

(I worked with Dan McNall a little).

Problem 1:

Consider $\int_0^\infty \frac{1-\cos(x)}{x^2} dx$.

Now, $\int_0^T \frac{1-\cos(z)}{z^2} dz = \int_0^T \frac{1-\frac{e^{iz}+e^{-iz}}{2}}{z^2} dz = -\left[\int_0^T \frac{e^{iz}-1}{2z^2} dz + \int_0^T \frac{e^{-iz}-1}{2z^2} dz \right]$. Both of the functions under the integrands are holomorphic, except at the origin.

Using a u -substitution, we get $\int_0^T \frac{e^{-iz}-1}{2z^2} dz = -\int_0^{-T} \frac{e^{iz}-1}{2z^2} dz$.

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \frac{1-\cos(z)}{z^2} dz &= -\left[\int_0^T \frac{e^{iz}-1}{2z^2} dz - \int_0^{-T} \frac{e^{iz}-1}{2z^2} dz \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^T \frac{1-e^{iz}}{z^2} dz - \int_0^{-T} \frac{1-e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-T}^T \frac{1-e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \right] \end{aligned}$$

First, by Cauchy's Theorem, we can integrate the remaining term along the path γ , pictured below:

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-T}^T \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \right] &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-T}^{-T+i\sqrt{T}} \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-T+i\sqrt{T}}^{T+i\sqrt{T}} \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \right] \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{T+i\sqrt{T}}^T \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

Using the *ML*-inequality/trivial estimate, we can estimate the first term:

$$\int_{-T}^{-T+i\sqrt{T}} \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \leq \sqrt{T} \sup\left(\left|\frac{1 - \cos(z)}{z^2}\right|\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$$

Similarly, we can estimate the last term: $\int_{T+i\sqrt{T}}^T \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \leq \sqrt{T} \sup\left(\left|\frac{1 - \cos(z)}{z^2}\right|\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$

And we can estimate the middle term: $\int_{-T+i\sqrt{T}}^{T+i\sqrt{T}} \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \leq 2T \sup\left(\left|\frac{1 - \cos(z)}{z^2}\right|\right) = 2/T$.

So as $T \rightarrow \infty$, all of these terms vanish. So

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-T}^T \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_{-T}^{-T+i\sqrt{T}} \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz + \int_{-T+i\sqrt{T}}^{T+i\sqrt{T}} \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz + \int_{T+i\sqrt{T}}^T \frac{1 - e^{iz}}{z^2} dz \right]$$

is bounded above by 0 as $T \rightarrow \infty$.

The same techniques apply to $-\int_0^\infty \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2} dx$; So, we know that $\int_0^\infty \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2} dx = 0$.

Problem 2:

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ be open and simply connected, $f \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$, f is always nonzero, $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

There is an $h \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ such that $e^h = f$. Define $\tilde{h} = h/k$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\tilde{h}k} &= f \\ e^{\tilde{h}+\tilde{h}+\tilde{h}+\dots+\tilde{h}} &= f \\ e^{\tilde{h}}e^{\tilde{h}}e^{\tilde{h}}\dots e^{\tilde{h}} &= f \\ (e^{\tilde{h}})^k &= f \end{aligned}$$

So, if $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ be open and simply connected, $f \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$, f is always nonzero, $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then there's a $g \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ with $g^k = f$.

Now, if $k \in \mathbb{Z}^-$, then find h with $h^{-k} = f$. Next, define $g = 1/h$. Then we have that $g^k = \frac{1}{h}^k = e^{\ln(1/h)k} = e^{-\ln(h)k} = h^{-k} = f$, which yields our result.

Problem 3:

Consider $\sqrt{-1} = (-1)^{sqr t - 1} = (e)^{\ln(-1)\sqrt{-1}} = e^{\ln -1 e^{\frac{1}{2}\ln(-1)}}$. As discussed in class, the logarithms of -1 are $(2k+1)\pi i$ for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. That is, the possible values of $\sqrt{-1}$ are given by

$$e^{((2k+1)\pi i)e^{\frac{1}{2}((2j+1)\pi i)}}$$

for any given $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Yet, this is an intractable mess. Consider that $e^{\frac{1}{2}((2j+1)\pi i)} = e^{j\pi i + \frac{1}{2}\pi i} = e^{j\pi i} e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i} = (-1)^j e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i}$. Thus, our original expression becomes

$$e^{((2k+1)\pi i)(-1)^j e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i}}$$

To clean this up even more, $e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi i} = i$. So, we have our original expression as

$$e^{((2k+1)\pi i)(-1)^j i} = e^{-((2k+1)\pi)(-1)^j}$$

Now, it is somewhat clear that $\{e^{-((2k+1)\pi)(-1)^j} : j, k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{e^{\pm((2k+1)\pi)} : k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{e^{-(2k+1)\pi} : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

So, the set of values $\sqrt[k]{-1}$ are $\{e^{-((2k+1)\pi)} : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

And yes, taking $k = -1$ yields a value of e^π , which is “about 23”.

Problem 4:

Let $\ln(z)$ be the principal branch of the logarithm of z , and let z_1, z_2 have positive real component.

Then $e^{\ln(z_1)+\ln(z_2)} = e^{\ln(z_1)}e^{\ln(z_2)} = z_1z_2 = e^{\ln(z_1z_2)}$.

Now, e^{a+bi} is one-to-one given that $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b \in (-\pi, \pi)$. Because we're working in the principal branch and the real components of z_1 and z_2 are (strictly) positive, $z_1z_2 = e^{a+bi}$ has $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b \in (-\pi, \pi)$ (because z_1 and z_2 have their argument in $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$...so the principal logarithm of their product has its argument there, as well). For the same reason, $\ln(z_1) + \ln(z_2) = e^{a'+b'i}$ has $a' \in \mathbb{R}$ and $b' \in (-\pi, \pi)$. So e^z is one-to-one for a domain containing both $\ln(z_1) + \ln(z_2)$ and $\ln(z_1z_2)$ (because $\ln(z_1)$ and $\ln(z_2)$ have their argument in $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$, their sum has its argument there as well). Thus, $\ln(z_1) + \ln(z_2) = \ln(z_1z_2)$.

Problem 5:

Consider $\sin(\frac{1}{z})$. We know that $\sin(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$. So, where defined, $\sin(\frac{1}{z}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{z^{2n+1}(2n+1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{z^{2n+1}(2n+1)!}$.

That is, we have found a Laurent series for $\sin(\frac{1}{z})$ about 0. We are done.

Problem 6:

Consider $\frac{\sin(z)}{1-z}$. Because $\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$ (when $z \in D_1(0)$, which we are working on because of the singularity at 1) and $\sin(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$, we have $\frac{\sin(z)}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$.

The first seven coefficients of this expansion (that is, those with $n \leq 6$),

are as follows (this follows trivially by computation, which I will invariably screw up.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_0 &= 0 \\
 a_1 &= 1 \\
 a_2 &= 1 \\
 a_3 &= 5/6 \\
 a_4 &= 5/6 \\
 a_5 &= 5/6 + 1/60 \\
 a_6 &= 5/6 + 1/60
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 7:

(Preliminary note: these integrals land in the real numbers...there's no ambiguity about what \ln is...).

Let $f \in \mathcal{O}(D_R(0))$. Consider $\ln\left(\int_0^{2\pi} |f(e^{s+it})|^2 dt\right)$ as a function of s .

We can apply Parseval's Formula (one of the earlier homeworks): let $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$.

Then $\ln\left(\int_0^{2\pi} |f(e^{s+it})|^2 dt\right) = \ln\left(2\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 e^{2sn}\right)$. Moreover, we have $\ln\left(2\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 e^{2sn}\right) = \ln\left(2\pi \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N |a_n|^2 e^{2sn}\right)$.

By the earlier homework, the sums of log-convex functions are log-convex. By a trivial induction argument, all finite sums of log-convex functions are log-convex. Moreover, $\ln(2\pi |a_n|^2 e^{2sn})$ is convex; $\ln(2\pi |a_n|^2 e^{2sn}) = 2sn \ln([2\pi |a_n|^2]^{-2sn}) = 2snc$ for some $c \in \mathbb{R}$, which is clearly convex as a function of s .

So we have that $2\pi \sum_{n=0}^N |a_n|^2 e^{2sn}$ is log-convex, for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$; in other words, $\ln(2\pi \sum_{n=0}^N |a_n|^2 e^{2sn})$ is convex for all N .

Now, the limit of a sequence of log-convex functions is log-convex: let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, and $t \in [0, 1]$, and let $\phi_N \rightarrow \phi$ be a sequence of log-convex functions. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} t \ln(\phi_N(x)) + (1-t) \ln(\phi_N(y)) &\leq \ln(\phi_N(tx + (1-t)y)) \\ t \ln(\phi(x)) + (1-t) \ln(\phi(y)) &\leq \ln(\phi(tx + (1-t)y)) \end{aligned}$$

because inequality is preserved over limits, because \ln is continuous.

Thus, $2\pi \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N |a_n|^2 e^{2sn}$ is log-convex: So, $\ln(2\pi \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N |a_n|^2 e^{2sn}) = \ln(\int_0^{2\pi} |f(e^{s+it})|^2 dt)$ is convex; this is the result we wanted.

Problem 8:

Let $\psi, \phi \in \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C})$, and $|\psi| \leq |\phi|$ on \mathbb{C} .

First, $\phi = 0$, $\psi = 0$ trivially by the assumption.

Next, $|\psi|/|\phi| \leq 1$ on \mathbb{C} , except where $\phi = 0$. Thus, $\left|\frac{\psi}{\phi}\right| \leq 1$ on \mathbb{C} , except where $\phi = 0$. Because $\frac{\psi}{\phi}$ is bounded, all of its singularities are removable; we can define ξ holomorphic and equal to $\frac{\psi}{\phi}$ except where $\phi = 0$.

Now, ξ is a bounded, entire function; it is constant, by Liouville.

So $\xi = \frac{\psi}{\phi} = c$ on \mathbb{C} , except where $\phi = 0$, for some $c \in \mathbb{C}$. Also, $\phi = \psi = c\phi$ where $\phi = 0$. Thus, $\psi = c\phi$.

Problem 9:

(Without loss of generality, let $c = 0$.)

Let f have an essential singularity at 0. Then for all $r > 0$, $f(D_r(0))$ is dense in \mathbb{C} . So the set $\{1/z : z \in f(D_r(0))\}$ is dense in \mathbb{C} , for all $r > 0$. So $1/f$ has an essential singularity at 0.