

UNIT-II
THEORY OF COMPLEX FUNCTIONS

7 hours

1. Limit, continuity and differentiability of complex functions
2. Analytic function, Cauchy-Riemann equations in Cartesian and polar forms (without proof)
3. Harmonic functions, conformal mappings, some standard conformal transformations: translation, magnification and rotation, inversion.

1 Functions of Complex Variable

- Let $z = x + iy$ be a complex variable, where x and y are real numbers and $i^2 = -1$. Then the function $f(z)$ is called a complex function and is denoted by $w = f(z)$
- $w = f(z)$ is also complex in general and so we have $w = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, where $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ are real valued functions and respectively the real and imaginary parts of the w .

2 Limits and Continuity

- A function $w = f(z)$ is said to have a limit l as z approaches to a point z_0 if for a given small positive number ϵ , we can find a positive number δ such that for all $z \neq z_0$ in the (circular) disk $|z - z_0| < \delta$, we have $|f(z) - l| < \epsilon$. Symbolically,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = l$$

- A function $w = f(z)$ is said to be continuous at $z = z_0$, if:
 - (1) $f(z_0)$ is defined;
 - (2) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z)$ exists and
 - (3) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0)$
- If f is continuous at each point of its domain D , then we say that f is a continuous function.
- **Algebra of Limits:** Let $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ be two functions for which $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = l$ and $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} g(z) = m$ exists. Then we have:

1. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [f(z) \pm g(z)] = l \pm m$
2. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [f(z) \cdot g(z)] = lm$
3. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{l}{m}$, provided $m \neq 0$

- Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, then the limit of $f(z)$ at $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$ can be written as:

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} u(x, y) + i \lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (x_0,y_0)} v(x, y)$$
- $w = f(z)$ is continuous at $z = z_0$ when $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ both are continuous at (x_0, y_0) .
- A polynomial function is a continuous function on the whole of \mathbb{C}
- A rational function is a continuous function at every point of its domain of definition.

3 Differentiability of a complex function

- Let $z_0 + \Delta z$ be a point in the neighbourhood of z_0 . A function $f(z)$ is said to be differentiable at a point z_0 , if the limit $\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z + \Delta z) - f(z)}{\Delta z}$ or $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$ exists. The limit is denoted by $f'(z_0)$ and is known as the derivative of $f(z)$ at z_0 .
- **Algebra of differentiable functions:** Let $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ be two functions defined in the neighbourhood of z_0 and assume that f and g are differentiable at z_0 . Then we have:
 - (i) $f \pm g$ is differentiable at z_0 and $(f \pm g)'(z_0) = f'(z_0) \pm g'(z_0)$
 - (ii) fg is differentiable at z_0 and $(fg)'(z_0) = f'(z_0)g(z_0) + f(z_0)g'(z_0)$
 - (iii) If $g(z_0) \neq 0$, then $\frac{f}{g}$ is differentiable at z_0 and $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(z_0) = \frac{f'(z_0)g(z_0) - f(z_0)g'(z_0)}{g(z_0)^2}$
- A polynomial function is differentiable on the whole of \mathbb{C} .
- A rational function is differentiable at every point of its domain of definition.

4 Cauchy-Reimann(C-R) Equations in Cartesian co-ordinates

- **Necessary conditions for a function $f(z)$ to be differentiable at z_0 :**
 If $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is differentiable at $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, then the first order partial derivatives of u and v , i.e. u_x, u_y, v_x, v_y exists at this point and satisfy the Cauchy Reimann equations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Note: If $f(z)$ is differentiable at a point $z_0 = (x_0, y_0)$, then

$$f'(z_0) = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{(x_0,y_0)} + i \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)_{(x_0,y_0)} = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{(x_0,y_0)} - i \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{(x_0,y_0)} = \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)_{(x_0,y_0)} + i \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)_{(x_0,y_0)}$$

- **Sufficient conditions for a function $f(z)$ to be differentiable at z_0 :**

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

- (i) u_x, u_y, v_x, v_y are continuous functions and
- (ii) $f(z)$ satisfies Cauchy Reimann Equations

at $z_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ then $f(z)$ is said to be differentiable at z_0 .

5 Analytic Functions

- A single-valued function $f(z)$ is said to be **analytic at a point** z_0 in the domain D of a z -plane, if:
 - (i) $f(z)$ is differentiable at z_0
 - (ii) $f(z)$ is differentiable in some neighbourhood of z_0 .
- A function $f(z)$ is said to be **analytic** in a domain D , if it is analytic everywhere in D .
- An analytic function is also known as holomorphic or regular or monogenic function.
- A function which is analytic everywhere in the complex plane is known as **entire function**.
- The **necessary and sufficient conditions** for the function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ to be analytic in a domain D of z -plane are:
 - (i) u_x, u_y, v_x, v_y are continuous functions of x and y in D .
 - (ii) CR equations, i.e. $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$ are satisfied everywhere in D .
- If $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic everywhere in a domain D , then it is differentiable everywhere in D and hence it satisfies CR-equations everywhere in D . Thus,

$$f'(z) = u_x - iv_y = v_y + iv_x$$

- A polynomial functions with complex co-efficients is analytic everywhere in the complex plane.
- A rational function is analytic everywhere in its domain.
- The real and imaginary part of an analytic function are called conjugate functions.
- **Determination of an Analytic function whose either real or imaginary part is known**

1. **Method: 1** For a given analytic function $f(z)$, assume that $\text{Re} [f(z)] = u(x, y)$ is given. This method will find $\text{Im} [f(z)] = v(x, y)$ and hence $f(z)$ can be evaluated.

(i) For $u(x, y)$, find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$.

(ii) As $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, integrating w.r.t y keeping x constant, we obtain

$$v = \int \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) dy + \phi(x), \text{ where } \phi(x) \text{ is to be determined.}$$

(iii) Differentiate v obtained in (ii) w.r.t. x and use $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ in (i) to compare $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ and obtain $\phi'(x)$.

(iv) Integrate $\phi'(x)$ w.r.t. x and substitute in (ii) to get $v(x, y)$.

(v) Thus, $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is obtained. Use both functions to obtain $f(z)$ in terms of z .

2. **Method: 1** If $\text{Im} [f(z)] = v(x, y)$ is given, then $u(x, y)$ and hence $f(z)$ can be found using the following steps:

(i) For $v(x, y)$, find $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$.

(ii) As $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, integrating w.r.t x keeping y constant, we obtain

$$u = \int \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) dy + \phi(y), \text{ where } \phi(y) \text{ is to be determined.}$$

(iii) Differentiate u obtained in (2ii) w.r.t. y and use $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ in (2i) to compare $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ and obtain $\phi'(y)$.

(iv) Integrate $\phi'(y)$ w.r.t. y and substitute in (2ii) to get $u(x, y)$.

(v) Thus, $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is obtained. Use both functions to obtain $f(z)$ in terms of z .

3. Method: 2 (Milne-Thomson Method / Short cut method) For a given analytic function $f(z)$, assume that $\text{Re} [f(z)] = u(x, y)$ is given.

This method will find $f(z)$ in terms of z and $\text{Im} [f(z)] = v(x, y)$ can be evaluated from $f(z)$ by substituting $z = x + iy$.

(i) For $u(x, y)$, find $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$.

(ii) Substitute $x = z$ and $y = 0$ in (3i) to obtain $u_x(z, 0)$ and $u_y(z, 0)$

(iii) Evaluate $f(z)$ by integrating $u_x(z, 0) - iu_y(z, 0)$ w. r. t. z .

4. Method: 2 If $\text{Im} [f(z)] = v(x, y)$ is given, then $u(x, y)$ and hence $f(z)$ can be found using the following steps:

(i) For $v(x, y)$, find $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$.

(ii) Substitute $x = z$ and $y = 0$ in (4i) to obtain $v_x(z, 0)$ and $v_y(z, 0)$

(iii) Evaluate $f(z)$ by integrating $v_y(z, 0) + iv_x(z, 0)$ w. r. t. z .

• **Determination of an Analytic function whose sum or difference of real and imaginary parts are known:**

Let $f(z) = u + iv$ be a complex function. Then $if(z) = iu - v = -v + iu$

Thus, $(1 + i)f(z) = (u - v) + i(u + v)$. Let $F(z) = (1 + i)f(z) = U + iV$

So, $U = u - v$ and $V = u + v$

1. If $f(z) = u + iv$ is an analytic function, where $u - v$ is given, then $\text{Re} [F(z)]$ is known and methods in (1) or (3) can be used to find $F(z)$ and hence $f(z)$.

2. If $f(z) = u + iv$ is an analytic function, where $u + v$ is given, then $\text{Im} [F(z)]$ is known and methods in (2) or (4) can be used to find $F(z)$ and hence $f(z)$.

• A function $f(x, y)$ is said to be harmonic in a domain D , if

(i) $f(x, y)$ satisfies Laplace's equation. i.e. $f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$

(ii) f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yy} are continuous functions of x and y in D .

• The real and imaginary part of an analytic functions are harmonic functions. They are called conjugate harmonic functions of each other.

• If u and v are random harmonic functions, then it is not necessary that $u + iv$ is an analytic function.

• **CR equations in Polar form** Let $f(z)$ be analytic function in its domain.

In polar form, $f(z) = f(re^{i\theta}) = u(r, \theta) + iv(r, \theta)$.

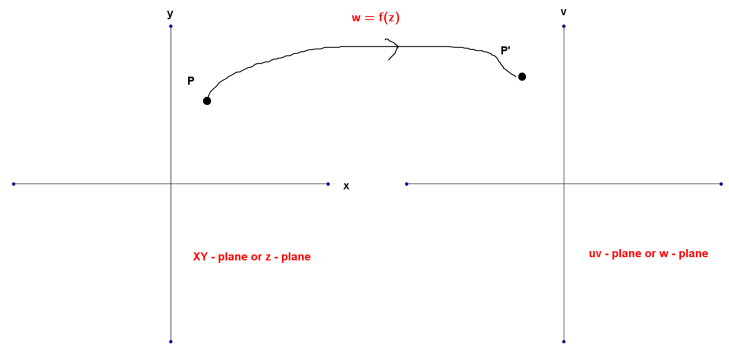
Then the CR equations in polar form are given by: $\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}$ and $\frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$.

The derivative f' can be calculated using: $f'(z) = e^{-i\theta}(u_r + iv_r) = \frac{-i}{re^{i\theta}}(u_\theta + iv_\theta)$

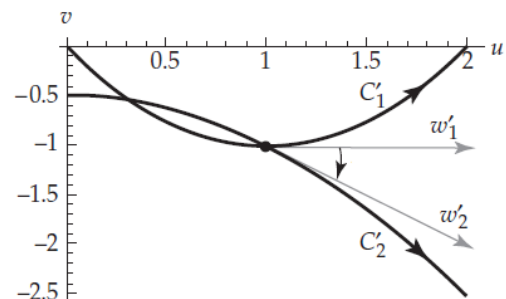
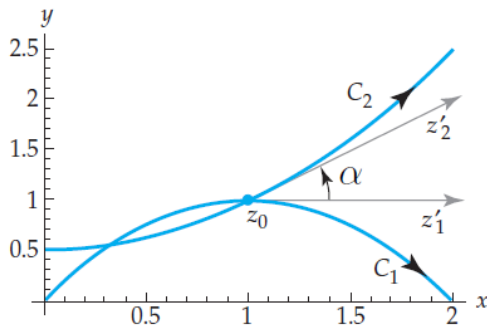
- Laplace equation in polar form is given by: $\nabla^2\phi = \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial\theta^2}$

6 Conformal Mapping

- For a complex function $w = f(z)$, $z = x + iy$ is an independent variable and $w = u + iv$ is a dependent variable.
- Thus, z and $f(z) = w$ cannot be plotted on the same set of axes as four variables x, y, u, v are involved.
- We plot z and $f(z)$ in two different planes.
- The plane containing the independent variable $z = x + iy$ is called the z - plane or xy - plane.
- The plane containing the dependent variable $w = u + iv$ is called the w - plane or uv - plane.
- Thus, corresponding to each point (x, y) in z - plane, we have a point (u, v) in w - plane which is the image of (x, y) under a given function f .
- We say that $w = f(z)$ is a mapping or transformation of a point P within a region in z - plane called the domain to a point P' within a region in w - plane called the range.



- Let C_1 and C_2 be two smooth curves in z - plane intersecting at a point z_0 at an angle α with $0 < \alpha < \pi$. Let C'_1 and C'_2 be the corresponding curves in w - plane under $w = f(z)$ intersecting at w_0 as shown in figure below.



- If C'_1 and C'_2 intersect at angle α , when $w = f(z)$ is called isogonal mapping. Example of an isogonal mapping is $f(z) = \bar{z}$ as $\arg(\bar{z}) = -\arg(z)$
- If C'_1 and C'_2 intersect at angle α preserving the sense of rotation, then $w = f(z)$ is called conformal mapping.

- If $f(z)$ is an analytic function then $w = f(z)$ defines a conformal mapping except at point where $f'(z) = 0$. These points are called critical points.

- **Conformal mapping by some elementary functions:**

1. Identity Transformation: $w = z$
2. Translation: $w = z + \alpha$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$
3. Rotation: $w = e^{i\theta}z$, where θ is a real constant.

Note: If $\theta > 0$, the rotation is counter clockwise and if $\theta < 0$, the rotation is clockwise

4. Stretching or Magnification: $w = az$, where a is a positive real constant.

Note: If $0 < a < 1$, the graph is contracted if $a > 1$, the graph is stretched.

5. Linear Transformation: $w = \alpha z + \beta$, where α and β are complex constants.
6. Inversion: $w = \frac{1}{z}$

- Under the transformation $w = \frac{1}{z}$:

1. A circle or a line that passes through the origin transforms into a line.
2. A circle or a line that does not pass through the origin transforms into a circle.