

**6.1.2)** Show that a function which is a power series in the complex variable  $x + iy$  must satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations and therefore Laplace's equations.

We define a power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n. \quad (1)$$

We can separate the sum into real and imaginary parts using the binomial series since  $z = x + iy$

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x + iy)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} (iy)^k \quad (2)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{2k} (-1)^k x^{n-2k} y^{2k} + i \sum_{k=0}^{m-o(n)} \binom{n}{2k+1} (-1)^k x^{n-2k-1} y^{2k+1} \right], \quad (3)$$

where  $m = \begin{cases} n/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ (n-1)/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$  and  $o(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$ . If we let

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{n}{2k} (-1)^k x^{n-2k} y^{2k} \\ v(x, y) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^{m-o(n)} \binom{n}{2k+1} (-1)^k x^{n-2k-1} y^{2k+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

All that remains now is to check that the Cauchy-Riemann conditions are satisfied.

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^{m-o(n)} \binom{n}{2k} (-1)^k (n-2k) x^{n-2k-1} y^{2k} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^{m-o(n)} (-1)^k \frac{n!}{(2k)!(n-2k-1)!} x^{n-2k-1} y^{2k} \\ v_y &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^{m-o(n)} \binom{n}{2k+1} (-1)^k (2k+1) x^{n-2k-1} y^{2k} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=0}^{m-o(n)} (-1)^k \frac{n!}{(2k)!(n-2k-1)!} x^{n-2k-1} y^{2k}. \end{aligned} \quad (5a)$$

Note that the  $o(n)$  term in the upper index of the  $u_x$  series comes from the fact that when

$n$  is even, the  $k = m$  terms gives 0 when differentiated (with respect to  $x$ ) since  $x^{n-2m} = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_y &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^k \frac{n!}{(2k-1)!(n-2k)!} x^{n-2k} y^{2k-1} \\
 v_x &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=1}^{m-o(n)+(o(n)-1)} (-1)^k \frac{n!}{(2k+1)!(n-2(k-1))!} x^{n-2(k-1)} y^{2k+1} \\
 &= - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^k \frac{n!}{(2k-1)!(n-2k)!} x^{n-2k} y^{2k-1},
 \end{aligned} \tag{5b}$$

where the  $o(n) - 1$  term arises in the  $v_x$  term since  $n - 2k - 1 = 0$  if  $k = m$  whenever  $n$  is odd. Thus, we can see that any arbitrary power series in  $z$  satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann conditions.

**6.1.5)** Solve  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 1$  in  $r < a$  with  $u(x, y)$  vanishing on  $r = a$ .

The equation  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \Delta u = 1$  is stated in cartesian coordinates. We could equivalently pose the problem in polar coordinates in terms of  $r$  and  $\theta$ , which appears as follows:

$$\Delta u = \frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \partial_r u) + \frac{1}{r} \partial_r u + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 u = 1. \tag{6}$$

Assuming that  $u(r, \theta) = u(r)$  (i.e.  $u$  is rotationally invariant), then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_r (r \partial_r u) &= r \\
 r \partial_r u &= \frac{r^2}{2} + c_1 \\
 \partial_r u &= \frac{r}{2} + \frac{c_1}{r} \\
 u &= \frac{r^2}{4} + c_1 \ln r + c_2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

We must have  $c_1 = 0$  since  $\ln r \rightarrow \infty$  when  $r \rightarrow 0$ , and imposing the boundary condition at  $r = a$  we have

$$0 = \frac{a^2}{4} + c_2 \Rightarrow c_2 = -\frac{a^2}{4}. \tag{8}$$

Hence, our solution is as follows:

$$u = \frac{1}{4}[r^2 - a^2].$$

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**6.1.6)** Solve  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 1$  in the annulus  $a < r < b$  with  $u(x, y)$  vanishing both parts of the boundary  $r = a$  and  $r = b$ .

From the last problem, we have the general solution

$$u = \frac{r^2}{4} + c_1 \ln r + c_2. \quad (10)$$

This time, though, we keep the term proportional to  $\ln r$  since it is well behaved on the domain of interest. Plugging in boundary conditions we find

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{a^2}{4} + c_1 \ln a + c_2 \\ 0 &= \frac{b^2}{4} + c_1 \ln b + c_2 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Solving the system of equations we find

$$c_1 = -\frac{b^2 - a^2}{4 \ln(b/a)} \quad (12)$$

$$c_2 = \frac{b^2 \ln a - a^2 \ln b}{4 \ln(b/a)}. \quad (13)$$

Thus, our solution is of the form

$$u = \frac{1}{4} \left[ r^2 - \frac{b^2 - a^2}{\ln(b/a)} \ln r + \frac{b^2 \ln a - a^2 \ln b}{\ln(b/a)} \right]. \quad (14)$$

**6.4.6)** Find the harmonic function  $u$  in the semidisk  $\{r < 1, 0 < \theta < \pi\}$  with  $u$  vanishing on the diameter ( $\theta = 0, \pi$ ) and  $u = \pi \sin \theta - \sin 2\theta$  on  $r = 1$ .

We need to have  $\Delta u = 0$ . In polar coordinates

$$\Delta u = \frac{1}{r} \partial_r (r \partial_r u) + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_\theta^2 u = 0. \quad (15)$$

**Lecture 15 - 1)** Show that  $\partial z^n = n z^{n-1}$  and  $\bar{\partial} \bar{z}^n = n \bar{z}^{n-1}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We write

$$\partial z^n = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_x - i \partial_y) (x + iy)^n = \frac{1}{2} [\partial_x (x + iy)^n - i \partial_y (x + iy)^n] \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [n(x + iy)^{n-1} + n(x + iy)^{n-1}] = n(x + iy)^{n-1} = n z^{n-1}. \quad (17)$$

Similarly

$$\bar{\partial} \bar{z}^n = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_x + i \partial_y) (x - iy)^n = \frac{1}{2} [\partial_x (x - iy)^n + i \partial_y (x - iy)^n] \quad (18)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [n(x - iy)^{n-1} + n(x - iy)^{n-1}] = n(x - iy)^{n-1} = n \bar{z}^{n-1}. \quad (19)$$

**Lecture 15 - 2)** Find  $\bar{\partial}|z|^2$ ,  $\partial|z|^2$ , and  $\Delta|z|^2$ .

We have

$$\bar{\partial}|z|^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x + i\partial_y)(x^2 + y^2) = \frac{1}{2}(2x + 2iy) = x + iy = z. \quad (20)$$

Similarly

$$\partial|z|^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x - i\partial_y)(x^2 + y^2) = x - iy = \bar{z}. \quad (21)$$

Thus,

$$\Delta|z|^2 = 4\partial\bar{\partial}|z|^2 = 4\partial z = 4. \quad (22)$$

**Lecture 15 - 3)** For an analytic function  $f$  in the open set  $\Omega$ , let  $u(x, y) = \operatorname{Re} f(z)$  and  $v(x, y) = \operatorname{Im} f(z)$ . Show that  $\Delta u = \Delta v = 0$  and find  $\nabla u \cdot \nabla v$ . Functions  $u$  and  $v$  are called harmonic conjugate functions.

Since  $f$  is analytic  $\bar{\partial}f = 0$ , and furthermore  $\Delta f = 4\partial\bar{\partial}f = 0$ . We know that the Laplace operator is linear, which implies that

$$\Delta f = \Delta u + i\Delta v = 0. \quad (23)$$

Thus, in order to have this equation hold generally, we must have its real and imaginary parts be zero separately, giving us

$$\Delta u = \Delta v = 0. \quad (24)$$

For the second expression we will use the Cauchy-Riemann conditions (which is a necessary and sufficient for a function to be analytic). We write

$$\nabla u \cdot \nabla v = u_x v_x + u_y v_y = -u_x u_y + u_y u_x = 0. \quad (25)$$

**Lecture 15 - 4)** Using the divergence theorem rewrite the integral

$$\int_{\Omega} \bar{\partial}f(z) \, dx \, dy, \quad f \in C^1(\Omega_1), \quad \Omega_1 \supset \Omega \quad (26)$$

as an integral over the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  of the domain  $\Omega$ .

We can write  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ , meaning

$$\int_{\Omega} \bar{\partial} f(z) \, dx \, dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (\partial_x + i\partial_y) f \, dx \, dy \quad (27)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} [\partial_x f - \partial_y[-if]] \, dx \, dy \quad (28)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial\Omega} [-if \, dx + f \, dy] \quad (29)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2i} \int_{\partial\Omega} f[dx + i \, dy] = \boxed{\frac{1}{2i} \int_{\partial\Omega} f(z) \, dz}. \quad (30)$$

If  $f$  is analytic, then  $\bar{\partial} f = 0$ , and the integral is zero. That is,

$$\int_{\Omega} \bar{\partial} f(z) \, dx \, dy = \frac{1}{2i} \int_{\partial\Omega} f(z) \, dz = 0. \quad (31)$$

**Lecture 15 - 5)** For harmonic conjugate functions  $u$  and  $v$  from Exercise 3 above show that  $u_x = v_y$  and  $u_y = -v_x$  (Cauchy-Riemann equations).