

E-contents on Mathematics for BSc H(III), Paper-VI, Complex analysis

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Topic- Construction of analytic function

Milne-Thomson Method to find an analytic function

Let $u(x,y)$ be a given harmonic function such that $f(z) = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$ be an analytic function. Then

$$f'(z) = u_x(x,y) + iv_x(x,y)$$

$$f'(z) = u_x(x,y) - u_y(x,y)i$$

let $\phi_1(x,y) = u_x(x,y)$ and $\phi_2(x,y) = u_y(x,y)$, Then we have

$$f'(z) = \phi_1\left(\frac{z+\bar{z}}{2}, \frac{z-\bar{z}}{2i}\right) - i\phi_2\left(\frac{z+\bar{z}}{2}, \frac{z-\bar{z}}{2i}\right)$$

Now, putting $z = \bar{z}$ in above equation we get

$$f'(z) = \phi_1(z, 0) - i\phi_2(z, 0)$$

$$f(z) = \int [\phi_1(z, 0) - i\phi_2(z, 0)] dz + c$$

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Note: If harmonic function $v(x,y)$ is given, then the analytic function

$$f(z) = \int [\phi_1(z, 0) + i\phi_2(z, 0)] dz + c$$

where $\phi_1(z, 0) = v_y(z, 0)$ and $\phi_2(z, 0) = v_x(z, 0)$.

Example 1. Show that $u(x,y) = \sin x \cosh y + 2 \cos x \sinh y + x^2 - y^2 + 4xy$ is harmonic. Find an analytic function $f(z)$ in terms of z .

Solution: here $u(x,y) = \sin x \cosh y + 2 \cos x \sinh y + x^2 - y^2 + 4xy$, then

$$\begin{aligned} u_x &= \cos x \cosh y - 2 \sin x \sinh y + 2x + 4y \\ u_{xx} &= -\sin x \cosh y - 2 \cos x \sinh y + 2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_y &= \sin x \sinh y + 2 \cos x \cosh y - 2y + 4x \\ u_{yy} &= \sin x \cosh y + 2 \cos x \sinh y - 2 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Adding equation (1) and (2) we get

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

hence $u(x,y)$ is harmonic. Now we have to evaluate $f(z)$ for this

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$$\phi_1(z, 0) = u_x(z, 0) = \cos z \cosh 0 - 2 \sin z \sinh 0 + 2z + 40 = \cos z + 2z$$

$$\phi_2(z, 0) = u_y(z, 0) = \sin z \sinh 0 + 2 \cos z \cosh 0 - 0 + 4z = 2 \cos z + 4z$$

Then by Milne-Thomson method we have

$$f(z) = \int [\phi_1(z, 0) - i\phi_2(z, 0)] dz + c$$

$$f(z) = \int [\cos z + 2z - i(2 \cos z + 4z)] dz + c$$

$$f(z) = \sin z + z^2 + 2i \sin z - 2iz^2 + c$$

Which is the required analytic function in terms of z .

Example 2. Given $v(x, y) = x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4$ find $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ such that $f(z)$ is analytic.

Solution: Here $v(x, y) = x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4$, then $v_x = 4x^3 - 12xy^2$, $v_{xx} = 12x^2 - 12y$, $v_y = -12x^2y + 4y^3$, $v_{yy} = -12x^2 + 12y^2$

\therefore

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

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Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_1(z, 0) &= v_y(z, 0) = 0 \\ \phi_2(z, 0) &= v_x(z, 0) = 4z^3\end{aligned}$$

Then by Milne-Thomson method we have

$$\begin{aligned}f(z) &= \int [\phi_1(z, 0) + i\phi_2(z, 0)] dz + c \\ f(z) &= \int [0 + i4z^3] dz + c \\ f(z) &= iz^4 + c\end{aligned}$$

Which is the required analytic function in terms of z .

Example 3. If $u + v = (x - y)(x^2 + 4xy + y^2)$ and $f(z) = u + iv$ find the analytic function $f(z)$ in terms of z .

Solution: Here

$$u + v = (x - y)(x^2 + 4xy + y^2)$$

Differentiating above equation w.r.t. x and y respectively we have

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$$u_x + v_x = (x - y)(2x + 4y) + (x^2 + 4xy + y^2) \quad (3)$$

$$u_y + v_y = (x - y)(4x + 2y) - (x^2 + 4xy + y^2) \quad (4)$$

Since $f(z) = u + iv$ is analytic then u and v satisfy the C-R equations as $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$. Using C-R equation in (9) we have

$$-v_x + u_x = (x - y)(4x + 2y) - (x^2 + 4xy + y^2) \quad (5)$$

Now adding equation (8) and (10) we get

$$2u_x = (x - y)(6x + 6y) \implies u_x = 3(x^2 - y^2) \quad (6)$$

Again subtracting equation (10) from equation (8) we have

$$2v_x = (x - y)(y - x) + 2x^2 + 8xy + 2y^2 \implies v_x = 6xy \quad (7)$$

Then from equation (12) we have $u_y = -6xy$ (from C-R equation). Now $\phi_1(z, 0) = u_x(z, 0) = 3z^2$ and $\phi_2(z, 0) = u_y(z, 0) = 0$.

Then by Milne-Thomson method we have

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$$f(z) = \int [\phi_1(z, 0) - i\phi_2(z, 0)] dz + c$$

$$f(z) = \int [3z^2 - i(0)] dz + c$$

$$f(z) = z^3 + c$$

Which is the required analytic function in terms of z .

Exercise

(i)- Find the analytic function $f(z) = u + iv$ of which the real part $u = e^x(x \cos y - y \sin y)$.

(ii)- Find the analytic function $f(z) = u + iv$ where the imaginary part $v(x, y) = 3x^2y - y^3$.

(iii)- Find the analytic function $f(z) = u + iv$ in terms of z given that $u - v = e^x(\cos y - \sin y)$.

(try to solve yourself)

Ans: (i) $ze^z + c$ (ii) $z^3 + c$ (iii) $e^z + c$



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