Assignment 2 MAT 454

Q5a: We define

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(z-n)^2}$$

and

$$g(z) = \frac{\pi^2}{(\sin \pi z)(\tan \pi z)}.$$

Observe that both f and g have simple removable poles of order 2 on the integers, which we know from the power series expansion of sin and tan. We also know that both f and g are periodic, with a period of 1. For all poles n, we can write

$$f(z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(z-n)^2} + \tilde{f}(z)$$

for a holomorphic  $\tilde{f}$  in some neighbourhood of n. Similarly, using the laurent series expansion of g, we can write

$$g(z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(z-n)^2} + \tilde{g}(z)$$

for some holomorphic  $\tilde{g}(z)$ . Similarly to Q4, if we write z=x+iy we have that  $f(z), g(z) \to 0$  as  $|y| \to \infty$ . Thus on any strip  $a_1 \le x \le a_2$ , for  $|y| \le b$ , the holomorphic function f-g will attain a maximum. The limit behaviour tells us that for |y| > b, f-g is bounded as well. Therefore for  $a_1 \le x \le a_2$ , f-g is bounded. Extending by periodicity tells us that f-g is bounded and hence constant by Liouvilles theorem. The limit behaviour tells us that f-g=0. As desired.

Q5b: Let

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n>1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2z}{(z^2 - n^2)} = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n>1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left[ \frac{1}{(z-n)} + \frac{1}{(z+n)} \right].$$

This is a series of meromorphic functions, which is normally convergent so we can take the derivative term by term to get

$$f'(z) = -\frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{n \ge 1} (-1)^n \left[ \frac{1}{(z-n)^2} + \frac{1}{(z+n)^2} \right] = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(z-n)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{(\sin \pi z)(\tan \pi z)} = \frac{d}{dz} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z} \right].$$

Therefore f(z) and  $\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z}$  differ by a constant. Since they are both odd they must be equal.