

Q.1 (Assignment sheet 4 problem 17) Let $f(z)$ be a holomorphic function. Prove the following variants of the **Zero derivative theorem**, which says that, if any one of the following conditions hold on a domain D then $f(z)$ is constant on D .

- (i) $f(z)$ is a real number for all $z \in D$.
- (ii) the real part of $f(z)$ is constant on D .
- (iii) the modulus of $f(z)$ is constant on D .

Solution:

(i) $f = u + iv$. From the assumption

Since f is holo. $v \equiv 0$

$$u_x = v_y \quad u_y = -v_x \quad \forall x, y \in D$$

$$v_y = v_x = 0 \Rightarrow u_x = u_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u = \text{const}$$

(ii) $f = u + iv$. From the assumption

$$u = C_1, \text{ constant}$$

Since f is holo.

$$u_x = v_y \quad u_y = -v_x$$

$$u_x = u_y = 0 \Rightarrow v_x = v_y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v = C_2, \text{ constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = C_1 + iC_2$$

(iii) $|f(z)| = C$ for some $C > 0$. If $f = u + iv$

$$u^2 + v^2 = C^2$$

Implicit diff shows that

$$2uu_x + 2vv_x = 0$$

$$2uu_y + 2vv_y = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} u_x & v_x \\ u_y & v_y \end{pmatrix}}_{A(x,y)} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (*)$$

$$\det A(x,y) = \det \begin{pmatrix} u_x & v_x \\ u_y & v_y \end{pmatrix} = u_x v_y - u_y v_x = u_x^2 + u_y^2$$

$$\text{if } u(x_0, y_0) = v(x_0, y_0) = 0 \Rightarrow u(x_0, y_0)^2 + v(x_0, y_0)^2 = 0 = C^2$$

$$\Rightarrow C=0 \quad \text{and then} \\ u^2 + v^2 = 0 \quad \forall x, y$$

$$\text{i.e. } u \equiv 0 \equiv v$$

Assume $C \neq 0$ then $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ can't be zero together.

$\Rightarrow$ (d) always has a non-trivial solution

$$\Rightarrow \det A(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{i.e.}$$

$$u_x^2 + u_y^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_x = u_y = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } u = \text{const.}$$

and we conclude by our previous sub-question.

Q.2 (Assignment sheet 5 problem 5) In what subset of the complex plane is $\sinh z$ conformal? For every point z_0 at which the function is not conformal, give an example of two paths (lines) through z_0 such that the angle (or the orientation of the angle) between them is not preserved by $f(z)$ at z_0 .

solution: $f(z) = \sinh z$ is entire

$\Rightarrow f(z)$ is holo in any point s.t $f'(z) \neq 0$ and vice versa.

$$f'(z) = \cosh z = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2}$$

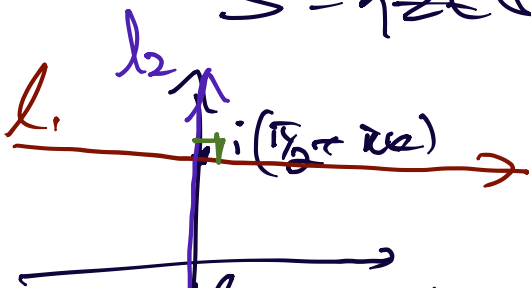
$$f'(z) = 0 \Leftrightarrow e^z = -e^{-z} \quad (-1e^z)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^{2z} = -1 = e^{i\pi}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2z = i\pi + 2\pi i k \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

i.e. f is not conformal only on

$$S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z = i(\frac{\pi}{2} + \pi k) \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$



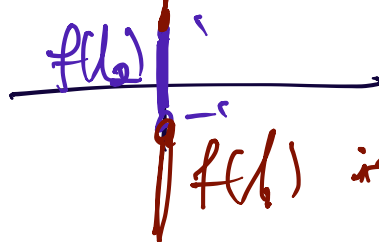
$$l_1: x=t \quad y = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi k \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$l_2: x=0 \quad y=s \quad s \in \mathbb{R}$$

Recall $\sinh z = \sinh x \cosh y + i \cosh x \sinh y$

$$f(l_1) = 0 + i \cosh t (-1)^k$$

$$f(l_2) = 0 + i \sinh s \quad | \quad f(l_1) \text{ if } k \text{ is even}$$

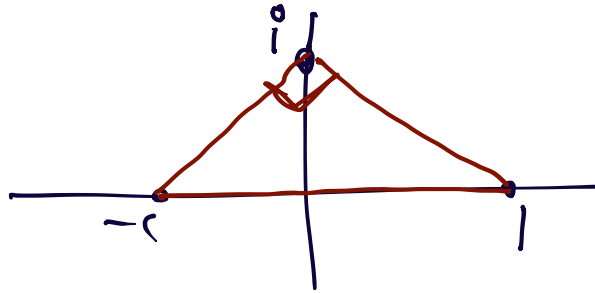


$$f(l_1) \text{ if } k \text{ is odd}$$

The angle between the curves is π .

Q.3 (Assignment sheet 6 problem 5) Is there a Möbius transformation which maps the sides of the triangle with vertices at $-1, i$ and 1 to the sides of an equilateral triangle (all sides of equal length)? Either give an example of such a Möbius transformation, or explain why it is not possible.

Solution:



There is no such Möbius trans. since Möbius trans. are conformal on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{\infty\}$ and the angles between the sides of equilateral triangle are $\pi/3, \pi/3, \pi/3$ and not $\pi/4, \pi/2, \pi/4$.

Q.4 (Assignment sheet 6 problem 8) If α and β are the two fixed points of a Möbius transformation $f(z)$, show that for all $z \neq \alpha, \beta$ and $f(z) \neq \infty$, we have

$$\frac{f(z) - \alpha}{f(z) - \beta} = K \frac{z - \alpha}{z - \beta},$$

where K is a constant.

(see solution)

Q.5 (Assignment sheet 6 problem 9) Find the Möbius transformation taking the ordered set of points $\{-i, -1, i\}$ to the ordered set of points $\{-i, 0, i\}$. What is the image of the unit disc under this map? Which point is sent to ∞ ?

solution: Using the cross ratio we find that for any z

$$(z, -i; -1, i) = (f(z), -i; 0, i)$$

$$\frac{z - (-1)}{z - i} \cdot \frac{i - i}{-i - (-1)} = \frac{f(z) - 0}{f(z) - i} \cdot \frac{i - i}{-i - 0}$$

$$\frac{f(z)}{f(z) - i} = -i \frac{z + 1}{z - i} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - i}$$

$$f(z) \frac{(1 - i)(z - i)}{z - iz - i - 1} = -i (f(z) - i)(z + 1)$$

$$f(z) (z(1 - i) - i - 1) = (f(z) - i)(-iz - i)$$

$$f(z) \left(\frac{z(1 - i) - i - 1}{z - iz} \right) = -i(-iz - i)$$

$$f(z)(z - i) = -z - 1$$

$$f(z) = -\frac{z + 1}{z - i}$$

$$-\left(\frac{-i + 1}{-i - i}\right) = \frac{1 - i}{1 + i} = \frac{(1 - i)^2}{2} = -i$$

f takes $z = i$ to ∞ .

$z = i$ is on $|z| = 1 \Rightarrow$ the image of $|z| = 1$ under f is a line.
... (see solution)