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## HOMEWORK 6

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- 1: From A&F: 3.3.2  
Given the function

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{a^2 - z^2}, \quad a > 0,$$

expand  $f(z)$  in a Laurent series in powers of  $z$  in the regions

(a)  $|z| < a$

*Solution:*

We begin with a little algebra

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{a^2 - z^2} = \frac{z}{a^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z^2}{a^2}}.$$

In this case, since  $|z| < a$ , then  $\frac{z^2}{a^2} < 1$ . Therefore we can make use of the common geometric series

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{a^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z^2}{a^2}} = \frac{z}{a^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{z^2}{a^2} \right)^n = \frac{z}{a^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{a^{2n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{a^{2n+2}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a^{2n+2}} z^{2n+1}.$$

□

(b)  $|z| > a$

*Solution:*

We begin with a little algebra

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{a^2 - z^2} = -\frac{z}{z^2 - a^2} = -\frac{z}{z^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2}}.$$

In this case, since  $|z| > a$ , then  $\frac{a^2}{z^2} < 1$ . Therefore we can make use of the common geometric series

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= -\frac{z}{z^2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{a^2}{z^2}} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right)^n \\
 &= -\frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{2n}}{z^{2n}} \\
 &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{2n}}{z^{2n+1}} \\
 &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{2n} \frac{1}{z^{2n+1}} \\
 &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{2n} z^{-(2n+1)} \\
 &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{2n} z^{-2n-1} \\
 &= -\sum_{n=-\infty}^0 a^{2n} z^{2n-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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2: From A&F: 3.3.5

Let

$$\exp\left(\frac{t}{2}\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)\right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(t) z^n.$$

Show from the definition of Laurent series and using properties of integration that

$$\begin{aligned} J_n(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i(n\theta - t \sin \theta)} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(n\theta - t \sin \theta) d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

The functions  $J_n(t)$  are called the Bessel function, which are well known special functions in mathematics and physics.

*Solution:*

Let  $f(z) = \exp\left(\frac{t}{2}\left(\frac{z-1}{z}\right)\right)$ . We begin by looking at the general Laurent series centered at  $z = 0$ , since our function is undefined at this point it is the only singularity we are concerned with. Therefore we have

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n (z - 0)^n = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n z^n.$$

Where the  $C_n$  is given by

$$C_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi^{n+1}} d\xi = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{\exp\left(\frac{t}{2}\left(\xi - \frac{1}{\xi}\right)\right)}{\xi^{n+1}} d\xi.$$

This is really incomplete notationally since our  $C_n$ 's depend on  $t$  so reverting back to the provided notation we have

$$J_n(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{\exp\left(\frac{t}{2}\left(\xi - \frac{1}{\xi}\right)\right)}{\xi^{n+1}} d\xi.$$

Additionally, I have yet to specify my contour  $C$ , but it needs to be within the annulus for which our Laurent series converges. Since, the original function  $f(z)$  only has a singularity at  $z = 0$  the Laurent series really converges uniformly throughout the complex plane except at the origin. Therefore we make the convenient choice for our contour  $C$  to be a counterclockwise traversal of the unit circle. Using the parameterization

$\xi = e^{i\theta}$  with  $\theta \in [-\pi, \pi)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_n(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\exp\left(\frac{t}{2}\left(e^{i\theta} - \frac{1}{e^{i\theta}}\right)\right)}{(e^{i\theta})^{n+1}} i e^{i\theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\exp\left(\frac{t}{2}\left(e^{i\theta} - \frac{1}{e^{i\theta}}\right)\right)}{e^{in\theta}} d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp\left(\frac{t}{2}\left(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}\right) - in\theta\right) d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp\left(\frac{t}{2}(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta - \cos\theta + i\sin\theta) - in\theta\right) d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp\left(\frac{t}{2}(2i\sin\theta) - in\theta\right) d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp(it\sin\theta - in\theta) d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i(n\theta - t\sin\theta)} d\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$J_n(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i(n\theta - t\sin\theta)} d\theta,$$

as desired. Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}
J_n(t) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{-i(n\theta - t\sin\theta)} d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(n\theta - t\sin\theta) - i \sin(n\theta - t\sin\theta) d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 \cos(n\theta - t\sin\theta) - i \sin(n\theta - t\sin\theta) d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(n\theta - t\sin\theta) - i \sin(n\theta - t\sin\theta) d\theta \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{-\pi} \cos(n\theta - t\sin\theta) - i \sin(n\theta - t\sin\theta) d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(n\theta - t\sin\theta) - i \sin(n\theta - t\sin\theta) d\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we need to do a substitution for  $n\theta - t\sin\theta$  in each of these integrals. For the integral from 0 to  $-\pi$  let  $\theta = -\theta'$  and for the integral from 0 to  $\pi$  let  $\theta = \theta'$ . Continuing

where we left off we then have

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(-n\theta' - t \sin(-\theta')) - i \sin(-n\theta' - t \sin(-\theta')) (-d\theta') \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta' - t \sin \theta') - i \sin(n\theta' - t \sin \theta') d\theta' \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(-(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta'))) - i \sin(-(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta'))) d\theta' \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta' - t \sin \theta') - i \sin(n\theta' - t \sin \theta') d\theta' \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta')) + i \sin(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta')) d\theta' + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta' - t \sin \theta') - i \sin(n\theta' - t \sin \theta') d\theta' \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta')) + \cancel{i \sin(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta'))} + \cos(n\theta' - t \sin \theta') - \cancel{i \sin(n\theta' - t \sin \theta')} d\theta' \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta')) + \cos(n\theta' - t \sin \theta') d\theta' \\
&= \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta')) d\theta' \\
&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta' - t \sin(\theta')) d\theta'.
\end{aligned}$$

Though we finished in terms of another variable  $\theta'$  this could easily be changed out with another substitution  $\theta' = \theta$ . And thus we see

$$J_n(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^\pi e^{-i(n\theta - t \sin \theta)} d\theta = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\theta - t \sin(\theta)) d\theta.$$

□

**3:** Bernoulli numbers: Consider the function

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{e^z - 1}.$$

- (a) Show that  $f(z)$  has a removable singularity at  $z = 0$ . Assume from now on that the definition of  $f(z)$  has been extended to remove the singularity.

*Solution:*

If we can show the limit exists at the potential singularity then we can say it is removable. We can calculate the limit of  $f(z)$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$  explicitly:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z}{e^z - 1} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \text{applying L'Hôpital's rule} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z}{e^z - 1} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{e^z} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we could choose  $f(0) = 1$  in order to extend  $f(z)$  to be analytic in the region and therefore remove the singularity. Furthermore, we can also show this is a removable singularity by looking at the reciprocal of  $f(z)$ . If it does not have any zeros, then  $f(z)$  will not have any actual singularities or it won't blow up anywhere. We use a Taylor series centered at  $z = 0$  for  $e^z$  and see the following

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f(z)} &= \frac{e^z - 1}{z} = \frac{1}{z}(e^z - 1) = \frac{1}{z} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{j!} - 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{j!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{j-1}}{j!} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{(j+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

which has no zeros. **TODO: Site the fact that this is a Laurent series with all the negative indices coeffs set to 0, therefore it is removable.** Therefore the original function  $f(z)$  has nowhere that the denominator will blow up. Finally, we can conclude from these two pieces of evidence that this singularity is removable. We will assume from now on that  $f(z)$  has been extended to remove this singularity.  $\square$

- (b) Suppose you were to find a Taylor series for  $f(z)$ , centered at  $z = 0$ . What would be its radius of convergence?

*Solution:*

In the part (a) we determined there is no singularity for  $f(z)$  therefore, the radius of convergence is infinite.  $\square$

- (c) Find the Taylor series in the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n.$$

The numbers  $B_n$  are known as the Bernoulli numbers.

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{z}{e^z - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n \\
 z &= (e^z - 1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n \\
 z &= \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m!} - 1 \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n \right) \\
 z &= \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n \right) \\
 z &= \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the Cauchy Product formula

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^k a_{\ell} b_{k-\ell}$$

we can continue from where we left off and get

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n \right) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{z^{k-\ell+1}}{(k-\ell+1)!} \frac{B_{\ell} z^{\ell}}{\ell!} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{1}{(k-\ell+1)!} \frac{B_{\ell}}{\ell!} z^{k-\ell+1} z^{\ell} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{1}{(k-\ell+1)!} \frac{B_{\ell}}{\ell!} z^{k+1} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{(k+1)!}{(k-\ell+1)! \ell!} \frac{B_{\ell}}{(k+1)!} z^{k+1} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \frac{(k+1)!}{(k+1-\ell)! \ell!} B_{\ell} \frac{z^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \binom{k+1}{\ell} B_{\ell} \frac{z^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \binom{k+1}{\ell} B_{\ell}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now that we have

$$z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \binom{k+1}{\ell} B_{\ell}$$

we can see

$$z = \frac{z}{1!} \binom{1}{0} B_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \binom{k+1}{\ell} B_{\ell}$$

$$z = zB_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \binom{k+1}{\ell} B_{\ell}.$$

Therefore we need the following to hold

$$B_0 = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \sum_{\ell=0}^k \binom{k+1}{\ell} B_{\ell} = 0.$$

**TODO: Now how do I know I have arrived at a formula for the  $B_n$ ...**

- (d) Find a recursion formula for the Bernoulli numbers, and use it to find  $B_0, \dots, B_{12}$ .

*Solution:*

put things in terms of taylor series and move them over to the left side of the equation

- (e) Show that  $B_{2n+1} = 0$  for  $n \geq 1$ .  
 (f) Use your result to find a Taylor series for  $z \coth z$ , in terms of the Bernoulli numbers. Where is this series valid? Using this result, find a Laurent series for  $\cot z$ . Where is this series valid?



- 4: Consider  $g(z) = 1/f(z)$  where  $f(z)$  is as in the previous problem.
- (a) Using the formula for  $g(z)$ , use software that uses double precision floating point arithmetic to compute the errors  $e_n := |g(2^{-n}) - g(0)|$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, 52$ . Produce a plot of these errors.
  - (b) Derive an approximation  $G(z)$  to  $g(z)$ , near  $z = 0$ , that does not suffer from the instability you notice. Plot the new errors  $E_n := |G(2^{-n}) - g(0)|$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, 52$ . Ensure that these errors are less than  $10^{-10}$  for all  $n$ .

**5:** Analytic continuation:

(a) Consider

$$F(z) = 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n.$$

Where is this function analytic?

(b) Use the above representation to induce a Taylor representation of  $F(z)$  centered at  $z = -1/2$ . Call this representation  $G(z)$ . Your final result should be of the form

$$G(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m \left( z + \frac{1}{2} \right)^m$$

Where is this series valid?

If you can answer this question without using that both  $F(z)$  and  $G(z)$  are representations of  $1/(1-z)$ , you will receive 2 bonus points.

*Solution:* expansion of the same function allows you justify things and compute the radius of convergence a certain way.

Use the ratio test for a tedious 2 bonus points.

**6:** This problem is from Whittaker and Watson's "A course of modern analysis": Shew<sup>1</sup> that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n-1}}{(1-z^n)(1-z^{n+1})} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(1-z)^2}, & |z| < 1 \\ \frac{1}{z(1-z)^2}, & |z| > 1. \end{cases}$$

This might appear to contradict the idea of analytic continuation. Please comment.

*Solution:*

Do partial fractions on the left. Something telescopes.... something should be the negative of each other in order to telescope they will depend on z likely

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<sup>1</sup>Aka "Show".

**7:** Suppose that  $f$  is a function satisfying

$$|f(x)| \leq M, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Show that

$$\hat{f}(z) := \int_0^\infty e^{izx} f(x) dx,$$

is an analytic function of  $z$  for  $\operatorname{Im} z > 0$ . You may assume that  $f$  is continuous, but this is not a necessary assumption.

*Solution:*

Use a theorem, something about this being able to hold if the integral is finite, then take the limit as it becomes infinite

**8:** Use analytic continuation to show that

$$\sqrt{z-1}\sqrt{z+1} = (z-1)\sqrt{\frac{z+1}{z-1}},$$

where  $\sqrt{\cdot}$  denotes the principal branch with  $\arg z \in [-\pi, \pi)$ .

*Solution:*

Consider that they are both analytic everywhere in the same domain (use the form of analytic continuation which depends on the accumulation point)

Choose a contour for which the functions agree on (positive real axis is a good choice).

Then show that

$$\sqrt{z-1}\sqrt{z+1} = z + b_0 + b_1z^{-1} + b_2z^{-2} + O(z^{-3}), \quad z \rightarrow \infty,$$

and find  $b_0, b_1, b_2$ .