

**Problem 1.** Verify that

$$-\frac{1}{2} \ln(\tan(x/2)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos((2n+1)x)}{2n+1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos((2n+1)x)}{2n+1} &= \operatorname{Re} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^{ix})^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{1+e^{ix}}{1-e^{ix}} \right] \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left( \ln \left[ \frac{1-e^{ix}}{1+e^{ix}} \right] \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left( \ln \left[ \frac{e^{ix/2}(e^{-ix/2} - e^{ix/2})}{e^{ix/2}(e^{-ix/2} + e^{ix/2})} \right] \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left( \ln \left[ \frac{-(e^{ix/2} - e^{-ix/2})}{e^{ix/2} + e^{-ix/2}} \right] \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left( \ln \left[ \frac{e^{ix/2} - e^{-ix/2}}{i^2(e^{ix/2} + e^{-ix/2})} \right] \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} (\ln(\tan(x/2)) - \ln(i)) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(\tan(x/2)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 < x < \pi$ . Note that we have found a fourier series for  $-\frac{1}{2} \ln(\tan(x/2))$  without any integration, just by stepping into the complex plane and then stepping back out.

**Exercise 3.1.18.** Show that if

$$R(z) = \frac{d_1}{z - z_1} + \frac{d_2}{z - z_2} + \dots + \frac{d_r}{z - z_r}$$

where each  $d_i$  is real and positive and each  $z_i$  lies in the upper half-plane  $\operatorname{Im} z > 0$ , then  $R(z)$  has no zeros in the lower half-plane  $\operatorname{Im} z < 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $R(z_0) = 0$  where  $z_0 \neq z_i$ . Then  $\overline{R(z_0)} = 0$  and

$$\frac{d_1(z_0 - z_1)}{|z_0 - z_1|^2} + \frac{d_2(z_0 - z_2)}{|z_0 - z_2|^2} + \dots + \frac{d_r(z_0 - z_r)}{|z_0 - z_r|^2} = 0.$$

Let

$$c_i = \frac{d_i}{|z_0 - z_i|^2}.$$

Since  $z_0 \neq z_i$ ,  $|z_0 - z_i|^2 > 0$ . Also, since  $d_i > 0$ ,  $c_i > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} c_1(z_0 - z_1) + c_2(z_0 - z_2) + \dots + c_r(z_0 - z_r) &= 0 \\ (c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_r)z_0 &= c_1z_1 + c_2z_2 + \dots + c_rz_r \\ z_0 &= \frac{c_1z_1 + c_2z_2 + \dots + c_rz_r}{c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\operatorname{Im}(z_0) = \operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{c_1z_1 + c_2z_2 + \dots + c_rz_r}{c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_r} \right) = \frac{c_1 \operatorname{Im} z_1 + c_2 \operatorname{Im} z_2 + \dots + c_r \operatorname{Im} z_r}{c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_r}$$

Since  $\operatorname{Im} z_i > 0$  and  $c_i > 0$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} z_0 > 0$ . ■

**Exercise 3.2.22.** Prove that for any  $m$  distinct complex numbers  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m$  ( $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  for  $i \neq j$ ), the functions  $e^{\lambda_1 z}, e^{\lambda_2 z}, \dots, e^{\lambda_m z}$  are linearly independent on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Base case,  $m = 1$ . Clearly then

$$ce^{\lambda z} = 0 \implies c = 0$$

since  $e^{\lambda z}$  is never 0. Let  $c_1 e^{\lambda_1 z} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 z} + \dots + c_m e^{\lambda_m z} = 0$  for all  $z$  only if  $c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_m = 0$ . Now let

$$f(z) = c_1 e^{\lambda_1 z} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 z} + \dots + c_m e^{\lambda_m z} + c_{m+1} e^{\lambda_{m+1} z} = 0$$

for all  $z$ . Then

$$c_1 e^{\lambda_1 z} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 z} + \dots + c_m e^{\lambda_m z} = -c_{m+1} e^{\lambda_{m+1} z}.$$

When  $z = 0$ , then

$$c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_m = -c_{m+1}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= c_1 e^{\lambda_1 z} + c_2 e^{\lambda_2 z} + \dots + c_m e^{\lambda_m z} - (c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_m) e^{\lambda_{m+1} z} = 0 \\ f'(z) &= c_1 \lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 z} + c_2 \lambda_2 e^{\lambda_2 z} + \dots + c_m \lambda_m e^{\lambda_m z} - \lambda_{m+1} (c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_m) e^{\lambda_{m+1} z} \\ &= c_1 (\lambda_1 e^{\lambda_1 z} - \lambda_{m+1} e^{\lambda_{m+1} z}) + c_2 (\lambda_2 e^{\lambda_2 z} - \lambda_{m+1} e^{\lambda_{m+1} z}) + \dots + c_m (\lambda_m e^{\lambda_m z} - \lambda_{m+1} e^{\lambda_{m+1} z}) \\ &= c_1 (\lambda_1 - \lambda_{m+1} e^{(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_1)z}) e^{\lambda_1 z} + \dots + c_m (\lambda_m - \lambda_{m+1} e^{(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_m)z}) e^{\lambda_m z} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By our induction hypothesis, we have

$$c_i (\lambda_i - \lambda_{m+1} e^{(\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_i)z}) = 0$$

for all  $z$  and  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . When  $z = 0$ , then

$$c_i (\lambda_i - \lambda_{m+1}) = 0$$

and since  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$ ,  $c_i = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Thus, by our previous equality,  $c_{m+1} = 0$ . ■