Complex functions for Engineering Students

Solutions for sheet 3 (Homework)

Exercise 1:

Give a function that maps the strip $S := \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \ : \ \operatorname{Re}\left(z\right) - \sqrt{2} \ < \ \operatorname{Im}\left(z\right) \ < \ \operatorname{Re}\left(z\right) + \sqrt{2} \right\}$



to the circular ring $R := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 1 < |z| < 2\}$. The function is supposed to use z directly and not use its imaginary or real part.

Hint: Transform S to a strip parallel to an axis \tilde{S} first.

Solution:

The strip is bounded by two lines:

$$g_1 : \operatorname{Im} (z) = \operatorname{Re} (z) - \sqrt{2}$$
$$g_2 : \operatorname{Im} (z) = \operatorname{Re} (z) + \sqrt{2}$$

We can map strips that are parallel to the imaginary axis onto rings. Hence, we rotate the strip first:

Step 1 : Rotate by $\pi/4$

$$f_1(z) = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \cdot z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+i)z.$$

The points $P_1 = 0 - i\sqrt{2}$, $P_2 = \sqrt{2}$ lie on g_1 and are mapped onto $1 \pm i$. It follows that $f_1(g_1) = g_3 = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z) = 1 \}$. Similarly, we obtain: $f_1(g_2) = g_4 = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z) = -1 \}$. $f_1(S) = \{ w = u + iv : -1 < u < 1, -\infty < v < \infty \} = \tilde{S}$

If the exponential function is applied to the image of the strip directly, we obtain: $\exp(f_1(z)) = \exp(u + iv) = e^u \cdot e^{iv}$ $\exp(\tilde{S})$: Ring with inner radius e^{-1} , outer radius e^1 Goal: inner radius $1 = e^0$ and outer radius $= 2 = e^{\ln 2}$.

Step 2: We translate the strip

 $f_2(z) := z + 1$ $f_2 \circ f_1(S) = \{ w = u + iv : 0 < u < 2, -\infty < v < \infty \} = \hat{S}$

Step 3: We rescale

$$f_3(z) := \frac{\ln(2)}{2} \cdot f_2 \circ f_1(z)$$

$$f_3(S) = \{ w = u + iv : 0 < u < \ln(2), -\infty < v < \infty \}$$

Step 4: Strip \longrightarrow ring $f_4(z) := \exp(f_3(z)) = \exp(u + iv) = e^u \cdot e^{iv}$ $f_4(S)$: Ring with inner radius 1, outer radius 2 around the origin.

Note: Suggestions of the form $f(z) = e^{i \operatorname{Im}(f_1(z))} \cdot \frac{(3+\operatorname{Re}(f_1(z)))}{2}$ yield the same result. If is more versed, one tends to avoid functions that include $\operatorname{Re} z$, $\operatorname{Im}(z)$, \overline{z} möglichst zu meiden. Usually, functions that are obtained in such a manner are not differentiable.

Exercise 2: Given the set $R = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{1}{4} < |z| < \frac{e^3}{4}, \operatorname{Re}(z) > 0\},\$ as well as the mapping

$$f(z) = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} \cdot \ln(4z),$$

where ln is the principal value of the complex logarithm,

- a) Sketch the set R in the complexen plane.
- b) Determine the image of R obtained with the mapping f.

Solution for exercise 2:

- a) Sketch: R is the right hakf if the ring around the origin with inner radius $\frac{1}{4}$ and outer radius $\frac{e^3}{4}$ without boundary. [1 point]
- b) $f(z) = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} \cdot \ln(4z)$.

Let
$$\tilde{w} = 4z$$
. Hence, $1 < |\tilde{w}| < e^3$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \arg(\tilde{w}) < \frac{\pi}{2}$. [1 point]

For $\hat{w} = \ln(\tilde{w}) = \ln(|\tilde{w}|) + i \arg(\tilde{w})$ it holds that

 $\operatorname{Re}(\hat{w}) \in]\ln(1), \ln(e^3)[=]0, 3[, \quad \operatorname{Im}(\hat{w}) \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}).$ [1 point]

Finally, we determine

 $f(z)=e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}}\cdot\hat{w}$ and obtain a rectangle parallel to the axes by rotation by $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (clockwise) with

 $\operatorname{Re}(f(z)) \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}), \quad \operatorname{Im}(f(z)) \in]-3, 0[.$ [1 point]

Exercise 3) (4+3+3 Punkte)

- a) For solving two potential problems, the following two transformations are to be executed:
 - (i) The boundary of the elliptical disk

$$E := \left\{ z = x + iy \ \in \ \mathbb{C} : \frac{16x^2}{25} \ + \ \frac{16y^2}{9} \ \le \ 1 \right\} \ ,$$

so $\mathbb{C} \setminus E$, is to be mapped to the outside of the unit circle $K_1 := \{ w \in \mathbb{C} : |w| \le 1 \}$.

(ii) The area between the two hyperbola branches given by z = x + iy with

$$\frac{4x^2}{3} - 4y^2 = 1 \iff \frac{x^2}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} - \frac{y^2}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = 1$$

is to be mapped to a sector of the form

$$S := \{ w \in \mathbb{C} : \phi_1 < \arg(w) < \phi_2 \}.$$

Give adequate transformations.

b) Does your method for solving part a)i) also work for the ellipse

$$E := \left\{ z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} \le 1 \right\}?$$

Hint: Inverse of the Joukowski function.

Solution:

a) (i) The lengths of the half axes $a = \frac{5}{4}$ and $b = \frac{3}{4}$ fulfill $a^2 - b^2 = 1$. The inverse Joukowski functions maps the ellipse to a circle. The radius of that circle is obtained by inserting a point from the boundary of the ellipse. If the correct choice for the is made, it follows that

$$\tilde{f}(z) := z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1}$$

$$\tilde{f}\left(\pm\frac{5}{4}\right) = \pm 2, \qquad \tilde{f}\left(\frac{3i}{4}\right) = 2i.$$

So, a circle with radius 2 around the origin is obtained. To yield the unit circle, we choose

$$f(z) := \frac{1}{2} \left(z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1} \right).$$

Due to f(0) = -i/2 the inner part of the ellipse is mapped to the inner part of the unit circle.

(ii) Let $J : \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) > 0\} \to \mathbb{C}$ be the Joukowski function on the upper complex half plane. $J^{-1}(z) = z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1}$ maps the hyperbola branches onto rays with

$$\cos(\phi_{1,2}) = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \ \sin(\phi_{1,2}) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

As images of the hyperbola branches we obtain the rays $re^{i\frac{\pi}{6}}$ and $re^{i\frac{5\pi}{6}}$. Since $J^{-1}(0) = i$, the area between the hyperbola branches is mapped onto the sector

$$S_1 = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : z = re^{i\phi}, \frac{\pi}{6} < \phi < \frac{5\pi}{6} \right\}.$$

b) No! The following relationships between the half axes a, b and the radius r of the image of the circle hold:

$$a = \frac{1}{2}\left(r + \frac{1}{r}\right), \qquad b = \frac{1}{2}\left(r - \frac{1}{r}\right)$$

 \mathbf{SO}

$$a+b=r$$
 and $a-b=\frac{1}{r}$.

With the ellipse for part b) we obtain a = 5 and b = 3, so

$$a+b=8 \neq \frac{1}{a-b}=\frac{1}{2}.$$

Not every ellipse around the origin is mapped onto a circle around the origin by the inverse Joukowski function but only those with foci ± 1 , or rather $a^2 - b^2 = 1$.

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