

Tutorial 0401 (Friday, 10-11), Quiz 1, rubric.

1. Use the Cauchy-Riemann equations to determine whether the following function is analytic on the region $x, y \neq 0$:

$$f(x + iy) = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} + i \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

If it is not analytic, show which of the Cauchy-Riemann equations do not hold.

Solution: Let $P = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}$ denote the real and $Q = \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}$ the imaginary part of f , respectively. Then we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2) - 2x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, & \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} &= -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} &= -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, & \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2) - 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

from which it is clear that

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \neq -\frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \neq \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x},$$

i.e., that the Cauchy-Riemann equations are not satisfied. Thus the function is not analytic.

Marking: 1 mark for each partial derivative, 1 mark for each of the Cauchy-Riemann equations, for 6 marks total.

2. Use the Cauchy-Riemann equations to determine whether the following function is analytic on the region $x, y \neq 0$:

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

If it is not analytic, show which of the Cauchy-Riemann equations do not hold.

Solution: Let $P = \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}$ denote the real and $Q = -\frac{x}{x^2+y^2}$ the imaginary part of f , respectively. Then we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} &= -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, & \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} &= \frac{(x^2 + y^2) - 2y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} &= -\frac{(x^2 + y^2) - 2x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, & \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y} &= \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

from which we see that

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \neq \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \neq -\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x},$$

i.e., that the Cauchy-Riemann equations are not satisfied. Thus the function is not analytic.

Marking: 1 mark for each partial derivative, 1 mark for each of the Cauchy-Riemann equations, for 6 marks total.