

Rudin, page 239/17:

a) The range is all \mathbb{R}^2 except $(0, 0)$. Given $(s, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, just let $x = \frac{1}{2} \log(s^2 + t^2)$ and choose y so that $\cos y = e^{-x}s$ and $\sin y = e^{-x}t$. This can be done since $(e^{-x}s)^2 + (e^{-x}t)^2 = 1$.

b) The Jacobian of f is

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} e^x \cos y & -e^x \sin y \\ e^x \sin y & e^x \cos y \end{pmatrix} = e^{2x}(\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y) = e^{2x} \neq 0$$

for any $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. So f is locally invertible by the inverse function theorem. However, f is not globally invertible since it's not injective: $f(x, y + 2n\pi) = f(x, y)$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

c)

$$g(s, t) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \log(s^2 + t^2), \tan^{-1}(t/s) \right),$$

(choosing \tan^{-1} to have range $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$). Then

$$g'(s, t) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{s}{s^2+t^2} & \frac{t}{s^2+t^2} \\ \frac{-t}{s^2+t^2} & \frac{s}{s^2+t^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

So

$$g(f(x, y)) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-x} \cos y & e^{-x} \sin y \\ -e^{-x} \sin y & e^{-x} \cos y \end{pmatrix} = f'(x)^{-1}.$$

d) For given y , the set

$$\{f(x, y) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{e^x(\cos y, \sin y) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

consists of all positive multiples of the fixed vector $(\cos y, \sin y)$. That is, the image of a horizontal line is a ray beginning at $(0, 0)$ (but not including this point).

For given x , the set

$$\{f(x, y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\} = \{e^x(\cos y, \sin y) : y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

consists of all points at distance e^x from $(0, 0)$. That is, the image of a vertical line is a circle centered at the origin.