

1) Show that for the fn.  $f(z) = \sqrt{xy}$ , the C.R. eqns are satisfied at the origin but  $f'(z)$  does not exist.

$$f(z) = \sqrt{xy} = u + iv \quad u = \sqrt{xy}, \quad v = 0$$

$$u_x = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \quad u_x(0,0) = 0 \quad / \quad u_y(0,0) = 0$$

$$v_x = 0, \quad v_y = 0, \quad u_x = v_y, \quad u_y = -v_x$$

Let we calculate  $f'(z)$  along  $mx = y$

$$f'(z) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{xmx} - 0}{x(1+im)} = \frac{\sqrt{xm}}{1+im} \quad \text{depends on } m$$

$$f'(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z} \quad \therefore f'(z) \text{ does not exist}$$

2) if  $u = x^2 - y^2$ ,  $v = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$ , then show that both  $u$  and  $v$  are harmonics but  $u + iv$  is not analytic.

$$u = x^2 - y^2, \quad v = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2} \quad / \quad u_x = 2x \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 2$$

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

$u$  is harmonic

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2y(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^3}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2y(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad \therefore v \text{ is harmonic}$$



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

$u_x \neq v_y$   $u_y \neq -v_x$   $\therefore f(z)$  is not analytic

3) If  $w = \log z$ , find  $\frac{dw}{dz}$ . Determine the point where  $f(z)$  is not analytic.

$$w = \log z = \log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + i \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2), \quad v = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$u_x = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad u_y = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$v_x = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad v_y = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \quad \therefore v_x = -u_y$$

$$u_x = v_y$$

C.R. eqns are satisfied  $\therefore \frac{dw}{dz} = \frac{1}{z}$  is analytic

everywhere

4) Examine if  $\bar{z}$  and  $e^z$  are analytic fns or not.

a)  $\bar{z} \Rightarrow f(z) = x - iy$ ,  $u = x$ ,  $v = -y$ ,  $u_x = 1$ ,  $u_y = 0$   
 $v_x = 0$ ,  $v_y = -1$  /  $u_x \neq v_y$   $\bar{z}$  is not analytic

b)  $e^z \Rightarrow f(z) = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y) = e^{x+iy} = e^x e^{iy}$

$$u = e^x \cos y, \quad v = e^x \sin y, \quad u_x = e^x \cos y$$

$$u_y = -e^x \sin y, \quad v_x = e^x \sin y, \quad v_y = e^x \cos y$$

$v_x = -u_y$ ,  $u_x = v_y$   $\therefore f(z)$  is analytic  $f'(z) = e^z$

5) Show that the real and imaginary parts of an analytic f.  $f(z) = u(r, \theta) + i v(r, \theta)$ , satisfy Laplace eqn. in polar form

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$$

The C.R. eqns in polar form are

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \quad (i), \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} \quad (ii)$$

Differentiate (i) w.r.t r

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r \partial \theta} - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \rightarrow (1)$$

Differentiate (ii) w.r.t  $\theta$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = -r \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r \partial \theta} \rightarrow (2)$$

from (1) and (2), (i), (ii)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r \partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial r \partial \theta} = 0$$

Similarly we can prove the second relation of  $v(r, \theta)$ .



Milne-Thomson's method

$$f(z) = u + iv \Rightarrow f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = u_x - i u_y$$

$$x = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}, y = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

$$f(z) = u\left(\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}, \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}\right) + iv\left(\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}, \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}\right)$$

Considering  $z, \bar{z}$  are independent. If  $z = \bar{z}$

$$f(z) = u(z, 0) + i v(z, 0)$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(z, 0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(z, 0) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(z, 0) - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(z, 0)$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(z, 0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(z, 0) = \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)(z, 0)$$

$$f(z) = \int \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(z, 0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(z, 0) \right] dz$$

i) Integration method

Suppose  $u(x, y)$  is given.

1) Find  $u_x, u_y$       2)  $u_x = v_y$

$$\therefore v = \int v_y dy + f(x) = \int u_x dy + f(x) \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

3)  $u_y = -v_x, v = -\int u_y dx + g(y) \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$

4) Differentiate  $\textcircled{1}$  w.r.t  $x$

$$v_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \int u_x dy \right) + f'(x)$$

Comparing with  $u_y = -v_x$ , we get  $f(x)$

5) Differentiate  $\textcircled{2}$  w.r.t  $y$

$$v_y = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \int u_y dy \right] + g'(y)$$

(i)

Comparing with  $v_y = u_x$ , we get  $g(y)$ . Substituting with  $f(x)$  and  $g(y)$ , we can get  $u(x,y)$  and  $v(x,y)$   
 $\therefore f(z) = u(x,y) + i v(x,y)$

Milne Thomson's method:

- 1)  $u(x,y)$  is given. find  $u_x$  and  $u_x(z,0)$   
"  $u_y$  "  $u_y(z,0)$
- 2) find  $f'(z) = u_x(z,0) - i u_y(z,0)$
- 3) Integrate  $f'(z)$  w.r.t  $z$ . we get  $f(z)$
- 4) if  $v(x,y)$  is given. find  $v_x$  and  $v_x(z,0)$   
"  $v_y$  and  $v_y(z,0)$
- 5) find  $f'(z) = v_y(z,0) + i v_x(z,0)$
- 6) Integrate  $f'(z)$  w.r.t  $z$  we get  $f(z)$

Exact differential method

If  $u(x,y)$  is given

$$dv = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy$$

- 1) Differentiate  $u$  w.r.t  $y \Rightarrow u_y = -v_x$
- 2) "  $u$  "  $x \Rightarrow u_x = v_y$

$$dv = -u_y dx + u_x dy$$

Solve this D.E. which is exact to get  $v(x,y)$

$$M = -u_y, N = u_x$$

$$\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

Since  $u$  is harmonic

$-u_y dx + u_x dy$  is exact

Among all the 3 methods, Milne Thomson's method is the easiest one.

7) Find an analytic  $f_n$  whose real part is  $\frac{\sin 2x}{\cosh 2y - \cos 2x}$

$$u = \frac{\sin 2x}{\cosh 2y - \cos 2x}, \quad f(z) = u + iv, \quad z = x + iy$$

$$u_x = \frac{(\cosh 2y - \cos 2x)(2 \cos 2x) - 2 \sin 2x \sin 2x}{(\cosh 2y - \cos 2x)^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{z,0} = \frac{2 \cos 2z - 2}{(1 - \cos 2z)^2} = \frac{2}{\cos 2z - 1}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{-2 \sin 2x \sinh 2y}{(\cosh 2y - \cos 2x)^2} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{z,0} = 0$$

According to Milne Thomson's method

$$f'(z) = u_x - i u_y = \frac{-2}{1 - \cos 2z}$$

$$f(z) = -2 \int \frac{dz}{1 - \cos 2z} = -2 \int \frac{dz}{2 \sin^2 z} = -\int \operatorname{cosec}^2 z \, dz$$

$$f(z) = \cot z + C$$

8) Construct an analytic  $f_n$  whose imaginary part is  $v(x, y) = 2x(y+1) - 4$  under the restriction  $f(1+i) = 2$

$$v(x, y) = 2x(y+1) - 4 \Rightarrow v_x = 2y + 2, \quad v_y = 2x$$

$f(z)$  is an analytic  $f_n$ .

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(z, 0) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(z, 0)$$

$$f'(z) = 2z + 2i \Rightarrow f(z) = \int 2(z+i) \, dz = z^2 + 2iz + C$$

$$f(1+i) = 2 \Rightarrow (1+i)^2 + 2(1+i)i + C = 4i - 2 + C = 2$$

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$$c = 4 - 4i$$

$$f(z) = z^2 + 2iz + 4(1-i)$$

$$f(z) = z^2 + 4 + i(2z - 4)$$

9) Find the analytic  $f_2$  whose real part is  $e^{-x}(x \cos y + y \sin y)$

$$u = e^{-x}(x \cos y + y \sin y) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Differentiate partially  $\textcircled{1}$  w.r.t  $x$

$$u_x = e^{-x} \cos y - x e^{-x} \cos y - e^{-x} y \sin y \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Differentiate partially  $\textcircled{1}$  w.r.t  $y$

$$u_y = -e^{-x} x \sin y + e^{-x} \sin y + y e^{-x} \cos y \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

The C.R eqns. are  $u_x = v_y$ ,  $u_y = -v_x$

$\textcircled{2} \Rightarrow$

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{z,0} = e^{-z} - z e^{-z}$$

Milne Thomson's method

$$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)_{z,0} = 0$$

$$f'(z) = u_x(z,0) - i u_y(z,0) = -z e^{-z} + e^{-z}$$

$$f(z) = \int (e^{-z} - z e^{-z}) dz = -e^{-z} + z e^{-z} + e^{-z} + c$$

$$f(z) = z e^{-z} + c$$



10) If  $u+v = \frac{\sinh 2x + \sin 2y}{\cosh 2x + \cos 2y}$  find the analytical fn.

$$f(z) = u + iv$$

$$f(z) = u + iv \quad i f(z) = iu - v$$

$$(1+i)f(z) = (u-v) + i(u+v) = F(z) = U + iV \text{ say}$$

$U = u - v$  is the real part of  $F(z)$

$V = u + v$  " " imaginary " " "

$$V = \frac{\sinh 2x + \sin 2y}{\cosh 2x + \cos 2y}$$

$$V_x = \frac{(\cosh 2x + \cos 2y)(2 \cosh 2x) - (\sinh 2x + \sin 2y)(2 \sinh 2x)}{(\cosh 2x + \cos 2y)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}(z,0) = \frac{(\cosh 2z + 1)(2 \cosh 2z) - 2 \sinh^2 2z}{(\cosh 2z + 1)^2} = \frac{2}{1 + \cosh 2z}$$

$$V_y = \frac{(\cosh 2x + \cos 2y)(2 \cos 2y) - (\sinh 2x + \sin 2y)(-2 \sin 2y)}{(\cosh 2x + \cos 2y)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}(z,0) = \frac{(\cosh 2z + 1)(2)}{(\cosh 2z + 1)^2} = \frac{2}{1 + \cosh 2z}$$

$$F'(z) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}(z,0) + i \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}(z,0) = \frac{2(1+i)}{1 + \cosh 2z}$$

$$F(z) = 2(1+i) \int \frac{dz}{1 + \cosh 2z} = (1+i) \int \frac{dz}{\cosh^2 z}$$

$$= (1+i) \int \operatorname{sech}^2 z \, dz = (1+i) \tanh z + C$$

$$f(z) = \frac{F(z)}{1+i} = \tanh z + C$$

# Milne-Thomson method for finding a holomorphic function

In mathematics, the **Milne-Thomson method** is a method of finding a holomorphic function, whose real or imaginary part is given.<sup>[1]</sup> The method greatly simplifies the process of finding the holomorphic function whose real or imaginary part is given. It is named after Louis Melville Milne-Thomson.

## Method for finding the holomorphic function

Let  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  be any holomorphic function.

Let  $z = x + iy$  and  $\bar{z} = x - iy$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are real.

Hence,

$$x = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}$$

$$\text{and } y = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}$$

Therefore,  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is equal to

$$f(z) = u\left(\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}, \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}\right) + iv\left(\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}, \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}\right)$$

This can be regarded as an identity in two independent variables  $z$  and  $\bar{z}$ . We can therefore, put  $z = \bar{z}$  and get  $f(z) = u(z, 0) + iv(z, 0)$

So,  $f(z)$  can be obtained in terms of  $z$  simply by putting  $x = z$  and  $y = 0$  in  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  when  $f(z)$  is a holomorphic function.

$$\text{Now, } f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

Since,  $f(z)$  is holomorphic, hence Cauchy–Riemann equations are satisfied. Hence,  $f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ .

$$\text{Let } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \Phi(x, y) \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \Psi(x, y).$$

Then

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

$$f'(z) = \Phi(x, y) - i\Psi(x, y)$$

Now, putting  $x = z$  and  $y = 0$  in the above equation, we get

$$f'(z) = \Phi(z, 0) - i\Psi(z, 0).$$

Integrating both sides of the above equation we get

$$\int f'(z) dz = \int \Phi(z, 0) dz - i \int \Psi(z, 0) dz$$

or

$$f(z) = \int f'(z) dz = \int \Phi(z, 0) dz - i \int \Psi(z, 0) dz + c$$

which is the required holomorphic function.

## Example

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Let  $u(x, y) = x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4$ , and let the desired holomorphic function be  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$

Then as per the above process we know that

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial x}.$$

But as  $f(z)$  is holomorphic, so it satisfies Cauchy–Riemann equations.

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

Or  $u_x = v_y$  and  $u_y = -v_x$ .

Substituting these values in  $f'(z)$  we get,

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y}$$

Hence,

$$f'(z) = (4x^3 - 12xy^2) - i(-12x^2y + 4y^3)$$

This can be written as  $f'(z) = \Phi(x, y) - i\Psi(x, y)$

where,  $\Phi(x, y) = (4x^3 - 12xy^2)$  and  $\Psi(x, y) = -12x^2y + 4y^3$ .

Rewriting  $f'(z) = \Phi(x, y) - i\Psi(x, y)$  using  $x = z$  and  $y = 0$

$$f'(z) = 4z^3 - i(0)$$

Integrating both sides w.r.t  $dz$  we get,

$$\int f'(z) dz = \int 4z^3 dz + \int 0 dz$$

Hence,  $f(z) = z^4 + c$  is the required holomorphic function.

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