MAT 3321, COMPLEX ANALYSIS AND INTEGRAL TRANSFORMS, WINTER 2005

Answers to the First Midterm, Version 2

Problem 1. Find the exact solutions of the equation $z^2+(4-6i)z-6-13i=0$. The answers must be given in the form $a+ib$, where $a,b\in\mathbb{R}$.

Answer: We use the quadratic formula for $az^2+bz+c=0$, which yields the answers as $z_{1/2}=\frac{-b\pm\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$. Here, $a=1$, $b=4-6i$, and $c=-6-13i$. We find $b^2=16-48i-36=-20-48i$, and hence:

$$\begin{aligned} z_{1/2} &= \frac{-4+6i\pm\sqrt{-20-48i-4(-6-13i)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{6i-4\pm\sqrt{-20-48i+24+52i}}{2} \\ &= \frac{6i-4\pm\sqrt{4+4i}}{2} \\ &= 3i-2\pm\sqrt{1+i} \end{aligned}$$

We calculate $\sqrt{1+i}$. We have in polar coordinates $1+i=\sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4}$, hence $\sqrt{1+i}=\pm\sqrt[4]{2}e^{i\pi/8}=\pm\sqrt[4]{2}(\cos\pi/8+i\sin\pi/8)$. Therefore

$$z=3i-2\pm\sqrt[4]{2}(\cos\pi/8+i\sin\pi/8).$$

The exact two solutions are:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= (-2+\sqrt[4]{2}\cos\pi/8)+i(3+\sqrt[4]{2}\sin\pi/8) \\ z_2 &= (-2-\sqrt[4]{2}\cos\pi/8)+i(3-\sqrt[4]{2}\sin\pi/8) \end{aligned}$$

We can approximate these solutions using calculators:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &\approx -0.9013159+3.4550899i \\ z_2 &\approx -3.0986841+2.5449101i \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. Determine $a\in\mathbb{R}$ such that the function

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

is harmonic, and find a conjugate harmonic.

Answer: We calculate the partial derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= 3e^{3x}\cos ay \\ u_{xx} &= 9e^{3x}\cos ay \\ u_y &= -ae^{3x}\sin ay \\ u_{yy} &= -a^2e^{3x}\cos ay \end{aligned}$$

So we have $u_{xx}+u_{yy}=(9-a^2)e^{3x}\cos ay$, which is identically 0 only if $9=a^2$, or $a=\pm3$. Since $\cos 3y=\cos(-3y)$, in both cases, the function u is equal to

$$u=e^{3x}\cos 3y.$$

For the following, assume $a=3$. If v is a conjugate harmonic, then $v_x=-u_y=3e^{3x}\sin 3y$, hence $v=e^{3x}\sin 3y+h(y)$, where h depends only on y. It follows that $v_y=3e^{3x}\cos 3y+h'(y)=u_x=3e^{3x}\cos 3y$, hence $h'(y)=0$ and $h(y)=C$ is a constant. Therefore,

$$v(x,y)=e^{3x}\sin 3y$$

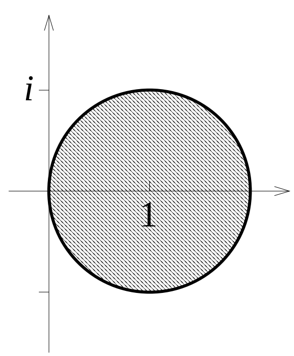
is a conjugate harmonic to $u(x,y)=e^{3x}\cos 3y$.

Problem 3. (a) Sketch the set in the complex plane given by $|z|^2\leqslant 2\operatorname{Re}z$.

Answer: With $z=x+iy$, we have $|z|^2=x^2+y^2$, hence

$$|z|^2\leqslant 2\operatorname{Re}z \iff x^2+y^2\leqslant 2x \iff (x-1)^2+y^2\leqslant 1.$$

Hence the region D is the closed disc with center $1=(1,0)$ and radius 1.



(b) Find the image of the region $|z|^2\leqslant 2\operatorname{Re}z$ (excluding $z=0$) under the mapping $w=1/z$.

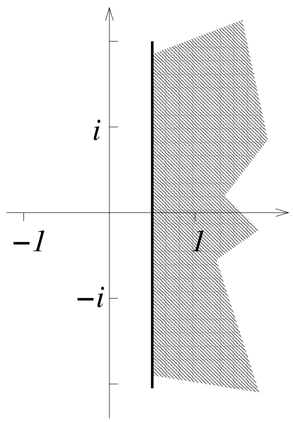
Answer: We calculate $w = u + iv$:

$$w = \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{x+iy} = \frac{x-iy}{x^2+y^2} = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} + i\frac{-y}{x^2+y^2},$$

hence $u = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}$ and $v = \frac{-y}{x^2+y^2}$. Assuming $z \neq 0$, we have

$$|z|^2 \leqslant 2\operatorname{Re} z \overset{(a)}{\iff} x^2+y^2 \leqslant 2x \iff \frac{1}{2} \leqslant \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} \iff \frac{1}{2} \leqslant u.$$

The image is therefore the set of points with $u \geqslant \frac{1}{2}$.



Problem 4. Recall that the complex cosine function is defined as

$$\cos z = \frac{1}{2}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz}).$$

(a) Calculate $u = \operatorname{Re}\cos z$ and $v = \operatorname{Im}\cos z$. Give your answer in terms of x and y, where $z = x + iy$. Show full details.

Answer: Starting with $z = x + iy$ and the definition of cosine, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\cos z &= \tfrac{1}{2}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz}) \\
&= \tfrac{1}{2}(e^{ix-y} + e^{-ix+y}) \\
&= \tfrac{1}{2}(e^{ix}e^{-y} + e^{-ix}e^{y}) \\
&= \tfrac{1}{2}(e^{-y}(\cos x + i\sin x) + e^{y}(\cos x - i\sin x)) \\
&= \tfrac{1}{2}\cos x(e^{y} + e^{-y}) - \tfrac{i}{2}\sin x(e^{y} - e^{-y}) \\
&= \cos x\cosh y - i\sin x\sinh y
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $u(x,y) = \cos x\cosh y$ and $v(x,y) = -\sin x\sinh y$.

(b) Verify that u and v from part (a) satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

Answer: We calculate the partial derivatives:

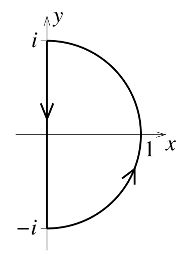
$$\begin{aligned}
u_x &= -\sin x\cosh y \\
u_y &= \cos x\sinh y \\
v_x &= -\cos x\sinh y \\
v_y &= -\sin x\cosh y.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore evidently $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$.

Problem 5. Evaluate the path integral

$$\int_C \bar{z}\, dz$$

for the path C shown in the figure:



Answer: We parameterize the path as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
C_1:&\quad z(t) = i - it, &&\text{where } t = 0\dots 2,\\
C_2:&\quad z(t) = e^{it}, &&\text{where } t = -\pi/2\dots\pi/2,
\end{aligned}$$

The function to be integrated is $f(z) = \bar{z} = x - iy$, where $z = x + iy$. We calculate:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{C_1} \bar{z}\, dz &= \int_0^2 \overline{z(t)}\dot{z}(t)dt = \int_0^2 (i-it)(-i)\, dt = \int_0^2 (1-t)\, dt \\
&= [t - t^2/2]_0^2 = 0 \\
\int_{C_2} \bar{z}\, dz &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \overline{z(t)}\dot{z}(t)dt = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \overline{e^{it}}\, ie^{it}\, dt = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} e^{-it}\, ie^{it}\, dt \\
&= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} i\, dt = \pi i
\end{aligned}$$

So therefore $\int_C \bar{z}\, dz = \int_{C_1} \bar{z}\, dz + \int_{C_2} \bar{z}\, dz = \pi i$.