

1. Problem 11.2.1

Holomorphic Real Function

Show whether or not the function $f(z) = \text{R}(z) = x$ is analytic.

Solution.

We begin this solution by realizing that a test we use to see whether or not a complex function is holomorphic is the *Cauchy-Riemann* equation test. Now, in order to use the CR equations to test for this, we must first recognize that we can write our complex functions in the form of

$$f(z) = f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$$

This comes from our generic definition of complex space being \mathbb{R}^2 , and from recognizing that we can split our complex function into both a real and imaginary component. Rewriting our function in this form, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= x + i(0) \\ u(x, y) &= x \\ v(x, y) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can use the CR equations as a first test for analyticity, which to show the CR equations are

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= v_y \\ u_y &= -v_x \end{aligned}$$

with for our specific function,

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= 1 \\ u_y &= 0 \\ v_x &= 0 \\ v_y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So it can be seen it does not satisfy the CR equations, therefore is not analytic. ■

2. Problem 11.2.11

Two-dimensional irrotational fluid flow

Two-dimensional irrotational fluid flow is conveniently described by a complex potential $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$. We label the real part, $u(x, y)$, the velocity potential, and the imaginary part, $v(x, y)$, the stream function. The fluid velocity V is given by $\mathbf{V} = \nabla u$. If $f(z)$ is analytic:

- (a) Show that $df/dz = V_x - iV_y$
- (b) Show that $\nabla * \mathbf{V} = 0$ (no sources or sinks).
- (c) Show that $\nabla \times \mathbf{V} = 0$ (irrotational, nonturbulent flow).

Solution.

a.) We can solve this by realizing once again that $z = x + iy$ for a complex function, and that for z to change slightly (a derivative) then x or y must change slightly (i is i, it can't change).

$$\begin{aligned} df/dz &= du/dx + idv/dx + (du/dy + idv/dy) \\ V_x &= du/dx \\ V_y &= dv/dy \\ \rightarrow df/dz &= V_x + V_y + i(dv/dx + dv/dy) \end{aligned}$$

We can see that we are close to an answer, but not quite. Notice our V_y does not have an imaginary component, and we have all these secondary derivatives of v . Let's think, either our approach is wrong, or we can simplify this further. Let's try simplifying further before we tackle another approach. We can simplify the derivatives of v by utilizing the CR equations from the previous problem,

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= v_y \\ u_y &= -v_x \end{aligned}$$

So for our case we then have

$$\begin{aligned} v_x &= -u_y \\ v_y &= u_x \end{aligned}$$

Plugging in to our equation we then have

$$df/dz = V_x + V_y + i(-V_y + V_x)$$

We now see we are much closer to our desired answer, but we have a few too many factors here. We realize we can get to our desired answer by saying that instead of $df/dz = df/dx + df/dy$, we simply say $df/dz = df/dx$, which gives us

$$df/dz = df/dx = V_x - iV_y$$

which means our initial assumption of $df/dz = df/dx + df/dy$ was wrong, and in fact we can just say $df/dz = df/dx$.

b.) To prove this we plug in our fluid velocity $\mathbf{V} = \nabla u$, which gives us

$$\nabla * (\nabla u) = 0$$

From this we recognize that the divergence of the gradient of a function is called the Laplacian, ∇^2 , so we can rewrite this as

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 u &= 0 \\ u_{xx} + u_{yy} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Again, we return to the CR equations to finish solving this.

$$\begin{aligned}u_x &= v_y \\ u_y &= -v_x \\ \rightarrow (v_y)_x + (-v_x)_y &= 0 \\ \rightarrow u_{yy} &= -u_{xx} \\ \rightarrow \nabla^2 u &= 0\end{aligned}$$

c.) Again, we begin by substituting our fluid velocity expression in,

$$\nabla \times (\nabla u) = 0$$

which is the curl of the gradient of u , which we can write as

$$\begin{aligned}\begin{vmatrix} \delta/\delta x & \delta/\delta y \\ \delta u/\delta x & \delta u/\delta y \end{vmatrix} &= \delta/\delta x (\delta u/\delta y) - \delta/\delta y (\delta u/\delta x) \\ &= \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x \delta y} - \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta y \delta x}\end{aligned}$$

Also, we know from general calculus that

$$\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x \delta y} = \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta y \delta x}$$

so naturally we arrive at

$$\nabla \times (\nabla u) = \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x \delta y} - \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta y \delta x} = 0$$

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3. 11.4.2

Cauchy's Integral Formula*Evaluate*

$$\oint_C \frac{dz}{z^2 - 1}$$

Where C is the circle $|z - 1| = 1$.*Solution.*

We approach this problem through the use of the Cauchy integral formula, which states that:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz = f(z_0)$$

We can already see our integral is very close to this form, and the bottom can be factored as

$$z^2 - 1 = (z - 1)(z + 1)$$

which leads to our integral being the following (I label it as I to follow the convention of the book),

$$I = \oint_C \frac{1}{(z - 1)(z + 1)} dz$$

which, without taking heed of C, gives us two singularity points at $z = \pm 1$. If we take into account that C is a circle of radius 1 centered at 1, then within our boundary we only have a single singularity point, that being $z = 1$ which is a singularity on our boundary.

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z + 1} \\ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f(z)}{z - 1} dz &= f(z_0) \\ \rightarrow \oint \frac{f(z)}{z - 1} dz &= 2\pi i f(z_0) \\ f(z_0) &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So we then have as our solution for this integral,

$$\oint_C \frac{dz}{z^2 - 1} = \pi i$$

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