

SEPARATION OF REAL AND IMAGINARY PARTS:

Many a time we are required to separate real and imaginary parts of a given complex function.

For this, we have to use identities of circular and hyperbolic functions.

In problem where we are given $\tan(\alpha + i\beta) = x + iy$, we proceed as shown below

Since $\tan(\alpha + i\beta) = x + iy$, we get $\tan(\alpha - i\beta) = x - iy$.

$$\therefore \tan 2\alpha = \tan[(\alpha + i\beta) + (\alpha - i\beta)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\tan(\alpha+i\beta)+\tan(\alpha-i\beta)}{1-\tan(\alpha+i\beta)\tan(\alpha-i\beta)} \\ &= \frac{(x+iy)+(x-iy)}{1-(x+iy)(x-iy)} = \frac{2x}{1-x^2-y^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 1 - x^2 - y^2 = 2x \cot 2\alpha \qquad \therefore x^2 + y^2 + 2x \cot 2\alpha - 1 = 0$$

Further, $\tan(2i\beta) = \tan[(\alpha + i\beta) - (\alpha - i\beta)]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\tan(\alpha+i\beta)-\tan(\alpha-i\beta)}{1+\tan(\alpha+i\beta)\tan(\alpha-i\beta)} \\ i \tanh 2\beta &= \frac{(x+iy)-(x-iy)}{1+(x+iy)(x-iy)} = \frac{2iy}{1+x^2+y^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \tanh 2\beta = \frac{2y}{1+x^2+y^2}$$

$$\therefore 1 + x^2 + y^2 = 2y \coth 2\beta \quad \text{i.e., } x^2 + y^2 - 2y \coth 2\beta + 1 = 0$$

SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES:

1. Separate into real and imaginary parts $\tan^{-1}(e^{i\theta})$

Solution: Let $\tan^{-1}e^{i\theta} = x + iy \quad \therefore e^{i\theta} = \tan(x + iy)$

$$\therefore \cos\theta + i \sin\theta = \tan(x + iy)$$

Similarly, $\cos\theta - i \sin\theta = \tan(x - iy)$

Now, $\tan 2x = \tan [(x + iy) + (x - iy)]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\tan(x+iy)+\tan(x-iy)}{1-\tan(x+iy)\tan(x-iy)} \\ &= \frac{(\cos\theta+i\sin\theta)+(\cos\theta-i\sin\theta)}{1-(\cos\theta+i\sin\theta)(\cos\theta-i\sin\theta)} = \frac{2\cos\theta}{1-(\cos^2\theta+\sin^2\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cos \theta}{1-1} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{0} = \infty$$

$$\therefore 2x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \therefore x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Also } \tan 2iy = \tan[(x + iy) - (x - iy)]$$

$$= \frac{\tan(x+iy) - \tan(x-iy)}{1 + \tan(x+iy) \tan(x-iy)}$$

$$= \frac{(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) - (\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)}{1 + (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)(\cos \theta - i \sin \theta)} = \frac{2i \sin \theta}{1 + (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)} = \frac{2i \sin \theta}{2}$$

$$\therefore i \tanh 2y = i \sin \theta \quad \therefore \tanh 2y = \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore 2y = \tanh^{-1} \sin \theta \quad \therefore y = \frac{1}{2} \tanh^{-1} \sin \theta$$

2. If $\sin(\alpha - i\beta) = x + iy$ then prove that $\frac{x^2}{\cosh^2 \beta} + \frac{y^2}{\sinh^2 \beta} = 1$ and

$$\frac{x^2}{\sin^2 \alpha} - \frac{y^2}{\cos^2 \alpha} = 1$$

Solution: $\sin(\alpha - i\beta) = x + iy$

$$\therefore \sin \alpha \cosh \beta + i \cos \alpha \sinh \beta = x + iy$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get,

$$\sin \alpha \cosh \beta = x \quad \text{and} \quad \cos \alpha \sinh \beta = y$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{\cosh^2 \beta} + \frac{y^2}{\sinh^2 \beta} = \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{\sin^2 \alpha} - \frac{y^2}{\cos^2 \alpha} = \cosh^2 \beta - \sinh^2 \beta = 1$$

3. If $\cos(x + iy) = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$, prove that

$$(i) \quad \sin \alpha = \pm \sin^2 x = \pm \sinh^2 y \quad (ii) \quad \cos 2x + \cosh 2y = 2$$

Solution: $\cos(x + iy) = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$

$$\cos x \cos(iy) - \sin x \sin(iy) = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$$

$$\cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get,

$$\cos x \cosh y = \cos \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad -\sin x \sinh y = \sin \alpha$$

- (i) Since $\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$
 $\therefore \sin^2 x \sinh^2 y + \cos^2 x \cosh^2 y = 1$
 $\sin^2 x \sinh^2 y + (1 - \sin^2 x)(1 + \sinh^2 y) = 1$
 $\sin^2 x \sinh^2 y + 1 + \sinh^2 y - \sin^2 x - \sin^2 x \sinh^2 y = 1$
 $1 + \sinh^2 y - \sin^2 x = 1$
 $\sinh^2 y - \sin^2 x = 0$
 $\therefore \sinh^2 y = \sin^2 x \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$
 $\therefore \sinh y = \pm \sin x$
 $\therefore \sin \alpha = -\sin x \sinh y = -\sin x (\pm \sin x) = \pm \sin^2 x$
- (ii) $\cos 2x + \cosh 2y = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x + 1 + 2 \sinh^2 y$
 $= 2 - 2 \sin^2 x + 2 \sinh^2 y \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{from (i)}$
 $= 2$

4. If $x + iy = \tan(\pi/6 + i\alpha)$, prove that $x^2 + y^2 + 2x/\sqrt{3} = 1$

Solution: We have to separate real part $\pi/6$ and imaginary part α

$$\therefore \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + i\alpha\right) = x + iy \quad \therefore \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - i\alpha\right) = x - iy$$

$$\therefore \tan\left[\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + i\alpha\right) + \left(\frac{\pi}{6} - i\alpha\right)\right] = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + i\alpha\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - i\alpha\right)}{1 - \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + i\alpha\right) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6} - i\alpha\right)}$$

$$\therefore \tan \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{(x+iy)+(x-iy)}{1-(x+iy)(x-iy)}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3} = \frac{2x}{1-x^2-y^2}$$

$$\therefore 1 - x^2 - y^2 = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 + \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3}} = 1.$$

5. If $x + iy = c \cot(u + iv)$, show that $\frac{x}{\sin 2u} = -\frac{y}{\sinh 2v} = \frac{c}{\cosh 2v - \cos 2u}$.

Solution: We have $x + iy = c \cot(u + iv) \quad \therefore x - iy = c \cot(u - iv)$

$$\therefore 2x = c[\cot(u + iv) + \cot(u - iv)]$$

$$= c \left[\frac{\cos(u+iv)}{\sin(u+iv)} + \frac{\cos(u-iv)}{\sin(u-iv)} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= c \frac{[\cos(u+iv) \sin(u-iv) + \sin(u+iv) \cos(u-iv)]}{\sin(u+iv) \sin(u-iv)} \\
 \therefore 2x &= \frac{c \sin[(u-iv) + (u+iv)]}{-[\cos(u+iv+u-iv) - \cos(u-iv-u+iv)]/2} \\
 \therefore x &= \frac{c \sin 2u}{-[\cos 2u - \cos 2iv]} = \frac{c \sin 2u}{\cosh 2v - \cos 2u} \dots\dots\dots(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } 2iy &= c[\cot(u+iv) - \cot(u-iv)] \\
 &= c \left[\frac{\cos(u+iv)}{\sin(u+iv)} - \frac{\cos(u-iv)}{\sin(u-iv)} \right] \\
 &= c \left[\frac{\cos(u+iv) \sin(u-iv) - \cos(u-iv) \sin(u+iv)}{\sin(u+iv) \sin(u-iv)} \right] \\
 \therefore 2iy &= \frac{c \sin[(u-iv) - (u+iv)]}{-[\cos(u+iv+u-iv) - \cos(u+iv-u+iv)]/2} \\
 \therefore iy &= \frac{c \sin(-2iv)}{-[\cos 2u - \cos 2iv]} = -\frac{ic \sin h 2v}{\cosh 2v - \cos 2u} \\
 \therefore y &= \frac{-c \sin h 2v}{\cosh 2v - \cos 2u} \dots\dots\dots(2)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1) & (2) $\frac{x}{\sin 2u} = -\frac{y}{\sinh 2v} = \frac{c}{\cosh 2v - \cos 2u}$

6. If $u + iv = \operatorname{cosec} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + ix \right)$, prove that $(u^2 + v^2)^2 = 2(u^2 - v^2)$

Solution: We have $\frac{1}{\sin[(\pi/4)+ix]} = u + iv$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + ix \right) &= \frac{1}{u+iv} = \frac{1}{u+iv} \cdot \frac{u-iv}{u-iv} = \frac{u-iv}{u^2+v^2} \\
 \therefore \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cos ix + \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \sin ix &= \frac{u-iv}{u^2+v^2} \\
 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cosh x + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin hx &= \frac{u-iv}{u^2+v^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts $\cosh x = \sqrt{2} \cdot \left(\frac{u}{u^2+v^2} \right)$; $\sin hx = -\sqrt{2} \cdot \left(\frac{v}{u^2+v^2} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{But } \cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x &= 1 \\
 \therefore 2 \left(\frac{u^2}{(u^2+v^2)^2} \right) - 2 \left(\frac{v^2}{(u^2+v^2)^2} \right) &= 1 \\
 \therefore 2(u^2 - v^2) &= (u^2 + v^2)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

7. If $x + iy = \cos(\alpha + i\beta)$ or if $\cos^{-1}(x + iy) = \alpha + i\beta$ express x and y in terms of α and β .

Hence show that $\cos^2\alpha$ and $\cosh^2\beta$ are the roots of the equation

$$\lambda^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + 1)\lambda + x^2 = 0$$

Solution: We have $\cos\alpha \cos i\beta - \sin\alpha \sin i\beta = x + iy$

$$\therefore \cos\alpha \cosh\beta - i \sin\alpha \sinh\beta = x + iy$$

Equating real and imaginary parts $\cos\alpha \cosh\beta = x$ and $\sin\alpha \sinh\beta = -y$

We know that, in terms of the roots, the quadratic equation is given by

$$\lambda^2 - (\text{sum of the roots})\lambda + (\text{product of the roots}) = 0$$

Hence the equation whose roots are $\cos^2\alpha$ and $\cosh^2\beta$ is

$$\lambda^2 - (\cos^2\alpha + \cosh^2\beta)\lambda + (\cos^2\alpha \cdot \cosh^2\beta) = 0$$

This means we have to prove that $x^2 + y^2 + 1 = \cos^2\alpha + \cosh^2\beta$ and

$$x^2 = \cos^2\alpha \cosh^2\beta$$

$$\text{Now, } x^2 + y^2 + 1 = \cos^2\alpha \cosh^2\beta + \sin^2\alpha \sinh^2\beta + 1$$

$$= \cos^2\alpha \cosh^2\beta + (1 - \cos^2\alpha)(\cosh^2\beta - 1) + 1$$

$$= \cos^2\alpha \cosh^2\beta + \cosh^2\beta - 1 - \cos^2\alpha \cosh^2\beta + \cos^2\alpha +$$

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$$= \cos^2\alpha + \cosh^2\beta = \text{sum of the roots}$$

And $x^2 = \cos^2\alpha \cosh^2\beta = \text{Product of the roots}$

Hence the equation whose roots are $\cos^2\alpha, \cosh^2\beta$ is

$$\lambda^2 - (x^2 + y^2 + 1)\lambda + x^2 = 0$$

SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS:

1. Separate into real and imaginary parts.

(i) $\cosh(x + iy)$

(ii) $\cos(x + iy)$

(iii) $\coth(x + iy)$

(iv) $\operatorname{sech}(x + iy)$

(v) $\coth i(x + iy)$

(vi) $\tan(x + iy)$

(vii) $\cot(x + iy)$

2. Separate into real and imaginary parts $\tan^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta)$

3. Separate into real and imaginary parts $\sin^{-1}(e^{i\theta})$

4. If $A + iB = C \tan(x + iy)$, prove that $\tan 2x = \frac{2CA}{C^2 - A^2 - B^2}$

5. If $\cos(\theta + i\phi) = r(\cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha)$, prove that

$$r^2 = \frac{1}{2} [\cosh 2\phi + \cos 2\theta] \quad \& \quad \tan \alpha = -\tan \theta \tanh \phi$$

6. If $\cos(\alpha + i\beta) = x + iy$, Prove that $\frac{x^2}{\cosh^2 \beta} + \frac{y^2}{\sinh^2 \beta} = 1$, $\frac{x^2}{\cos^2 \alpha} - \frac{y^2}{\sin^2 \alpha} = 1$

7. If $\sinh(a + ib) = x + iy$, prove that

$$x^2 \operatorname{cosech}^2 a + y^2 \operatorname{sech}^2 a = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad y^2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 b - x^2 \sec^2 b = 1$$

8. If $\sin(x + iy) = \cos \alpha + i \sin \alpha$, Prove that

(i) $\cosh 2y - \cos 2x = 2$

(ii) $y = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\cos(x-\alpha)}{\cos(x+\alpha)}$

(iii) $\sin \alpha = \pm \cos^2 x = \pm \sinh^2 y$

9. If $\cosh(\theta + i\phi) = e^{i\alpha}$, prove that $\sin^2 \alpha = \sin^4 \phi = \sinh^4 \theta$

10. If $\cos(u + iv) = x + iy$ Prove that, $(1 + x)^2 + y^2 = (\cosh v + \cos u)^2$ and $(1 - x)^2 + y^2 = (\cosh v - \cos u)^2$

11. If $\tan(\alpha + i\beta) = x + iy$, prove that

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2x \cot 2\alpha = 1, \quad x^2 + y^2 - 2y \coth 2\beta + 1 = 0$$

12. If $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + i\alpha\right) = x + iy$, prove that, $x^2 + y^2 - \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3}} - 1 = 0$

13. If $\cot(\alpha + i\beta) = x + iy$, prove that

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x \cot 2\alpha = 1, \quad x^2 + y^2 + 2y \coth 2\beta + 1 = 0$$

14. If $\tanh\left(\alpha + \frac{i\pi}{6}\right) = x + iy$, prove that, $x^2 + y^2 + \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}} = 1$

15. If $\coth(\alpha + i\pi/8) = x + iy$, prove that $x^2 + y^2 + 2y = 1$

16. If $\sinh(x + iy) = e^{i\pi/3}$, prove that

(i) $3\cos^2 y - \sin^2 y = 4\sin^2 y \cos^2 y$

(ii) $3\sinh^2 x + \cosh^2 x = 4\sinh^2 x \cosh^2 x$

17. If $x + iy = 2 \cosh\left(\alpha + \frac{i\pi}{3}\right)$, prove that $3x^2 - y^2 = 3$

18. If $\cot(u + iv) = \operatorname{cosec}(x + iy)$, prove that $\operatorname{coth} \sinh 2v = \cot x \sin 2u$

19. Show that $\tan\left(\frac{u+iv}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin u + i \sinh v}{\cos u + \cosh v}$

20. If $\sin^{-1}(\alpha + i\beta) = x + iy$,

show that $\sin^2 x$ and $\cos^2 y$ are the roots of the equation

$$\lambda^2 - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 1)\lambda + \alpha^2 = 0$$

21. If $(u + iv) = x + iy$, prove that the curves $u = \text{constant}$, $v = \text{constant}$ are a family of circles which are mutually orthogonal

ANSWERS

1. (i) $\cosh x \cos y + i \sinh x \sin y$

(ii) $\cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y$

(iii) $(\sinh 2x - i \sin 2y) / (\cosh 2x - \cos 2y)$

(iv) $\frac{(2 \cosh x \cos y - 2 i \sinh x \sin y)}{(\cosh 2x + \cos 2y)}$

(v) $(-\sinh 2y - i \sin 2x) / (\cosh 2y - \cos 2x)$

(vi) $(\sin 2x + i \sinh 2y) / (\cos 2x + \cosh 2y)$

(vii) $(\sin 2x - i \sinh 2y) / (\cosh 2y - \cos 2x)$

2. $\tan^{-1}[2\alpha/(1 - \alpha^2 - \beta^2)]$, $\frac{1}{2} \tanh^{-1}[2\beta/(1 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2)]$.

3. $\cos^{-1}\sqrt{\sin \theta} + i \sinh^{-1}\sqrt{\sin \theta}$