

Problem (Problem 1): Let $(a_n)_n$ be a sequence for which $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2$ is finite. For each positive N , define $f_N(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$, and define $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$.

(a) Show that f is holomorphic on \mathbb{D} .

(b) For each $r \in (0, 1)$, determine in terms of $(a_n)_n$ the integral

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f_N(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta.$$

(c) For each $r \in (0, 1)$, determine in terms of $(a_n)_n$ the integral

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta.$$

(d) Determine in terms of $(a_n)_n$ the limit

$$\lim_{r \nearrow 1} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta.$$

Solution:

(a) Let $0 < r < 1$. Since each f_N is analytic, we can use the Cauchy Integral Formula to compute a_N explicitly, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} |a_N| &= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f_N(\xi)}{\xi^{N+1}} d\xi \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{r^N} \sup_{|z|=r} |f_N(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if we are able to show that the value

$$\sup_{|z|=r} |f_N(z)|$$

is uniformly bounded by a constant for all N , we will be able to use the Cauchy–Hadamard theorem to show that $\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} |a_N|^{1/N} \leq 1$. Toward this end, we use the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, which yields

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{|z|=r} |f_N(z)| &= \sup_{|z|=r} \left| \sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^n \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{|z|=r} \left(\sum_{n=0}^N |a_n|^2 \right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{n=0}^N |z|^{2n} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \sup_{|z|=r} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \right)^{1/2}}_{=:K} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |z|^{2n} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{K}{(1 - |r|^2)^{1/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since we have established this uniform bound, we thus find that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ has radius of convergence at least 1, so f is analytic on \mathbb{D} , hence holomorphic on \mathbb{D} .

(b) We write out the integral to yield

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f_N(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\sum_{n=0}^N a_n r^n e^{in\theta} \right) \overline{\left(\sum_{m=0}^N a_m r^m e^{im\theta} \right)} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{m=0}^N a_n \overline{a_m} r^{m+n} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(n-m)\theta} d\theta \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^N |a_n|^2 r^{2n}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Since f is holomorphic with radius of convergence at least 1, the series expression on $S(0, r)$ converges uniformly, so that we may exchange sum and integral. This yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_n \overline{a_m} r^{m+n} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(n-m)\theta} d\theta \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 r^{2n}. \end{aligned}$$

(d) Since the sequence $(a_n)_n$ is square-summable, the limit is well-defined, and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \nearrow 1} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta &= \lim_{r \nearrow 1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 r^{2n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Problem (Problem 3): Let $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be entire.

- (a) Suppose there exist $C, R > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|f(z)| \leq C|z|^n$ for all $|z| > R$. Show that f is a polynomial of degree at most n .
- (b) Suppose that $g: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is also entire and $|f(z)| \leq |g(z)|$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Show that there exists some $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\alpha| \leq 1$ such that $f(z) = \alpha g(z)$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.
- (c) Suppose that there exists some $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(\mathbb{C}) \cap \{re^{i\theta} \mid r > 0\} = \emptyset$. Show that f is constant.

Solution:

(a) Let $r > R$. Then, by the Cauchy estimate, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} |f^{(n+1)}(0)| &\leq \frac{(n+1)!}{r^{n+1}} \sup_{|z|=r} |f(z)| \\ &\leq \frac{(n+1)!}{r^{n+1}} \sup_{|z|=r} (C|z|^n) \\ &= \frac{C(n+1)!}{r}, \end{aligned}$$

so since r is arbitrary and f is entire, we find that $f^{(n+1)}(0) = 0$, so that the power series expansion of f about 0 terminates beyond $n+1$, meaning that f is a polynomial of degree at most n .

(b) Observe that if $g \neq 0$, then the function $\frac{f(z)}{g(z)}$ is entire, and satisfies

$$\left| \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right| \leq 1,$$

hence $\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \alpha$ for some α with $|\alpha| \leq 1$.