

Math 532: Homework 8  
Due 11/06/19  
Everyone turns in an individual copy.

Note, as gone over in class, by a homotopy between continuous closed paths  $C_1(t)$  and  $C_2(t)$  where  $C_j : [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow D$ ,  $C_j(t_0) = C_j(t_f)$ , we mean there exists a continuous function  $H : [0, 1] \times [t_0, t_f] \rightarrow D$  such that

$$H(0, t) = C_1(t), \quad H(1, t) = C_2(t), \quad H(s, t_0) = H(s, t_f).$$

We say a given domain  $D$  is *simply connected* if every closed path is homotopic to some point  $z_0 \in D$ .

1. (2pts each) 4.57.1
2. (5pts) 4.57.10
3. (5pts) 5.61.2
4. (5pts) 5.61.4
5. (5pts) 5.61.9
6. (5 pts) A domain  $D$  is called convex if for all  $z, w \in D$ , the line segment  $\lambda z + (1-\lambda)w \in A$  for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Show that any convex domain is simply connected.
7. (5 pts) Show that any disc  $D_R(z_0)$ , i.e. all those  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$|z - z_0| \leq R$$

is a convex set.

8. (5 pts) A domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  is called *star-shaped* if there is a point  $z_* \in D$  such that for all  $z \in D$ , the line segment joining  $z$  and  $z_*$  is in  $D$ . Show that  $D$  is simply connected.