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HOMEWORK 8

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- 1:** The Korteweg-de Vries (KdV) equation arises whenever long waves of moderate amplitude in dispersive media are considered. For instance, it describes waves in shallow water, and ion-acoustic waves in plasmas. The equation is given by

$$u_t = 6uu_x + u_{xxx},$$

where indices denote partial differentiation.

- (a) By looking for solutions $u(x, t) = U(x)$, derive a first-order ordinary differential equation for $U(x)$. Introduce integration constants as required.

Solution:

TODO:

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- (b) Let $U = U_0 \phi(x - x_0)$. Determine U_0 so that $u = U(x)$ solves the KdV equation.

Solution:

TODO:

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2: From A&F: 3.6.5

Show that if $f(z)$ is meromorphic in the finite z plane, then $f(z)$ must be the ratio of two entire functions.

Solution:

TODO: multiply by something that is going to knock out all of the poles and leave you something that is entire. You need to construct something with zeros of the appropriate order to give you what you want. Definitely use the Mittag-Leffler expansion to have zeros where you want and the right residual that you want.

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3: Here's a way to evaluate

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2},$$

due to Euler. We've seen that

$$\frac{\sin \pi z}{\pi z} = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{j^2}\right).$$

(a) Equate the coefficients of z^2 on both sides, to recover the desired sum.

Solution:

Taylor expand on the left to get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sin \pi z}{\pi z} &= \frac{1}{\pi z} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^j (\pi z)^{2j+1}}{(2j+1)!} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi z} \left(\pi z - \frac{(z\pi)^3}{6} + \frac{(z\pi)^5}{120} - \dots \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{z^2 \pi^2}{6} + \frac{z^4 \pi^4}{120} - \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now expand out several terms in the product on the right

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{j^2}\right) &= (1 - z^2) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{4}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{9}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{16}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{25}\right) \dots \\ &= \left(1 - z^2 - \frac{z^2}{4} + \frac{z^4}{4}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{9}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{16}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{25}\right) \dots \\ &= \left(1 - z^2 - \frac{z^2}{4} + \frac{z^4}{4} - \frac{z^2}{9} + \frac{z^4}{9} + \frac{z^4}{36} - \frac{z^6}{36}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{16}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{25}\right) \dots \\ &= \left(1 + z^2 \left(-1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{9}\right) + z^4 \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{36}\right) - \frac{z^6}{36}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{16}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{25}\right) \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then we have the coefficients for z^2 becomes the series $-\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2}$. Equating the coefficient on the left with the series on the right we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\pi^2}{6} &= -\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2} \\ \frac{\pi^2}{6} &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2} \end{aligned}$$

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(b) Equate the coefficients of z^4 on both sides to recover a different sum.

Solution:

Using the results from the Taylor expansion on the left from part (a) we have the coefficient of the z^4 term is $\frac{\pi^4}{120}$. Additionally, from expanding the first several terms in the product on the right we have that the coefficient of the z^4 term can be written as

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \frac{1}{j^2} \frac{1}{k^2}.$$

Combining these we have

$$\frac{\pi^4}{120} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \frac{1}{j^2} \frac{1}{k^2}.$$

A little work can be done to relate this to the sum

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^4}.$$

By equating coefficients of higher powers of z , one can recover other identities too.

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4: For the following, suppose that $f(z)$ is analytic in an open set Ω that contains $[-1, 1]$.

(a) Show that there exists a contour C , encircling $[-1, 1]$, such that

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(x)dx}{\sqrt{1-x}\sqrt{1+x}} = \frac{1}{2i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{\sqrt{z-1}\sqrt{z+1}}.$$

Solution:

TODO: Utilize the logic from problem 5 on a previous hw (back when Σ was the rectangle in the lower half plane)

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(b) Use this to evaluate

$$I_1 = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x}\sqrt{1+x}}, \quad I_2 = \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1-x}\sqrt{1+x} dx,$$

$$I_3 = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x}} dx, \quad I_4 = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\sqrt{1+x}}{\sqrt{1-x}} dx,$$

without using any changes of variable (e.g., no trig subs!).

Solution:

TODO: Kind of use problem 8 from hw 6. Now deform the contour of a rectangle into a circle... maybe at infinity

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5: Suppose, for $|z| = 1$, that the series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f_n z^n,$$

converges uniformly.

(a) Compute series representations for

$$F(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi, \quad |z| \neq 1, \quad C = \partial B_1(0).$$

Solution:

TODO: two cases where $|z| < 1$ and $|z| > 1$

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(b) For $|z| = 1$, compute

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} F(z(1 - \epsilon)) - \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} F(z(1 + \epsilon)).$$

Solution:

TODO: should expect a “jump” discontinuity at the boundary

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