

Math 220, Problem Set 3.

1. Let $\gamma(t) = e^{it}$ for $t \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$. Compute

$$\int_{\gamma} z e^{iz} dz.$$

2. Let C be the half unit circle joining $1+i$ to $1-i$ clockwise. By direct parametrization, calculate the integral

$$\int_C \sqrt{z-1} dz,$$

where the principal branch of the square root is used for the integrand.

3. Assume that

$$f(z) = c \prod_{\ell=1}^k (z - a_{\ell})^{m_{\ell}}$$

is a polynomial with roots at a_1, \dots, a_k with multiplicities m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k . Show that for any closed loop γ avoiding a_1, \dots, a_k we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{\ell=1}^k m_{\ell} \cdot n(\gamma, a_{\ell}).$$

In particular, if R is sufficiently large, and $\gamma(t) = Re^{it}$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$, show that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \deg f.$$

Remark: This is a version of the argument principle to be proved later.

4. Calculate the following integrals using the local form of Cauchy's integral formula:

(i)

$$\int_{|z|=2} \frac{e^z}{(z-1)(z-3)^2} dz$$

(ii)

$$\int_{|z|=2} \frac{\sin z}{z+i} dz$$

(iii)

$$\int_{|z|=1} \frac{e^z}{(z-2)^3} dz$$

(iv)

$$\int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{z^5 + iz - 4}.$$

5. Let γ be a piecewise \mathcal{C}^1 -closed curve in a disc Δ with no self intersections so that γ bounds a domain D with $\overline{D} \subset \Delta$. Let $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function with

continuous derivative. (We will see shortly that this assumption holds for all holomorphic functions.) Use Green's theorem from multivariable calculus to prove that

$$\int_{\gamma} f dz = 0$$

thus giving an alternate proof for this (weaker) version of a result proved in class.

Hint: Write $f dz = (u + iv)(dx + idy) = Pdx + Qdy$ and apply Green's theorem to the \mathcal{C}^1 -form $Pdx + Qdy$.

6. Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be holomorphic and let $\overline{\Delta}(0, R) \subset U$. Show that

$$\overline{f}(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|w|=R} \frac{\overline{f}(w)}{w - z} dw$$

for any $z \in \Delta(0, R)$.

Hint: It is easier to prove the equivalent statement obtained by taking conjugates, also noting that

$$\frac{dw}{w} + \frac{d\bar{w}}{\bar{w}} = 0$$

along $|w| = R$ where $d\bar{w} = dx - idy$. For the required manipulations, you can give an elegant argument considering the function $h(w) = \frac{\bar{z}f(w)}{R^2 - \bar{z}w}$.

7. Solve Conway IV.2.2. You may assume of course that γ is a \mathcal{C}^1 loop (as opposed to rectifiable). The book uses the word "analytic" to mean "holomorphic," using the definitions given in class.