

M2PM3 COMPLEX ANALYSIS: EXAMINATION, 2008

Q1. (i) Evaluate $(1 + 2i)^2$. Hence or otherwise find both roots of the complex quadratic $z^2 + 2iz + 2 - 4i$, in the form $a + ib$ with a, b real. [5]

(ii) Find the four roots of the quartic $z^4 + 1$. [2]

Plot them in the Argand diagram. [2]

Factorize the quartic

(a) as a product of four complex linear factors, [2]

(b) as a product of two real quadratics. [2]

(iii) By considering the ellipse $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$ ($a, b > 0$) parametrized by $x = a \cos \theta$, $y = b \sin \theta$, or otherwise, show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{2\pi}{ab}. \quad [7]$$

Q2. Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ be holomorphic in a domain D .

(i) State without proof the Cauchy-Riemann equations for u, v . [2]

(ii) Define the term harmonic, and show that u, v are harmonic. [4]

(iii) Given u , describe how to find v and f . [4]

(iv) If $u(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy^2$, find v and f . [4]

(v) If $u(x, y) = x/(x^2 + y^2)$ and the domain D does not contain the origin, find v and f . [4]

(vi) Check without differentiation that the u in (iv) and (v) are indeed harmonic. [2]

Q3. (i) State without proof Cauchy's integral formula for the value $f(a)$ of a function f holomorphic at a point a inside a contour γ . [1]

(ii) Show that

$$f'(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-a)^2}. \quad [10]$$

(iii) State without proof the corresponding formula for $f^{(n)}(a)$. [2]

(iv) If γ is the circle centre a and radius R , and $|f(z)| \leq M$ for $|z - a| \leq R$, show that

$$|f^{(n)}(a)| \leq n!M/R^n. \quad [2]$$

(v) What is meant by saying that f is an entire function? [1]

(vi) If f is entire and $|f(z)| \leq c|z|^k$ for $|z|$ large and some constant c , show that f is a polynomial of degree at most k . [4]

Q4. (i) Show (by considering the unit circle parametrized by $z = e^{i\theta}$, or otherwise) that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos 3\theta}{5 - 4 \cos \theta} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{12}, \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin 3\theta}{5 - 4 \cos \theta} d\theta = 0. \quad [10]$$

(ii) Show that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{\pi}{2}. \quad [10]$$