$  are orthogonal to each other at all points  $(x, y)$  where  $f'(x + iy) \neq 0$ .

## C Harmonic functions, Harmonic conjugate

11. Determine  $a, b, c$  such that given the functions are harmonic and find a harmonic conjugate.

(a)  $u = e^{3x} \cos ay$

(b)  $u = \sin x \cosh cy$

(c)  $u = ax^3 + by^3$

12. Are the following functions harmonic? If yes, find a corresponding analytic function  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$

(a)  $u = xy$

(c)  $v = -y/(x^2 + y^2)$

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

(b)  $v = xy$

(d)  $v = \ln |z|$

(f)  $u = e^{-x} \sin 2y$

13. Let  $u$  be a real valued harmonic function in an open disc  $\mathbb{D}$ . Prove that any two harmonic conjugates of  $u$  differ by a constant.

14. Let  $u$  be a real valued harmonic function in an open disc  $\mathbb{D}$ . If  $u^2$  is also harmonic, prove that  $u$  is a constant.

15. Let  $u$  be a real valued harmonic function in an open disc  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $v$  its harmonic conjugate. Prove that  $-u$  is a harmonic conjugate of  $v$ .

16. Let  $u$  be a real valued harmonic function in an open set  $\Omega$  and  $v$  its harmonic conjugate. Prove that  $uv$  and  $u^2 - v^2$  are also harmonic.

17. Let  $u$  be a real-valued harmonic function in an open set  $\Omega$ . Prove that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$  is holomorphic in  $\Omega$ .

18. Check whether the following functions  $u$  are harmonic in some domain and if so find their harmonic conjugates. Also, find the holomorphic function  $f(z)$  such that  $u = \operatorname{Re}(f)$ .

(a)  $u(x, y) = c$

(c)  $u(x, y) = 2x(1 - y)$

(e)  $u(x, y) = \sinh x \sin y$

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

(d)  $u(x, y) = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$

19. If  $f$  is holomorphic on a region  $\Omega$ , prove that  $f$  is harmonic there. When is  $|f|^2$  harmonic?

20. Let  $f$  be a complex function on a region  $\Omega$  and both  $f$  and  $f^2$  are harmonic in  $\Omega$ . Prove that either  $f$  or  $\bar{f}$  is harmonic in  $\Omega$ .

21. If  $u$  and  $v$  are harmonic in a region  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ , show that

$$\left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + i \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right)$$

is analytic in  $\Omega$ .

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