

CV9 Elementary Functions : Trigonometric and Hyperbolic Functions

Before discuss the complex trigonometric functions, let's define the following exponential function:

$$f(z)=e^{iz}=e^{ix} e^{-y}=e^{-y}(\cos x+i \sin x)=u+iv$$

where

$$u_x=-e^{-y} \sin x, \quad v_y=-e^{-y} \sin x$$

$$u_y=-e^{-y} \cos x, \quad v_x=e^{-y} \cos x$$

i.e., the Cauchy-Riemann equations $u_x=v_y$ and $u_y=-v_x$ are satisfied. That means e^{iz} is differentiable for all z or it is an entire function. Similarly, we know that e^{-iz} is also an entire function. Now, let's define two basic trigonometric functions, $\sin z$ and $\cos z$, as below:

$$\sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} \quad \text{and} \quad \cos z = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$$

Obviously, both of them are also entire functions since they are linear combinations of the entire functions e^{iz} and e^{-iz} . Besides, the Euler's formula is still hold as below:

$$e^{iz} = \cos z + i \sin z$$

Based on the definition of $\sin z$ and $\cos z$, the other four trigonimetric functions are defined as

$$\tan z = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z}, \quad \cot z = \frac{\cos z}{\sin z}, \quad \sec z = \frac{1}{\cos z}, \quad \csc z = \frac{1}{\sin z}$$

It can be checked that identities established for real trigonometric functions are also satisfied and listed as below:

$$\sin(-z) = -\sin z, \quad \cos(-z) = \cos z$$

$$\tan(-z) = -\tan z, \quad \sin^2 z + \cos^2 z = 1$$

$$1 + \tan^2 z = \sec^2 z, \quad 1 + \cot^2 z = \csc^2 z$$

$$\sin\left(z + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos z, \quad \sin\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\cos z$$

$$\sin(z + \pi) = -\sin z, \quad \cos(z + \pi) = -\cos z$$

$$\sin(z + 2\pi) = \sin z, \quad \cos(z + 2\pi) = \cos z$$

$$\sin(z_1 \pm z_2) = \sin z_1 \cos z_2 \pm \cos z_1 \sin z_2$$

$$\cos(z_1 \pm z_2) = \cos z_1 \cos z_2 \mp \sin z_1 \sin z_2$$

$$\tan(z_1 \pm z_2) = \frac{\tan z_1 \pm \tan z_2}{1 \mp \tan z_1 \tan z_2}$$

Moreover, the derivatives of trigonometric functions are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} \sin z &= \cos z, & \frac{d}{dz} \cos z &= -\sin z, \\ \frac{d}{dz} \tan z &= \sec^2 z, & \frac{d}{dz} \cot z &= -\csc^2 z, \\ \frac{d}{dz} \sec z &= \sec z \tan z, & \frac{d}{dz} \csc z &= -\csc z \cot z \end{aligned}$$

In addition, when y is any real number, the hyperbolic functions are

$$\sinh y = \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \cosh y = \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2}$$

which result in

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(iy) &= \frac{e^{i(iy)} - e^{-i(iy)}}{2i} = \frac{e^{-y} - e^y}{2i} = i \sinh y \\ \cos(iy) &= \frac{e^{i(iy)} + e^{-i(iy)}}{2} = \frac{e^{-y} + e^y}{2} = \cosh y \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin z &= \sin(x + iy) = \sin x \cos(iy) + \cos x \sin(iy) \\ &= \sin x \cosh y + i \cos x \sinh y \\ \cos z &= \cos(x + iy) = \cos x \cos(iy) - \sin x \sin(iy) \\ &= \cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y \end{aligned}$$

It is also easy to check that

$$\cosh^2 y - \sinh^2 y = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\sin z|^2 &= \sin^2 x \cosh^2 y + \cos^2 x \sinh^2 y \\ &= \sin^2 x (1 + \sinh^2 y) + \cos^2 x \sinh^2 y \\ &= \sin^2 x + \sinh^2 y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\cos z|^2 &= \cos^2 x \cosh^2 y + \sin^2 x \sinh^2 y \\ &= \cos^2 x (1 + \sinh^2 y) + \sin^2 x \sinh^2 y \\ &= \cos^2 x + \sinh^2 y \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $|\sin z| \geq |\sin x|$ and $|\cos z| \geq |\cos x|$.

Now, let's further define the complex hyperbolic functions as below:

$$\sinh z = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \cosh z = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2}$$

Since e^z and e^{-z} are entire, $\sinh z$ and $\cosh z$ are entire. Similar to the real trigonometric functions, we define

$$\tanh z = \frac{\sinh z}{\cosh z}, \quad \coth z = \frac{\cosh z}{\sinh z}, \quad \operatorname{sech} z = \frac{1}{\cosh z}, \quad \operatorname{csch} z = \frac{1}{\sinh z}$$

which satisfy the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh^2 z - \sinh^2 z &= 1 & 1 - \tanh^2 z &= \operatorname{sech}^2 z \\ \coth^2 z - 1 &= \operatorname{csch}^2 z & \sinh(-z) &= -\sinh z \\ \cosh(-z) &= \cosh z & \tanh(-z) &= -\tanh z \\ \sinh(z_1 \pm z_2) &= \sinh z_1 \cosh z_2 \pm \cosh z_1 \sinh z_2 \\ \cosh(z_1 \pm z_2) &= \cosh z_1 \cosh z_2 \pm \sinh z_1 \sinh z_2 \\ \tanh(z_1 \pm z_2) &= \frac{\tanh z_1 \pm \tanh z_2}{1 \pm \tanh z_1 \tanh z_2} \end{aligned}$$

The derivatives of hyperbolic functions are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} \sinh z &= \cosh z, & \frac{d}{dz} \cosh z &= \sinh z \\ \frac{d}{dz} \tanh z &= \operatorname{sech}^2 z, & \frac{d}{dz} \coth z &= -\operatorname{csch}^2 z \\ \frac{d}{dz} \operatorname{sech} z &= -\operatorname{sech} z \tanh z, & \frac{d}{dz} \operatorname{csch} z &= -\operatorname{csch} z \coth z \end{aligned}$$

and the relations between trigonometric and hyperbolic functions are

$$\begin{aligned} \sin iz &= i \sinh z & \cos iz &= \cosh z & \tan iz &= i \tanh z \\ \sinh iz &= i \sin z & \cosh iz &= \cos z & \tanh iz &= i \tan z \end{aligned}$$

It is also easy to check that

$$\begin{aligned} \sinh z &= \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} e^x e^{iy} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-x} e^{-iy} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\cosh x + \sinh x)(\cos y + i \sin y) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} (\cosh x - \sinh x)(\cos y - i \sin y) \\ &= \sinh x \cos y + i \cosh x \sin y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cosh z &= \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}e^x e^{iy} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} e^{-iy} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\cosh x + \sinh x)(\cos y + i \sin y) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(\cosh x - \sinh x)(\cos y - i \sin y) \\ &= \cosh x \cos y + i \sinh x \sin y\end{aligned}$$

and thus from $\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}|\sinh z|^2 &= \sinh^2 x \cos^2 y + \cosh^2 x \sin^2 y \\ &= \sinh^2 x (1 - \sin^2 y) + \cosh^2 x \sin^2 y \\ &= \sinh^2 x + (\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x) \sin^2 y \\ &= \sinh^2 x + \sin^2 y \\ |\cosh z|^2 &= \cosh^2 x \cos^2 y + \sinh^2 x (1 - \cos^2 y) \\ &= \sinh^2 x + (\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x) \cos^2 y \\ &= \sinh^2 x + \cos^2 y\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $|\sinh z| \geq |\sinh x|$ and $|\cosh z| \geq |\sinh x|$.

In order to define the inverse $\sin$ function $\sin^{-1}z$, we write $w = \sin^{-1}z$ when $z = \sin w$. Hence,

$$z = \sin w = \frac{e^{iw} - e^{-iw}}{2i} \Rightarrow (e^{iw})^2 - 2iz(e^{iw}) - 1 = 0.$$

It results in $e^{iw} = iz + (1 - z^2)^{1/2}$ where $(1 - z^2)^{1/2}$ is a multiple-valued function. Taking logarithms of each side, we arrive at the expression

$$w = -i \log [iz + (1 - z^2)^{1/2}]$$

i.e.,

$$\sin^{-1}z = -i \log [iz + (1 - z^2)^{1/2}]$$

which is a multiple-valued function with infinitely many values at z .

Example

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^{-1}(-i) &= -i \log [i(-i) + (1 - (-i)^2)^{1/2}] \\ &= -i \log [1 + (2)^{1/2}] = -i \log [1 \pm \sqrt{2}]\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\log [1 + \sqrt{2}] = \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) + 2n\pi i \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log[1-\sqrt{2}] &= \ln(\sqrt{2}-1) + (2n+1)\pi i \\ &= -\ln(1+\sqrt{2}) + (2n+1)\pi i\end{aligned}$$

Both can be combined together as the following form:

$$\log[1\pm\sqrt{2}] = (-1)^n \ln(1+\sqrt{2}) + n\pi i.$$

Hence,

$$\sin^{-1}(-i) = i(-1)^{n+1} \ln[1+\sqrt{2}] + n\pi.$$

Finally, the inverse trigonometric functions are calculated and listed as below:

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^{-1}z &= -i \log\left[i z + (1-z^2)^{1/2}\right], \\ \cos^{-1}z &= -i \log\left[z + (z^2-1)^{1/2}\right] \\ \tan^{-1}z &= \frac{i}{2} \log \frac{i+z}{i-z}, \quad \cot^{-1}z = \frac{i}{2} \log \frac{z-i}{z+i} \\ \sec^{-1}z &= -i \log\left[\frac{1+(1-z^2)^{1/2}}{z}\right], \\ \csc^{-1}z &= -i \log\left[\frac{i+(z^2-1)^{1/2}}{z}\right]\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the inverse hyperbolic functions are

$$\begin{aligned}\sinh^{-1}z &= \log\left[z + (z^2+1)^{1/2}\right] & \cosh^{-1}z &= \log\left[z + (z^2-1)^{1/2}\right] \\ \tanh^{-1}z &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1+z}{1-z}, & \coth^{-1}z &= \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{z+1}{z-1} \\ \operatorname{sech}^{-1}z &= \log\left[\frac{1+(1-z^2)^{1/2}}{z}\right] & \operatorname{csch}^{-1}z &= \log\left[\frac{1+(z^2+1)^{1/2}}{z}\right]\end{aligned}$$

and the derivatives of $\sin^{-1}z$, $\cos^{-1}z$ and $\tan^{-1}z$ are

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dz} \sin^{-1}z &= \frac{1}{(1-z^2)^{1/2}}, & \frac{d}{dz} \cos^{-1}z &= \frac{-1}{(1-z^2)^{1/2}} \\ \frac{d}{dz} \tan^{-1}z &= \frac{1}{1+z^2}\end{aligned}$$

P9-1

Use the reflection principle to show that, for all z ,

(a) $\overline{\sin z} = \sin \bar{z}$; (b) $\overline{\cos z} = \cos \bar{z}$.

P9-2

Find all the roots of the equation $\cos z = 2$.

P9-3

Use the reflection principle to show that, for all z ,

(a) $\overline{\sinh z} = \sinh \bar{z}$; (b) $\overline{\cosh z} = \cosh \bar{z}$.

P9-4

Find all the roots of the equation $\cosh z = -2$.

P9-5

Find all the values of

(a) $\tan^{-1}(2i)$; (b) $\tan^{-1}(1+i)$; (c) $\cosh^{-1}(-1)$; (d) $\tanh^{-1}0$

P9-6

Solve the equation $\sin z = 2$ for z .

P9-7

Derive $\tan^{-1}z = \frac{i}{2} \log \frac{i+z}{i-z}$.

P9-8

Derive $\frac{d}{dz} \tan^{-1}z = \frac{1}{1+z^2}$.