

Harmonic functions

[P1] (Poincaré) Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be a starlike domain w.r.t. $z_0 \in D$ and ω be a differential form of class C^1 on D .

Then: ω is closed $\Leftrightarrow \omega$ is exact.

[T1] Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be a starlike domain w.r.t. $z_0 \in D$ and $u: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be harmonic. Then $\exists f \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ s.t. $u = \operatorname{Re} f$.

Proof: We look for $v: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $v \in C^2(D)$ s.t. u and v satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann sys. on D :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{cases} \text{ on } D, \text{ since this implies } \underline{f = u + iv \in \mathcal{H}(D)}, \text{ by the Cauchy-Riemann thm.}$$

Let $P = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$, $Q = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ on D .

u is harmonic on $D \Rightarrow u \in C^2(D) \Rightarrow \omega = Pdx + Qdy$ is a diff. form of class C^1 on D .

ω is closed: $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ on $D \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(-\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$ on D

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \text{ on } D$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{\Delta u = 0} \text{ on } D, \text{ which is true because } u \text{ is } \underline{\text{harmonic on } D}.$$

D is a starlike domain w.r.t. $z_0 \in D$

[P1] $\Rightarrow \omega$ is exact $\Rightarrow \exists v: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $v \in C^2(D)$ s.t.

$P = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ and $Q = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ ($\omega = dv$)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \end{cases} (*)$$

$f = u + iv$, $u, v \in C^2(D) \Rightarrow f$ is \mathbb{R} -differentiable on D .

$(*) \Rightarrow f$ satisfies the C.-R. sys. on D
 $\Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{H}(D)$.

[C1] Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be a starlike domain w.r.t. $z_0 \in D$ and $v: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be harmonic. Then $\exists f \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ s.t.

h.d. [T1] $\Rightarrow \exists g \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ s.t. $v = \operatorname{Im} g$.

Proof: $[T_1] \Rightarrow \exists g \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ s.t. $v = \operatorname{Re} g$.
 Let $f = ig$. $f \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ and $\operatorname{Im} f = v$.

The complex multivalued logarithm

Let $w \in \mathbb{C}^*$. The eq. $z^2 = w$ has infinitely many solutions: $z^2 = w \xrightarrow{z=x+iy} z^x (\cos y + i \sin y) = |w| (\cos(\arg w) + i \sin(\arg w))$
 $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = |w| > 0 \mid \ln \\ y = \arg w + 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow z_k = \ln |w| + i(\arg w + 2k\pi), k \in \mathbb{Z}.$

D1 Let Log: $\mathbb{C}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{C})$,
 $\text{Log } z = \{ \ln |z| + i(\arg z + 2k\pi) : k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$
 $= \ln |z| + i \operatorname{Arg} z, z \in \mathbb{C}^*.$

Log is the (complex) multivalued logarithm.

- R1 1) $w \in \text{Log } z \Leftrightarrow z^w = z \quad (\forall z \in \mathbb{C}^*, w \in \mathbb{C}).$
 2) $\text{Log}(z_1 z_2) = \text{Log } z_1 + \text{Log } z_2, \quad \forall z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}^*.$
 3) $\text{Log } \frac{1}{z} = -\text{Log } z, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}^*.$

D2 Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}^*$ be a domain. $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a branch of Log on D , if $f \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ and $f(z) \in \text{Log } z$, $\forall z \in D$.

- P2 Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}^*$ be a domain.
 i) If f is a branch of Log on D , then $f'(z) = \frac{1}{z}, \quad \forall z \in D.$
 ii) If f_1, f_2 are branches of Log on D , then $\exists k_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $f_2(z) = f_1(z) + 2k_0\pi i, \quad \forall z \in D.$
 Moreover, if, in addition, $\exists z_0 \in D$ s.t. $f_1(z_0) = f_2(z_0)$, then $f_1(z) = f_2(z), \quad \forall z \in D.$

Proof: i) $f \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ and $e^{f(z)} = z$, $\forall z \in D$
 $\Rightarrow (e^{f(z)})' = \underline{e^{f(z)}} \cdot f'(z) = 1, \quad \forall z \in D$
 $\Rightarrow f'(z) = \frac{1}{z}, \quad \forall z \in D.$

ii) $\forall z \in \mathbb{D} : \exists \theta_1(z), \theta_2(z) \in \text{Arg } z$ s.t.

$$f_1(z) = \ln |z| + i\theta_1(z)$$

$$f_2(z) = \ln |z| + i\theta_2(z).$$

$\forall z \in \mathbb{D} : \exists k_2(z) \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $\theta_2(z) = \theta_1(z) + 2k_2(z)\pi$.

i) $\Rightarrow f_1'(z) = f_2'(z) = \frac{1}{z}, \forall z \in \mathbb{D}$

$\Rightarrow (f_2 - f_1)' \equiv 0$ on \mathbb{D} , \mathbb{D} is domain

$\underbrace{(\overline{f_1})}_{f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})}, \text{Converge}$ $f_2 - f_1$ is constant on \mathbb{D}

$\Rightarrow \theta_2 - \theta_1$ is constant on \mathbb{D}

$\Rightarrow k_2$ is constant on \mathbb{D}

$\Rightarrow \exists k_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $f_2(z) = f_1(z) + 2k_0\pi \cdot i, \forall z \in \mathbb{D}$.

If $\exists z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ s.t. $f_1(z_0) = f_2(z_0) \Rightarrow k_0 = 0 \Rightarrow f_2 = f_1$ on \mathbb{D} .

P₃ Let $B = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : -\pi < \text{Im } z < \pi\}$

$\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0] = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{w \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re } w \leq 0, \text{Im } w = 0\}$

and $f: B \rightarrow \mathbb{D}, f(z) = \exp(z) = e^z, z \in B$.

Then f is bijective on B and $f^{-1}(w) = \ln|w| + i \arg w, w \in \mathbb{D}$.

Proof: From Lemma 7, we have:

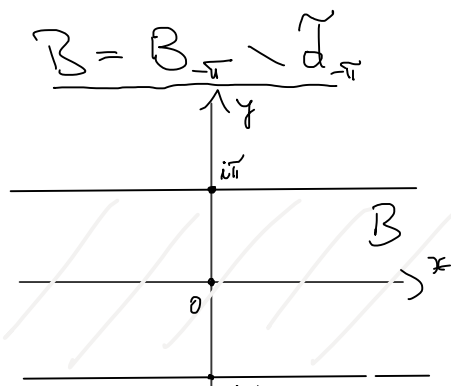
$B_\alpha = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha \leq \text{Im } z < \alpha + 2\pi\}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

$d_a = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re } z = a\} \parallel 0y, a \in \mathbb{R}$

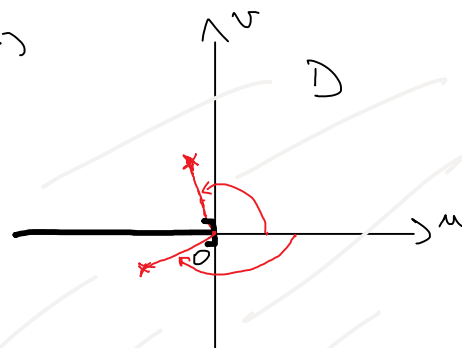
$d_b = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } z = b\} \parallel 0x, b \in \mathbb{R}$

\exp is injective on $B_\alpha, \exp(B_\alpha) = \mathbb{C}^*$

$\exp(d_a) = \mathcal{U}(0, e^a), \exp(d_b) = \{w \in \mathbb{C}^* : \arg w = b \pmod{2\pi}\}$.



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f is injective on B and $f(B) = \mathbb{C}^* \setminus \exp(\mathcal{I}_{-\pi})$
 $= \mathbb{C}^* \setminus \{w \in \mathbb{C}^* : \arg w = -\pi \pmod{2\pi}\}$
 $= \mathbb{C}^* \setminus (-\infty, 0)$
 $= \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0] = D.$

Let $w \in D$. $f(z) = w, z \in B \Leftrightarrow e^z = w, z \in B$
 $\Leftrightarrow e^{\operatorname{Re} z} (\cos \operatorname{Im} z + i \sin \operatorname{Im} z) = |w| (\cos(\arg w) + i \sin(\arg w)), z \in B$
 $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re} z = \ln |w| > 0 \\ \operatorname{Im} z = \arg w \in (-\pi, \pi) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow z = \ln |w| + i \arg w.$
 So, $f^{-1}(w) = \ln |w| + i \arg w, \forall w \in D.$

[D3] Let $D = \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$, $B = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : -\pi < \operatorname{Im} w < \pi\}$.
 $\log: D \rightarrow B, \log z = \ln |z| + i \arg z, z \in D$,
 is the principal branch of Log on D .

[R2] • $\log \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ (see the next seminar) and
 $\log 1 = 0$ [P2], \log is the unique branch of Log on D
 s.t. $\log 1 = 0$.

• [P2] $\Rightarrow (\log z)' = \frac{1}{z}, z \in D$.

• $z = x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow \log x = \ln x$. So, $\log|_{(0, \infty)} = \ln$.

[R3] • $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}: \log_k: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \log_k = \log + 2k\pi i$
 is the unique branch of Log on D
 s.t. $\log_k 1 = 2k\pi i$.

• $\log_k(D) = 2k\pi i + B, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}.$