

**Topic of this homework:** Visualizing complex functions; Bilinear/Möbius transform; Riemann sphere.

## 1 Algebra with complex variables

- One can always say that  $3 < 4$ , namely that real numbers have *order*. One way to view this is to take the difference, and compare to zero, as in  $4 - 3 > 0$ . Here, we will explore how complex variables may be ordered. Define the complex variable  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$ .
  - Explain the meaning of  $|z_1| > |z_2|$ .
  - If  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  (are *real* numbers), define the meaning of  $x_1 > x_2$ . *Hint: Take the difference.*
  - Explain the meaning of  $z_1 > z_2$ .
  - (*not graded*) If time were complex how might the world be different?
- It is sometimes necessary to consider a function  $w(z) = u + iv$  in terms of the real functions,  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  (e.g. separate the real and imaginary parts). Similarly, we can consider the inverse  $z(w) = x + iy$  where  $x(u, v)$  and  $y(u, v)$  are real functions.
  - Find  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  for  $w(z) = 1/z$ .
  - Find  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  for  $w(z) = c^z$  with complex constant  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  for the following cases
    - $c = e$
    - $c = 1$  (recall that  $1 = e^{i2\pi k}$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ )
  - Find  $u(x, y)$  for  $w(z) = \sqrt{z}$ . *Hint: Begin with the inverse function  $z = w^2$ .*

## 2 Visualizing complex functions

The mapping from  $z = x + iy$  to  $w(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is a  $2 \cdot 2 = 4$  dimensional graph. This is difficult to visualize, because for each point in the domain  $z$ , we would like to represent both the magnitude and phase (or real and imaginary parts) of  $w(z)$ . A good way to visualize these mappings is to use color (hue) to represent the phase and intensity (dark to light) to represent the magnitude.<sup>1</sup> The Matlab program `zviz.m` has been provided to do this (see Lecture 17 on the class website):

<http://jontalle.web.engr.illinois.edu/uploads/298.17/zviz.zip>

To use the program in Matlab/Octave, use the syntax `zviz <function of z>` (for example, type `zviz z.^2`). Note the period between  $z$  and  $\wedge 2$ . This will render a ‘domain coloring’ (aka colored) version of the function. Examples you can render with `zviz` are given in the comments at the top of the `zviz.m` program. A good example for testing is `zviz z-sqrt(j)`, which should show a dark spot (a zero) at  $(1 + 1j)/\sqrt{2} = 0.707(1 + 1j)$ .

Example: Figure 1 shows a colored plot of  $w(z) = \sin(\pi(z - i)/2)$  due to the Matlab/Octave command `zviz sin(pi*(z-i)/2)`. The abscissa (horizontal axis) is the real  $x$  axis and the ordinate (vertical axis) is the complex  $iy$  axis. The graph is offset along the ordinate axis by  $1i$ , since the argument  $z - i$  causes a shift of the sine function by 1 in the positive imaginary direction. The visible

<sup>1</sup>This is also called ‘domain coloring’: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain\\_coloring](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain_coloring)

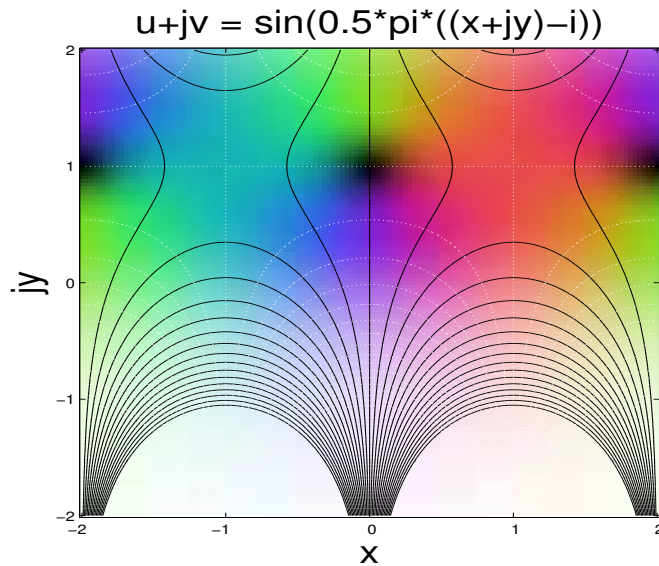


Figure 1: *Plot of  $\sin(0.5\pi(z - i))$ .*

zeros of  $w(z)$  appear as dark regions at  $(-2, 1)$ ,  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(2, 1)$ . As a function of  $x$ ,  $w(x + 1j)$  oscillates between red (phase is zero degrees), meaning the function is positive and real, and sea-green (phase is  $180^\circ$ ), meaning the function is negative and real.

Along the vertical axis, the function is either a  $\cosh(y)$  or  $\sinh(y)$ , depending on  $x$ . The intensity becomes lighter as  $|w|$  increases, and white as  $w \rightarrow \infty$ . the intensity becomes darker as  $|w|$  decreases, and black as  $w \rightarrow 0$ .

**To do:** For the following functions, explain what you see (i.e., understand) about the **zviz** plot of each function. Do not include printouts of the plots with your homework. Write down your observations, in prose.

1.  $w(z) = z$ . Summarize how the color (hue) relate to the phase of  $z$  and how the color intensity relate to the magnitude of  $z$ ?
2.  $z^2$
3.  $e^z$
4.  $\cos(\pi z/2)$
5.  $\cosh(\pi z)$

### 3 Fundamental theorem of algebra (FTA)

1. State the fundamental theorem of algebra (FTA).

### 4 Möbius transforms and infinity

**The bilinear transform:** The *bilinear  $z$  transform* (a specific case of the Möbius transformation) is used in signal processing to design a digital (discrete-time) filter  $H(z)$  given an analog (continuous time) filter  $H(s)$ . The goal of the transform is to take a function of analog frequency  $\omega_a$ , where  $\omega_a \in (-\infty, \infty)$ ,

and map it to a finite digital frequency range,  $\omega_d \in [-\pi, \pi]$ . You will learn more about this if you take ECE 310.

The bilinear  $z$  transform is expressed in terms of the complex Laplace frequency  $s \equiv \sigma_a + j\omega_a$ , where  $\omega_a$  is the analog frequency in radians/second, and  $z \equiv \rho e^{j\omega_d}$ , where  $\rho = |z|$  and  $\omega_d$  is the digital frequency (it is an angle, in radians). The bilinear transform is given by

$$s = \alpha \frac{1 - z^{-1}}{1 + z^{-1}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha$  is a real constant.

1. Suppose you are given the analogue low-pass filter  $h(t) = e^{-t}u(t)$ , which has a frequency response given by

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{s + 1} = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} h(t)e^{-st} dt,$$

where  $s = \sigma + \omega j$ .

Use the bilinear  $z$  transform (Eq. 1) to find the discrete time filter  $H(z)$ . *Hint: Look at matlab/Octave command `help bilinear`. Your answer should be a composition of  $H(s)$  and Eq. 1.*

2. Substitute  $s = j\omega_a$  and  $z = e^{j\omega_d}$  ( $\sigma_a, \sigma_d = 0$ ) into the Eq. 1 to determine the relationship between  $\omega_a, \omega_d$ . Express your final result using a tangent function. *Hint: Try to form sine and cosine terms!* Recall that  $\sin(\omega) = (e^{j\omega} - e^{-j\omega})/2j$  and  $\cos(\omega) = (e^{j\omega} + e^{-j\omega})/2$ .
3. By hand, draw a graph of the relationship you found the previous part,  $\omega_a = f(\omega_d)$ . Make sure to specify the behavior of  $\omega_a$  at  $\omega_d = 0, \pm\pi/2, \pm\pi$ .
4. Explain how this relationship maps the analog frequency  $\omega_a \rightarrow \pm\infty$  to a the digital frequency  $\omega_d$ .
5. Draw the  $s$  and  $z$  planes, showing the real parts on the horizontal axes and the imaginary parts on the vertical axes. Mark (e.g. using thick lines) which sets of values are considered when  $\sigma_a, \sigma_d = 0$ .
6. Geometrically, what is the effect of this Möbius transform? Consider your drawing in the previous part.