

UPSC Mathematics Optional  
Previous Year Question Solutions

COMPLEX ANALYSIS

**2015**

**Q1.** Show that the function  $v(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2) + x + y$  is harmonic. Find its conjugate harmonic function  $u(x, y)$ . Also, find the corresponding analytic function  $f(z) = u + iv$  in terms of  $z$ .

**[10 Marks]**

**Solution:**

Given,  $v(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2) + x + y$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{2(x^2 + y^2) - 4x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{-2x^2 + 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} + 1$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2(x^2 + y^2) - 4y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{2x^2 - 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = \frac{-(2x^2 - 2y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{2x^2 - 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = 0$$

Hence it is a Harmonic function.

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} + 1 = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} + 1$$

Integrating w.r.t.  $x$ .

$$u = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + x + f(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{y^2}\right)} + xy + f'(y)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{y^2}{y^2 + x^2} + xy + f'(y)$$

$$f'(y) = \frac{dy}{dy} - \frac{y^2}{y^2 + x^2} - xy$$

$$f'(y) = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} + 1 - \frac{y^2}{y^2 + x^2} - xy$$

$$f'(y) = \frac{2x - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} + 1 \cdot xy$$

$$f(y) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + y - xy^2 - \int \left[ \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 + y^2} - \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right]$$

$$f(y) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + y - xy^2 - y + \frac{x}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$f(y) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - xy^2 + \frac{x}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

Hence becomes  $u = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x + \tan^{-1}(y/x) + \frac{x}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} - xy^2$

$$u = 2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \frac{x}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + x(1 - y^2)$$

$$y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \left[ 2 + \frac{x}{2} \right] + x(1 - y^2)$$

$$f = u + iv$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2} + 1 + i \left( \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2} + 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Put  $x = z, y = 0$

$$f'(z) = 1 + i \left( \frac{2z}{z^2} + 1 \right)$$

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

$$f(z) = z + i(2 \ln z + z) \pm c$$

$$f(z) = z + i(z + \ln z^2) + c$$

**Q2.** Find all Possible Taylor's and Laurent's series expansion of function  $f(z) = \frac{2z-3}{z^2-3z+z}$  about the point  $z=0$

**Solution:**

$$-f(z) = \frac{2z-3}{z^2-3z+z} = \frac{2z-3}{(z-1)(z-2)}$$

By using partial fraction

$$\frac{2z-3}{(z-1)(z-2)} = \frac{A}{z-1} + \frac{B}{z-2}$$

$$= A(z-2) + B(z-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow A+B=2 \quad \text{and} \quad 2A+B=3$$

\(\therefore\) By Solving, we get,

$$A = 1, B = 1$$

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} + \frac{1}{z-2}$$

$$f_1(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} = \frac{1}{z\left(1-\frac{1}{z}\right)} = \frac{1}{z}\left(1-\frac{1}{z}\right)^{-1}$$

$$f_1(z) = \frac{1}{z}\left[1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots\right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots\right]$$

Since  $\left|\frac{1}{z}\right| < 1$  thence  $|z| > 1$ , so valid for  $|z| > 1$ .

$$\text{Again, } f_2(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} = \frac{1}{z\left(1-\frac{2}{z}\right)} = \frac{1}{z}\left(1-\frac{2}{z}\right)^{-1}$$

$$f_2 = \frac{1}{z}\left[1 + \frac{2}{z} + \frac{4}{z^2} + \dots\right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{z} + \frac{2}{z^2} + \frac{4}{z^3} + \dots\right]$$

Since,  $\left|\frac{2}{z}\right| < 1$  : Hence valid for  $|z| > 2$

Now, the Laurent's series

$$(f_1 + f_2)z = \left[\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots\right] + \left[\frac{1}{z} + \frac{2}{z^2} + \frac{4}{z^3} + \dots\right]$$

$(f_1 + f_2)z = \frac{2}{z} + \frac{3}{z^2} + \frac{5}{z^3} + \frac{9}{z^4} + \dots$  is valid for  $|z| > 2$  is the required Laurent's series.

for Taylor's series

$$f_1(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} = \frac{-1}{1-z} = -1(1-z)^{-1}$$

$$f_1(z) = -(1+z+z^2+z^3+\dots), |z| < 1.$$

$$f_2(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} = \frac{-1}{2\left(1-\frac{z}{2}\right)} = \frac{-1}{2}\left(1-\frac{z}{2}\right)^{-1}$$

$$f_2(z) = \frac{-1}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^3}{4} + \frac{z^3}{8} + \dots \right]_{|z|>2}$$

$$\therefore (f_1 + f_2)z = -1(1 + z + z^2 + \dots) - \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{4} + \dots \right)$$

$$(f_1 + f_2)z = - \left[ (1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots) + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{4} + \frac{z^3}{8} + \dots \right) \right]$$

is the required Taylor's series.

**Q3.** State Cauchy's theorem. Using it evaluate the integral  $\int_c \frac{e^z + 1}{z(z+1)(z-i)^2} dz$   $c: |z|=2$

**Solution:**

Given,  $\int_c \frac{e^z + 1}{z(z+1)(z-i)^2} dz$

over the region  $c: |z|=2$

$$f(z) = \frac{e^z + 1}{z(z+1)(z-i)^2}$$

Poles are  $z=0, z=-1$ . of order 1.

$z=i$  of order 2

Now, residue at  $z=0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \cdot f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \frac{e^z + 1}{z(z+1)(z-i)} \\ &= \frac{e^0 + 1}{(0+1)(0-i)^2} = \frac{2}{i^2} = -2. \end{aligned}$$

Residue at  $z=-1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} (z+1)f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} (z+1) \cdot \frac{e^{z+1}}{z(z+1)(z-i)^2} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{e^{z+1}}{z(z-i)^2} \\ &= \frac{e^{-1} + 1}{(-1)(-1-i)^2} \\ &= \frac{-(e^{-1} + 1)}{(1+i)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Residue at  $z=i$  of order 2

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{d}{dz} (z-i)^2 \cdot f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{d}{dz} \frac{(z-i)^2 \cdot e^z + 1}{z(z+1)(z-i)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{d}{dz} \frac{e^z + 1}{z(z+1)} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{e^z (z^2 + z) - (e^2 + 1)(zz + 1)}{z^2 (z+1)^2} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{e^z \cdot z^2 + e^z \cdot z - [2e^z \cdot z + e^z + 2z + 1]}{z^2 [z+1]^2} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{e^z [z^2 + z - 2z - 1] - 2z - 1}{z^2 (z+1)^2} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{e^z [z^2 - z - 1] - 2z - 1}{z^2 (z+1)^2} \\
&= \frac{e^i (i^2 - i - 1) - 2i - 1}{i^2 (1+i)^2} \\
&= \frac{-(2e^i + 2i + 1 + e^i)}{(-1)(1+i)^2} \\
&= \frac{2e^i + 2i + 1 + ie^i}{(1+i)^2} \\
&= \frac{e^i (z+i) + (2i+1)}{(1+i)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \oint f(z) dz = 2\pi i [\text{residue at } z=0 + \text{Residue at } z=-1 + \text{residue at } z=i]$$

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

$$\oint_c f(z) dz = -2\pi i \left[ \frac{2 + (e^{-1} + 1) + e^{-1}(2+i) - 2i - 1}{(1+i)^2} \right]$$

$$\oint_c f(z) dz = -2\pi i \left[ 2 + \left[ \frac{e^{-1} - e^{-i}(2+i) - 2i}{(1+i)^2} \right] \right]$$

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