

Midterm 2 Review

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I Tools and Tricks

Theorem I.1: Weierstrass's Approximation Theorem

Any continuous function $f(x)$ on $[0,1]$ can be uniformly approximated by polynomials, meaning that one can find a sequence of polynomials $p_n(x)$ converging uniformly to $f(x)$ on $[0,1]$.

Theorem I.2

If $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic and non-constant, then $f(\mathbb{C})$ is dense in \mathbb{C} .

2 Analytic Functions

Theorem 2.1: Dominated Convergence

Suppose there exist a function $G(x)$ such that $|F_n(x)| < |G(x)| \forall n, x$ and $\int |G(x)| dx < \infty$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int F_n(x) dx = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) dx.$$

Many times a constant can serve in the place of such $G(x)$.

As a reminder we note the following results again.

Theorem 2.2: Cauchy's formula

Suppose we have $f : \Omega \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ which is defined on an open set as the domain, and is holomorphic. Let $z_0 \in \Omega$ and $r > 0$ such that $B_r(z_0) \subset \Omega$. Then for all $z \in B_r(z_0)$, we have

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{w - z} dw.$$

Corollary 2.3: Infinite differentiability

As a result of Cauchy's formula we have that wherever f is holomorphic it is infinitely differentiable.

We can differentiate Cauchy's formula to derive the following more general formula for higher order derivatives:

$$f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w - z)^{n+1}} dw$$

We use this formula's to derive a bound on the n^{th} derivative of f .

Theorem 2.4: Cauchy's Inequality

Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function and take some $\overline{B_r(z)} \subset U$, then

$$|f^{(n)}(z)| \leq \frac{n!}{r^n} \sup_{w \in \partial B_r(z)} |f(w)|.$$

Apply the integral triangle inequality to Cauchy's Integral formula and the result follows.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} |f^{(n)}(z)| &\leq \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z)} \left| \frac{f(w)}{(w - z)^{n+1}} \right| |dw| \\ &\leq \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \frac{2\pi i r}{r^{n+1}} \sup_{w \in \partial B_r(z)} |f(w)| \\ &= \frac{n!}{r^n} \sup_{w \in \partial B_r(z)} |f(w)| \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 2.5: Analytic function

A function $f : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is analytic if $\forall z_0 \in \mathcal{U}, \exists r > 0$ such that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \quad \forall z \in B_r(z_0).$$

It is important to note that being analytic implies being holomorphic and vice-versa.

Theorem 2.6: Taylor representation

If f is holomorphic on $B_r(z_0) \subset \mathcal{U}$, and we have that $f(z) = f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0) + \frac{1}{2!}f''(z_0)(z - z_0)^2 + \dots$. Then this series converges for $z \in B_r(z_0)$.

Proof. Follows from using Cauchy's inequality to bound the terms in the Taylor series in order to calculate a radius of convergence which ends up being $\geq r$. \square

Theorem 2.7: Taylor Expansion of a Holomorphic Function

If f is holomorphic $B_r(z_0) \subset \mathcal{U}$, then

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0) + \frac{f''(z_0)}{2!}(z - z_0)^2 + \dots$$

Proof. We start with Cauchy's formula:

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z)} \frac{f(w)}{w - z} dz.$$

$$\frac{1}{w - z} = \frac{1}{(w - z_0) - (z - z_0)} = \frac{1}{w - z_0} \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{z - z_0}{w - z_0}} \right)$$

Note that since $|z - z_0| < |w - z_0|$ we have $\frac{|z - z_0|}{|w - z_0|} < 1$.

So

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{z - z_0}{w - z_0}} = 1 + \frac{z - z_0}{w - z_0} + \left(\frac{z - z_0}{w - z_0} \right)^2 + \dots$$

Hence, we now have:

$$\frac{1}{w - z} = \frac{1}{w - z_0} \left(1 + \frac{z - z_0}{w - z_0} + \left(\frac{z - z_0}{w - z_0} \right)^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$f(z) = \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{w - z_0} + \frac{f(w)}{(w - z_0)^2}(z - z_0) + \dots dw$$

Using the Dominated Convergence Theorem, we can interchange the sum and integral, from there we can leverage Cauchy's integral formula:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{w - z_0} dw + \int_{B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w - z_0)^2} (z - z_0) dw + \dots \\
 &= f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0) + \frac{f''(z_0)}{2!}(z - z_0)^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

This is the Taylor expansion, hence we are done. \square

An important slogan to remember is that holomorphic functions are automatically analytic.

Definition 2.8: Entire function

A priori we know what it means for a function to be bounded. We say a function is entire if it is defined and holomorphic on all the complex numbers.

Theorem 2.9: Liouville's Theorem

If $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is entire, and bounded, then f is constant.

Proof. Apply Cauchy's inequality to $B_r(z_0)$,

$$|f'(z_0)| \leq \frac{1}{r} \sup_{z \in \partial B_r(z_0)} |f(z)| \leq A.$$

Taking $r \rightarrow \infty$, we get $f'(z_0) = 0$. \square

Theorem 2.10: Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Every nonconstant polynomial

$$f(z) = a_n z^n + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

has a root.

Proof. Suppose not for the sake of contradiction. Since $f(z)$ is entire and non-zero, $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ is entire. Indeed,

$$\frac{1}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{z^n} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{a_0}{z^n} + \dots + a_n} \right)$$

As $z \rightarrow \infty$, then $\frac{1}{f(z)} \rightarrow 0$. This means for every ϵ there exists an R such that $\forall |z| > R : \left| \frac{1}{f(z)} \right| < \epsilon$. Now for the $|z| \leq R$ we have the following:

$$\left| \frac{1}{f(z)} \right| \leq \sup_{w \in \partial B_R(0)} \left| \frac{1}{f(w)} \right| < A \neq \infty.$$

Now since $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ is bounded and entire, by Liouville's theorem we have that $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ is constant. However, this is a contradiction to our initial assumption, hence, we are done. \square

Corollary 2.II: Number of Roots

As a direct consequence of the previous theorem we have that a polynomial of degree n has n roots when counted with multiplicity. The proof goes by induction, where you first factor out a root and then continuously proceed to factor roots.

2.I Analytic Continuation**Theorem 2.I2: About the sparsity of zeroes.**

Suppose $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic and U is connected and open, and f vanishes on $\{w_n\} \subset U$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n$ exists in U . Given that $\{w_n \in U : f(w_n) = 0\}$ has a limit point in U , then $f \equiv 0$.

Proof. Let $z_0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n \in U$. Since f is holomorphic at z_0 we have that f is analytic at z_0 .

$$\implies f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \quad \forall z \in B_r(z_0)$$

For some $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$. Suppose $f \neq 0$ on $B_r(z_0)$. Then \exists some smallest m such that $a_m \neq 0$,

$$f(z) = a_m (z - z_0)^m (1 + g(z)),$$

where $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} g(z) = 0$. For $|z - z_0|$ small enough, say $< \delta$, then $|1 + g(z)| > \frac{1}{2}$, but then $f(z) \neq 0$ if $z \in B_\delta(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$. However, this is a contradiction based on the assumptions we laid out initially about the sequence $\{w_n\}$. Thus, $f(z) = 0 \quad \forall z \in B_r(z_0)$.

We are not done: we have to use that U is connected.

Definition 2.I3: Connected Set

A subset $S \subset \mathbb{C}$ is connected if whenever $S = V_1 \cup V_2$ then $V_1 = \emptyset$ or $V_2 = \emptyset$, where V_1 and V_2 are open subsets of S .

Back to the Proof:

Let $\Omega = \{w_n \in U : f(w_n) = 0\}^-$, i.e. the interior of the set. Now based on our previous work we know that $\exists B_r(z_0) \subset \{z \in U : f(z) = 0\}$, hence the interior is not empty. By definition the interior is open. Now we show that it is closed. Suppose we have a sequence $\{z_n\} \subset \Omega$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z$. Since (by our previous work) f vanishes in a ball around z , we have $z \in \Omega$. Hence, Ω is closed.

$$\text{So } U = \underbrace{\Omega}_{\text{open}} \cup \underbrace{(U \setminus \Omega)}_{\Omega \text{ closed} \implies \text{open}}.$$

But by the definition of a connected set it follows that $U = \Omega$. □

Corollary 2.I4

If f, g are holomorphic on connected $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ and $f(z) = g(z)$ on a convergent sequence, then $f = g$ on all of U .

Definition 2.15: Analytic Continuation

If f is holomorphic on $U \subset V \subset \mathbb{C}$ and g is holomorphic on $V \subset \mathbb{C}$, and $g = f$ on U , then g is an analytic continuation of f .

Example 2.16: Riemann ζ function

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{1^s} + \frac{1}{2^s} + \dots$$

We have that $n^s = e^{s \log(n)}$ makes sense for $s \in \mathbb{C}$ (note we are using the principal branch).

$$|n^{x+iy}| = n^x$$

This implies that the zeta function converges for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$.

Riemann proved that there is an analytic continuation of $\zeta(s)$ to $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$.

3 Analytic Continuation of $\zeta(s)$ **3.1: Proposition**

For $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$,

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{s}{s-1} - s \int_1^\infty \frac{\{x\}}{x^{s+1}} dx.$$

4 Sequences of Holomorphic Functions**Theorem 4.1: Morera's Theorem**

If f is continuous on $B_r(z_0) \subset U$ (where U is open) and $\int_T f(z) dz = 0$ for every $T \subset B_r(z_0)$, then f is holomorphic on $B_r(z_0)$. Here T is a triangle.

Theorem 4.2

If $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ sequence of holomorphic functions converges to f uniformly on compact subsets, then f is holomorphic.

Proof. Suffices to show $0 = \int_T f(z) dz$ for all triangles $T \subset U$.

$$\int_T \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(z) dz = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_T f_n(z) dz = 0$$

We can do this since we can exchange limits and integrals for uniformly converging sequences of functions.

□

Theorem 4.3

If a sequence $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of holomorphic functions converges to f uniformly on compact subsets, then f'_n converges uniformly to f' on compact subsets.

Proof. Let $z \in U$ and $r > 0$ such that $\overline{B_r(z_0)} \subset U$. Now based on Cauchy's Integral formula

$$f'_n(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f_n(z)}{(z - z_0)^2} dz.$$

So now:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(z_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f_n(z)}{(z - z_0)^2} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_n(z)}{(z - z_0)^2} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^2} dz.$$

□

4.1 Schwartz Reflection Principal

The goal is to establish criterion for analytic continuation in a specific situation. Take a symmetric set U which is symmetric about the real axis.

Theorem 4.4: Glueing holomorphic functions along a boundary

If f^+ is holomorphic on U^+ and f^- is holomorphic on U^- and extend continuously to I , then

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} f^+(z) & z \in U^+ \\ f^-(z) & z \in U^- \\ f^+(z) = f^-(z) & z \in I \end{cases}$$

is holomorphic.

Proof. Using morera's theorem we can split triangles up into cases, and then we are done. □

Theorem 4.5: Schwarz reflection principle

If f^+ is holomorphic on U^+ and extends continuously to I and $f(z) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \forall z \in I$ then \exists analytic continuation of f to U .

5 Singularities**Definition 5.1: Singularity**

An isolated singularity of a function f is $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ such that f is defined on $B_r(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$ for some $r > 0$.

Definition 5.2: Zero

A zero of a function f is a $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $f(z_0) = 0$, we say f "vanishes" at z_0 .

Theorem 5.3

If f holomorphic near z_0 and f is not identically zero near z_0 , then z_0 is an isolated zero.

Theorem 5.4

If f holomorphic near some root z_0 and f is not identically 0 near z_0 , then z_0 is an isolated zero of f , i.e., $\exists r > 0$ such that f does not vanish at any $z \in B_r(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$. This is the contrapositive of analytic continuation.

Theorem 5.5

Let f be holomorphic near some root z_0 , then $\exists n \geq 1$, and g holomorphic and nonvanishing near z_0 such that $f(z) = (z - z_0)^n g(z) \quad \forall z \in B_r(z_0)$, for some $r > 0$.

Proof. Since f is holomorphic near z_0 , then we have

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (z - z_0)^k.$$

Let n be the minimal n such that $a_n \neq 0$. Then

$$f(z) = (z - z_0)^n \underbrace{\sum_{k \geq n} a_k (z - z_0)^{k-n}}_{g(z)}.$$

By assumption we see the $g(z)$ is non vanishing on $B_r(z_0)$ and still has a radius of convergence. □

Definition 5.6: Meromorphic function

Suppose f has an isolated singularity at z_0 . We say f is meromorphic at z_0 if $\frac{1}{f}$ is holomorphic near z_0 .

Another way to say it:

f is meromorphic at isolated singularity z_0 if $\exists r > 0$ such that $\frac{1}{f}$ or f extends to holomorphic function on $B_r(z_0)$. (this is the old definition we used)

Theorem 5.7

If f is meromorphic near some pole z_0 , then $\exists r > 0$ such that $\forall z \in B_r(z_0)$ then

$$f(z) = \frac{h(z)}{(z - z_0)^n} \quad n \geq 0$$

where $h(z)$ is holomorphic and non-vanishing on $B_r(z_0)$.

Proof. By definition f is holomorphic near z_0 . By the previous theorem we have that $\frac{1}{f(z)} = (z - z_0)^n g(z)$ near z_0 .

$$f(z) = \frac{\frac{1}{g(z)}}{(z - z_0)^n} = \frac{h(z)}{(z - z_0)^n}.$$

□

Definition 5.8: Singularity types

If f is meromorphic, and we are given some singularity z_0 , if $n = 0$ then the singularity is removable, if $n > 0$ then the singularity is a pole. If f is not meromorphic then the singularity is essential.

Theorem 5.9: Laurent Series

If f is meromorphic of order n at $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, then $\exists r > 0$ such that on $B_r(z_0)^* := B_r(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$,

$$f(z) = \frac{a_{-n}}{(z - z_0)^n} + \frac{a_{-n+1}}{(z - z_0)^{n-1}} + \cdots + \frac{a_{-1}}{(z - z_0)} + \underbrace{\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n (z - z_0)^n}_{G(z) \text{ holomorphic on } B_r(z_0)}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{h(z)}{(z - z_0)^n} \\ &= \frac{A_0}{(z - z_0)^n} + \frac{A_1}{(z - z_0)^{n-1}} + \cdots + \frac{A_{n-1}}{(z - z_0)} + \sum_{k \geq 0} A_{n+k} (z - z_0)^k \end{aligned}$$

The radius of convergence is the same after the substitution, so we have that f is holomorphic on the $B_r(z_0)$. □

Definition 5.10: Principal Part and Residue

The principal part of f at z_0 is a_{-1} . The residue of f at z_0 is $a_{-1} = \text{Res}_{z_0}(f)$. It is important to note that a removable singularity has residue 0.

Theorem 5.11: The Residue Formula

Suppose f holomorphic in a neighborhood of \bar{U} except for a finite set of isolated singularities, $\{z_i\} \subset U$. Then

$$\int_{\partial U} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_j \text{Res}_{z_j}(f).$$

Proof. Apply Cauchy's theorem.

$$\int_{\partial U} f(z) dz = \sum_j \int_{B_\epsilon(z_j)} f(z) dz$$

On a neighborhood near the singularities the Laurent series of f converges uniformly.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{B_\epsilon(z_j)} f(z) dz &= \int_{B_\epsilon(z_j)} \sum_{k=-n}^{\infty} a_k (z - z_j)^k dz \\ &= \sum_{k=-n}^{\infty} \int_{B_\epsilon(z_j)} a_k (z - z_j)^k dz \\ &= 2\pi i a_{-1} = 2\pi i \text{Res}_{z_j}(f)\end{aligned}$$

It is important to note that the series uniformly converges, hence why we can exchange the sum and integral. There we have,

$$\int_{\partial U} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_j \text{Res}_{z_j}(f).$$

□

Definition 5.12: Meromorphic Function

f is meromorphic at a singularity z_0 if $\frac{1}{f}$ or f extends to a holomorphic function on $B_r(z_0)$. Meromorphic functions are preserved by addition, multiplication, and division.

Theorem 5.13

Let f be holomorphic except at a singularity, and let the limit at that singularity exist. Suppose f is bounded on $U \setminus \{z_0\}$. Then z_0 is a removable singularity of f .

Proof. Idea is the if f extends to z_0 as a holomorphic function, then we could have its value by Cauchy's integral formula.

Try extending $g(z)$ on $B_r(z_0)$ by

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{w - z_0} dw.$$

We need to show this extension equals the original function and is holomorphic.

$$\begin{aligned}g'(z) &= \frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(z - z_0)} dw \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w - z_0)^2} dw\end{aligned}$$

Since the derivative exists g is holomorphic. Since the function on the inside is continuous on the boundary as a function of z we can exchange operators. □

Corollary 5.14

Let f be holomorphic in a punctured neighborhood of z_0 . Then z_0 is a pole of f if and only if the limit as the function approaches that point is infinity.

Theorem 5.15: Casorati - Weierstrass

Suppose f is holomorphic on punctured $B_r(z_0)$, and has essential singularity at z_0 . Then $f(B_r(z_0)^*)$ is dense in \mathbb{C} .

Proof. Suppose for the sake of contradiction that $f(B_r(z_0)^*)$ is not dense in \mathbb{C} . Then z_0 cannot be an essential singularity. We now prove this:

Since $f(B_r(z_0)^*)$ is not dense, we can find some $w_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\epsilon > 0$ such that $B_\epsilon(w_0) \cap f(B_r(z_0)^*) = \emptyset$. Observe the following

$$|f(z) - w_0| \geq \epsilon \implies \frac{1}{|f(z) - w_0|} \leq \frac{1}{\epsilon}.$$

□