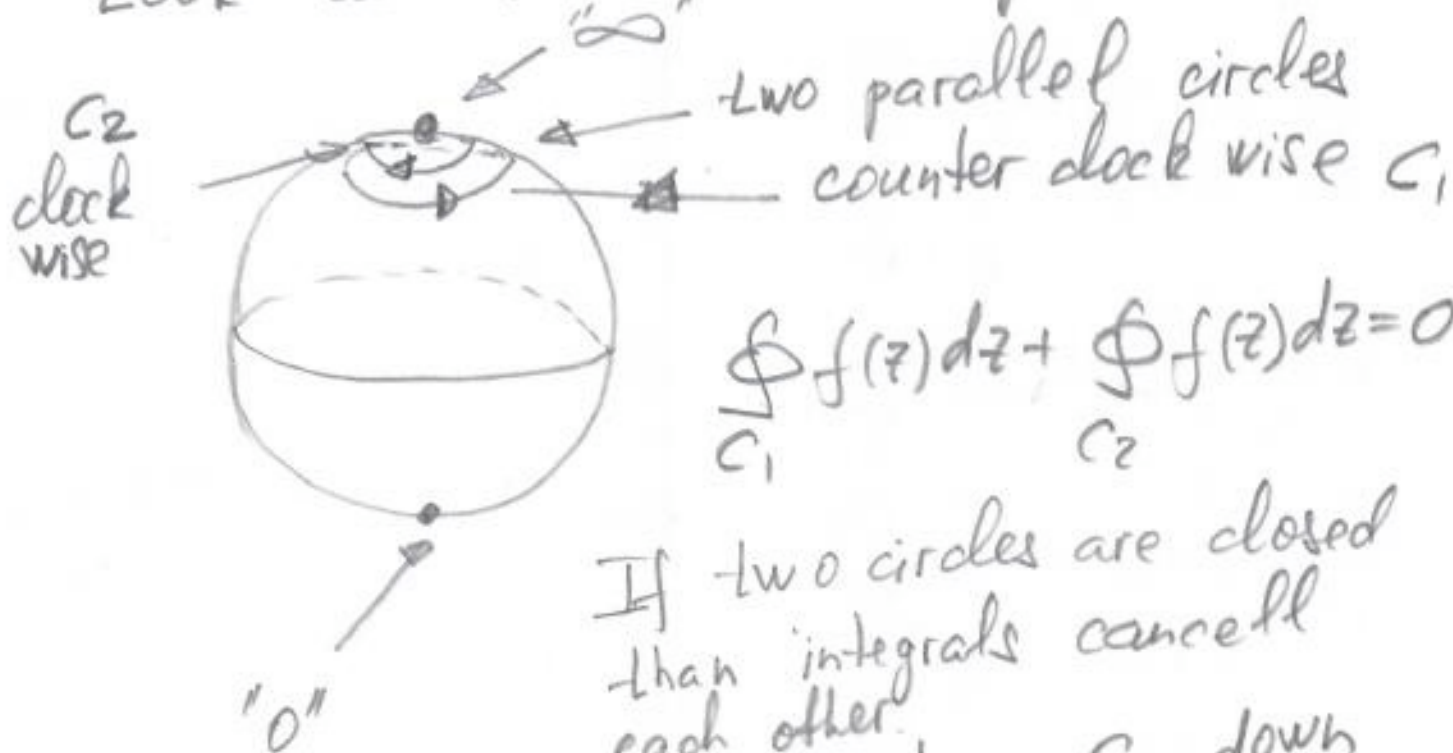


We understood that point at infinity can be treated like any other point.

From here we can naturally define the $\text{Res } f(\infty)$.

Look at the Riemann sphere



$$\oint_{C_1} f(z) dz + \oint_{C_2} f(z) dz = 0$$

If two circles are closed then integrals cancel each other.

Now we pull the contour C_2 down and by Cauchy's theorem it becomes

$$\oint_{C_2} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_n \text{Res } f(z_n)$$

all residue at point on the complex plane (Riemann sphere) except ∞ (N pole)

We got

$$\oint_{\text{clockwise}} f(z) dz + 2\pi i \sum_n \text{Res} f(z_n) = 0$$

Now define

$$\text{Res} f(\infty) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\text{clockwise}} f(z) dz$$

around the point ∞ (N pole)

Sum of Residues of analytic function is zero

$$\sum_n f(z_n) + f(\infty) = 0$$

Important, we assumed that the function has only pole singularities on the complex plane.

Let us check how it works.
Consider example.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$$

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$$\text{Res } f(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_1} \frac{1}{z} dz =$$

around zero
anticlockwise

$$z = \varepsilon e^{i\varphi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{\varepsilon e^{i\varphi}} i \varepsilon e^{i\varphi} d\varphi = 1$$

$$\text{Res } f(\infty) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_2} \frac{1}{z} dz =$$

around
 ∞ , clockwise

$$z = R e^{i\varphi}$$

$$R \gg 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{-2\pi} \frac{1}{R e^{i\varphi}} i R e^{i\varphi} d\varphi = -\frac{2\pi i}{2\pi i} = -1$$

$$\text{Res } f(0) + \text{Res } f(\infty) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

In a slightly different way the same example.
Consider an integral around ∞

$$\text{Res } f(\infty) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_2} \frac{1}{z} dz \quad \text{and } \text{perform a mapping}$$

$$z = \frac{1}{\zeta}$$

As we know this is Möbius mapping
that relates Riemann sphere, sending
 $\infty \rightarrow 0$

So we can understand the integral around the point ∞ in several equivalent ways.

1) As an integral in clockwise direction on a large circle on the complex plane [small circle around N pole on the Riemann sphere]

2) We can apply a Möbius transformation

$z = 1/\zeta$ sending $\infty \rightarrow N$ and clockwise contour in z plane to anticlockwise contour in ζ plane.

In this way

$$\oint_{\text{clockwise circle around } \infty} dz f(z) = \oint_{\text{anticlockwise circle around } 0} -\frac{dz}{z^2} f(1/z)$$

For our example

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\text{clockwise circle around } \infty} \frac{dz}{z} &= \oint_{\text{anticlockwise circle around } 0} -\frac{dz}{z^2} \} = - \oint_{\text{anticlockwise}} \frac{dz}{z^2} = \\ &= -2\pi i \rightarrow \text{Res } z(\infty) = \boxed{-1} \\ \text{and } \text{Re } z(0) + \text{Re } z(\infty) &= 1 - 1 = 0 \text{ as expected} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Res } f(\infty) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{dz}{z} = -1$$

(anticlockwise around 0)

Now we understand how complex variables help to compute ordinary integrals. We now discuss how they also help in solving partial differential eqs.

For example Laplace equation.
 $\Delta \psi = 0$. Here $\Delta \equiv \nabla^2 = \text{div} \cdot \text{grad}$

This equation appears frequently in physics, for example in electrostatics where Poisson equation for electric potential $\Delta \psi = 4\pi \rho$ ← density of electric charge

↑
electrostatic potential

if $\rho = 0$ in some

area Poisson eq. reduces to Laplace

Laplace eq. also appears in hydrodynamics eg and other areas [to be discussed in the future]

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Any functions that satisfy the Laplace equation are called harmonic functions.

We can study the harmonic functions in 2D via complex analysis.

First, let us combine the coordinates x, y of the real 2D plane into a complex variable

$$z = x + iy$$



Then we can connect the harmonic function in 2D with analytic functions on the complex plane z .

Theorem If $f(z) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$ is analytic in the domain D of the complex plane then both $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ are harmonic functions on D .

Proof is based on Cauchy-Riemann eqs.

$$\frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y}$$

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

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} v(x, y)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} v(x, y)$$

[Here we assume that $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ are interchangeable]

Add together we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

Similarly for $v(x, y)$ $\square$

This theorem works in the opposite direction as well.

If $u(x, y)$ is harmonic on simply connected domain D , then $u(x, y) = \operatorname{Re} f(z)$

$f(z) = u(x, y) + i v(x, y)$ is an analytic function on D .

[Proof to be read in textbook]

If $\sqrt{\text{harmonic}}$ functions u and v are real and imaginary parts of an analytic function, then we call them harmonic conjugates.

Note that if

$f(z) = u + iv$ is analytic so is

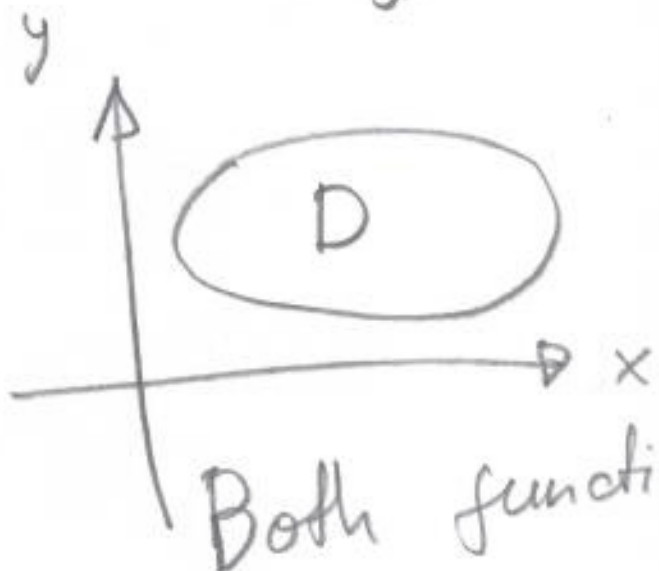
$$if(z) = -v + iu$$

therefore u and $-v$ are also harmonic conjugates.

Example:

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

$$= \underbrace{\frac{x}{x^2+y^2}}_{u(x,y)} - i \underbrace{\frac{y}{x^2+y^2}}_{v(x,y)}$$



domain D does not contain the origin

Both functions $u(x,y) = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}$ and

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

are harmonic functions. They are harmonic conjugates.

Theorem

The gradients of u and v are orthogonal

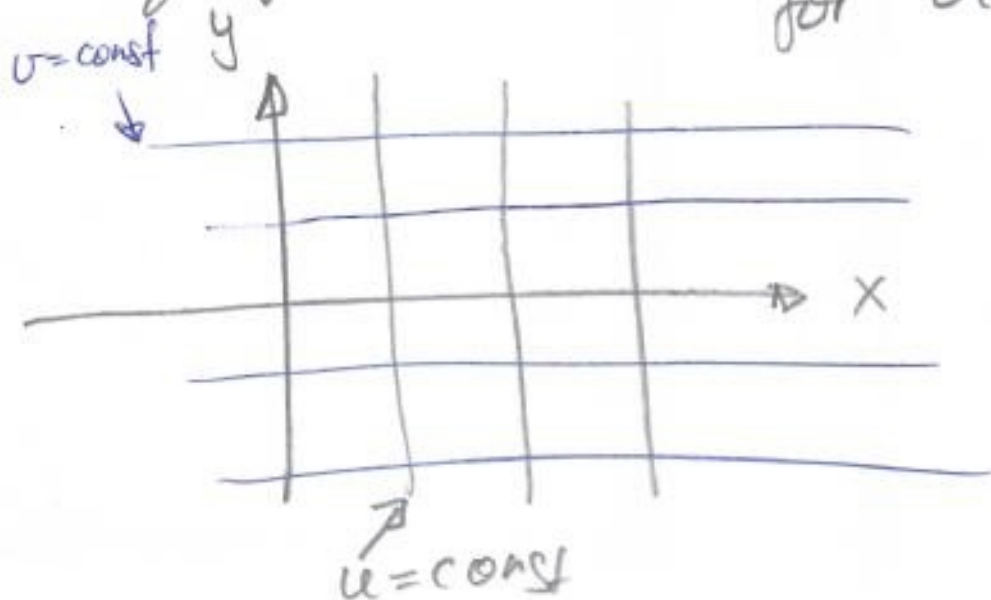
$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla u) \cdot (\nabla v) &= \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) = \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \checkmark \text{ Cauchy-Riemann eqs.} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The consequence of this, is that if levels of the function $u(x,y)$ and $v(x,y)$ [i.e. equopotential lines] are smooth, they are orthogonal.

Examples

$$f(z) = z = x + iy = u$$

Eguapotential lines for $u(x,y) \Rightarrow x = \text{const.}$
for $v(x,y) = y = \text{const.}$



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First branch of $\ln$ on the complex plane with a cut

$$f(z) = \ln z = \ln R + i\varphi$$

$$z = Re^{i\varphi}$$

$$u = \operatorname{Re} f = \ln R$$

$$v = \operatorname{Im} f = \varphi$$

