

On paper to be supplied, provide answers for these problems without using any computer, text, notes nor communicating device. Number pages you submit in the order you want them read; put the problem's number as well as your name and student I.D. # on each page submitted.

**1:** Supply a harmonic conjugate  $v(x, y)$  for  $u(x, y) := (x^2 + y^2 - x)/(x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 1)$  valid over the largest possible domain, and explain how  $v(x, y)$  and its domain were determined.

**Solution 1:** The desired conjugate is  $v(x, y) := (\text{Any Constant}) - y/(x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 1)$  over all of the  $(x, y)$ -plane except the point  $(x, y) = (1, 0)$ . Here is why: Only that point is excluded from the domain of  $u(x, y)$ , which is an *Expression* analytic in both  $x$  and  $y$  regarded as complex variables. And since  $u(x, y)$  is harmonic, there is some analytic function  $f(z)$  of the complex variable  $z = x + iy$  satisfying  $2u(x, y) = f(x + iy) + \bar{f}(x + iy)$ . Now pretend that  $z$  and  $\bar{z} = w$  are independent complex variables and solve the two equations  $x + iy = z$  and  $x - iy = \bar{z} = w$  for  $x = (z + \bar{z})/2 = (z + w)/2$  and  $y = i(\bar{z} - z)/2 = i(w - z)$ , which may now be construed temporarily as complex variables independent of each other. Consequently  $2u(x, y) = 2u((z+w)/2, i(w-z)/2) = f(z) + \bar{f}(w)$  wherein  $\bar{f}(w)$  is an analytic function of  $w$  (over a domain that is the complex conjugate of the domain of  $f(z)$ ) by virtue of the Cauchy-Riemann equations that  $f$  satisfies. Choose arbitrarily any constant value for  $\bar{w}$  in the domain of  $f$  to determine a constant (but not yet known)  $\bar{f}(\bar{w})$  and obtain a slightly circular formula  $f(z) := 2u((z+w)/2, i(w-z)/2) - \bar{f}(\bar{w})$  for an analytic *Expression*  $f(z) = f(x + iy)$  of which harmonic  $u(x, y)$  is the real part when  $x$  and  $y$  are real. This formula leaves, as it should,  $\text{Im}(\bar{f}(\bar{w}))$  undetermined but does determine  $\text{Re}(\bar{f}(\bar{w})) = (\bar{f}(\bar{w}) + f(\bar{w}))/2 = u(\text{Re}(\bar{w}), \text{Im}(\bar{w}))$ , so

$$f(z) = 2u((z+w)/2, i(w-z)/2) - u(\text{Re}(\bar{w}), \text{Im}(\bar{w})) + (\text{Arbitrary Imaginary Constant}).$$

For  $u(x, y)$  given above this yields  $f(z) = z/(z-1) + (\text{An Imaginary Constant})$  provided  $w \neq 1$ , whence  $v(x, y) = \text{Im}(f(x + iy))$  etc. as claimed, and without having to integrate derivatives.

Cf. Review Ex. #9, §2.R, and Ex. 32, §1.5 of Basic Complex Analysis 3rd ed. by J.E. Marsden & M.J. Hoffman (1999). See also Ex. 19, p. 14 of <[www.cs.berkeley.edu/~wkahan/Math185/Derivative.pdf](http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~wkahan/Math185/Derivative.pdf)>, and pp. 264-7 of Z. Nehari's text *Intro. to Complex Analysis* Rev'd Ed. (1969) for a proof of the foregoing method's general validity.

An alternative solution obtains  $v(x, y)$  by integrating  $\text{Grad}(v(x, y))$ . The Cauchy-Riemann equations provide  $\text{Grad}(v(x, y)) := [v_x, v_y] = [-u_y, u_x]$  wherein the subscripts denote partial derivatives like  $v_x(x, y) := \partial v(x, y)/\partial x$ . The variable  $\zeta := \xi + i\eta$  of integration runs from an arbitrary point  $c := a + ib$  in  $v$ 's domain to  $z := x + iy$  along a dog-leg path in the  $(x, y)$ -plane from  $(a, b)$  to  $(x, b)$  to  $(x, y)$ . Along this path  $v(\xi, \eta)$  changes by an amount

$$v(x, y) - v(a, b) = \int_c^z \text{Grad}(v(\xi, \eta)) \cdot [d\xi, d\eta] = -\int_a^x u_y(\xi, b) \cdot d\xi + \int_b^y u_x(x, \eta) \cdot d\eta.$$

Given the problem's  $u(x, y) := 1 + (x-1)/((x-1)^2 + y^2)$ , we find after some algebraic effort that

$$\int u_x(x, \eta) \cdot d\eta = \int (\eta^2 - (x-1)^2) \cdot d\eta / (\eta^2 + (x-1)^2)^2 = -\eta / (\eta^2 + (x-1)^2) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\int u_y(\xi, b) \cdot d\xi = -2b \cdot \int (\xi-1) \cdot d\xi / (b^2 + (\xi-1)^2)^2 = b / (b^2 + (\xi-1)^2);$$

and then the expression for  $v(x, y)$  simplifies, after little more algebraic effort, to

$$v(x, y) = v(a, b) + b/(b^2 + (a-1)^2) - y/(y^2 + (x-1)^2) \quad \text{as claimed.}$$

Integrating along a different path from  $(a, b)$  to  $(a, y)$  to  $(x, y)$  produces the same result even if the two paths are separated by the sole singularity of  $v(x, y)$  at  $(x, y) = (1, 0)$ .

**2:**  $f(z)$  is analytic over some open domain including a point  $z_0$  at which  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ . Explain why  $2\pi i/f'(z_0) = \int dz/(f(z) - f(z_0))$  integrated around any sufficiently small circle centered at  $z_0$ . You may invoke the *Inverse Function Theorem* and *Integration-by-Parts* if you wish.

**Solution 2:** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(w)$  be two analytic functions inverse to each other in some open neighborhoods of  $z \approx z_0$  and  $w \approx w_0 := f(z_0)$  wherein  $z \equiv g(f(z))$  and  $w \equiv f(g(w))$ ; therein  $1 \equiv g'(f(z)) \cdot f'(z) \equiv f'(g(w)) \cdot g'(w)$  by virtue of the *Inverse Function Theorem*.

See pp. 7-9 on the class web page's <.../Derivative.pdf>, or pp. 69-71 and 400-401 of *Basic Complex Analysis* 3rd ed. by Marsden & Hoffman, and their Ex. #10, §2.R.

Let  $\gamma$  be a circle centered at  $z_0$  and so small that its image  $f(\gamma) \approx w_0 + f'(z_0) \cdot (\gamma - z_0)$  is a tiny closed curve enclosing  $w_0$ . Then substitute  $w = f(z)$  into the Cauchy Integral Formula's ...

$$2\pi i/f'(z_0) = 2\pi i \cdot g'(w_0) = \int_{f(\gamma)} g'(w) \cdot dw/(w - w_0) = \int_{\gamma} dz/(f(z) - f(z_0)) \text{ as claimed.}$$

An alternative solution differentiates Cauchy's  $2\pi i \cdot g(w_0) = \int_{f(\gamma)} g(w) \cdot dw/(w - w_0)$  to obtain

$$2\pi i \cdot g'(w_0) = \int_{f(\gamma)} g(w) \cdot dw/(w - w_0)^2 \text{ and then substitutes } w := f(z) \text{ to deduce that}$$

$$2\pi i/f'(z_0) = \int_{\gamma} z \cdot f'(z) \cdot dz/(f(z) - f(z_0))^2 = -\int_{\gamma} z \cdot d(1/(f(z) - f(z_0))), \text{ after which } \textit{Integration-by-Parts} \text{ yields } 2\pi i/f'(z_0) = -\Delta_{\gamma} [z/(f(z) - f(z_0))] + \int_{\gamma} dz/(f(z) - f(z_0)) = \int_{\gamma} dz/(f(z) - f(z_0)), \text{ again as claimed.}$$

**3:** Show how to evaluate  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp(-i\theta) \cdot \exp(\exp(i\theta)) \cdot d\theta$ .

**Solution 3:** Call the integral  $J := \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp(-i\theta) \cdot \exp(\exp(i\theta)) \cdot d\theta$ . Hereunder is why  $J = 2\pi$ :

Let  $O$  be the  $z$ -plane's unit circle on which  $z = \exp(i\theta)$ , and let  $w$  lie strictly inside  $O$ .

The Cauchy Integral Formula provides  $2\pi i \cdot \exp(w) = \int_O \exp(z) \cdot dz/(z - w)$  and its derivative

$$2\pi i \cdot \exp(w) = 2\pi i \cdot d \exp(w)/dw = \int_O \exp(z) \cdot dz/(z - w)^2 \text{ which the substitution } z := \exp(i\theta) \text{ turns into } 2\pi i \cdot \exp(w) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp(\exp(i\theta)) \cdot i \cdot \exp(i\theta) \cdot d\theta / (\exp(i\theta) - w)^2. \text{ Set } w := 0 \text{ to find } 2\pi i = i \cdot J.$$

This problem is Ex. #11, §2.R, of the text *Basic Complex Analysis* 3rd ed. by Marsden & Hoffman.