

Complex Analysis 2024. Homework 14.

1. Provide an example of a function with a nonisolated singular point.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{1}{z}}$$

has singular points at 0 and $\frac{1}{\pi k}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

2. Let $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ be simply connected domain, $f \in H(D)$ and $f(D) \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. Prove that there exist functions g and h holomorphic in domain D such that

$$f = g^2, \quad f = e^h, \quad \text{in } D.$$

Proof. Consider the composition $\sqrt{f(z)}$. By monodromy theorem in domain D it consists of two single-valued analytic functions. If g is one of these branches then $g \in H(D)$ and $g^2 = f$ in D .

Analogously $f = e^h$ for any function h obtained by the composition of $\text{Ln}f(z)$. \square

Proof. Let $h_1(z)$ is antiderivative of function $f'(z)/f(z)$ in D (that exists since D is simply connected). Then

$$e^{h_1(z)} = Cf(z) \quad z \in D,$$

for some $C \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ since

$$(e^{h_1(z)}/f(z))' = (h'_1 e^{h_1} f - f' e^{h_1})/f^2 = 0.$$

Let $a = \ln(C)$ be some value of $\text{Ln}(C)$ and $h = h_1(z)/a$. Then $h \in \mathcal{O}(D)$ and $e^h = f$. Finally, function $g(z) = e^{h(z)/2}$ is holomorphic in D and $g^2 = f$. \square

3. Let $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ be simply connected domain, $f \in H(D)$, $f \not\equiv 0$. Prove that $f = g^2$ for some $g \in H(D)$ if and only if orders of all zeros of f are even.

Proof. Suppose that $f = g^2$ for some $g \in H(D)$. Notice that $f(a) = 0$ iff $g(a) = 0$.

Let $f(a) = 0$ then $g(z) = (z - a)^m h(z)$, $h \in H(D)$, $h(a) \neq 0$. Consequently, $f(z) = (z - a)^{2m} h^2(z)$ and the order of zero a for f is even.

Suppose that all zeroes of function f have even order. \square

4. Describe all values z^z , $z \neq 0$.

Answer:

$$z^z = e^{z \ln z} = e^{z(\ln|z| + i\arg z) + 2\pi kzi}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

5. Consider a holomorphic branch f of a function $\ln z$ such that $f(1) = 0$.

Let $x \in (0, +\infty)$. Calculate

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (f(x + it) - f(x - it)).$$

Answer $2\pi i$.

6. Let f_0 be holomorphic branch of $z^{1/3}$ such that $f_0(1) = e^{2\pi i/3}$. Consider a path $\gamma(t) = (1 + t)e^{7\pi it}$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Calculate value of analytic continuation of f_0 at point -2 .

Answer: $-\sqrt{2}$.

7. Suppose that analytic functions \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} have single-valued branches in domain D . Prove that $\mathcal{F} + \mathcal{G}$ and $\mathcal{F}\mathcal{G}$ have single-valued branches in domain D . Use this property to prove that $\sqrt{1 - z^2}$ has single-valued branch in $\mathbb{C} \setminus ((-\infty, -1] \cup [1, +\infty))$. Suppose that $f(z)$ is a branch such that $f(0) = 1$. Calculate $f(i)$.

Proof. Suppose that $f, g \in H(D)$ are holomorphic branches of \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} . Let $a \in D$ then f and g can be obtained as result of analytic continuation along all paths of some elements (U_1, f) and (U_2, g) centered at a . So $f + g$ is result of analytic continuation of element $(U, f + g)$, where $U = U_1 \cap U_2$. Analogously for fg .

Function $\sqrt{1 - z^2}$ has holomorphic branches defined by branches of $\sqrt{1 - z}$ in $\mathbb{C} \setminus [1, +\infty)$ and $\sqrt{1 + z}$ in $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, -1]$. Consider branch

$f_1(z)$ of $\sqrt{1-z}$ in $\mathbb{C} \setminus [1, +\infty)$ such that $f_1(0) = 1$ and branch $f_2(z)$ of $\sqrt{1+z}$ in $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$ such that $f_2(0) = 1$. Hence,

$$f_1(i) = \sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4}; \quad f_2(i) = \sqrt{2}e^{i\pi/4}$$

and $f(i) = \sqrt{2}$. \square

8. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$. Prove that function $z^a(1-z)^b$ has single-valued branch in domain $\mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 1]$ if and only if $a+b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. This function has single value if and only if every analytic continuation along closed path around $[0, 1]$ coincides with itself. Let $z_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 1]$, $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow D$ be a closed simple path around $[0, 1]$ such that $\gamma(0) = \gamma(1) = z_0$. Consider a holomorphic branch f of $z^a(1-z)^b$ in neighbourhood U of z_0 then $f = gh$, where g and h are holomorphic branches of z^a and $(1-z)^b$ in U . Analytic continuations of branches g and h along γ are equal to $e^{2\pi a}g$ and $e^{2\pi b}h$ respectively. Consequently, analytic continuation of $f = gh$ along path γ is equal to $e^{2\pi(a+b)}f$ and

$$e^{2\pi(a+b)}f = f \Leftrightarrow a+b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

\square

9. Prove that $\ln(z)\ln(1+z^2)$ has single-valued branch in $D = \mathbb{C} \setminus (-i\infty, i]$.

Proof. $\ln z$ has holomorphic branch in D since D is simply connected and $0 \notin D$.

Let $g(z) = 1+z^2$. Then $g(D) = \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0]$. Consequently, $\ln z$ has holomorphic branch in $g(D)$ which composition will be holomorphic branch of $\ln(1+z^2)$. Multiplying we obtain result. \square