

**MA2003 Complex Analysis**  
**Exercise Sheet 0**

1. Write the following complex numbers in polar form  $z = r(\cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta))$  (or equivalently,  $z = r \exp(i\theta)$ ):

- (a)  $1 + i$
- (b)  $-1 + i$
- (c)  $1 + i\sqrt{3}$
- (d)  $\frac{(1+i)^7}{(1+i\sqrt{3})^2}$

2. (a) For  $z = a + ib$ , express  $z^{-1}$  (i.e.,  $\frac{1}{z}$ ) in Cartesian form  
(b) Write down the modulus and Principal Argument of  $z^{-1}$  in terms of  $|z|$  and  $\text{Arg}(z)$ .

3. Express the following complex numbers in Cartesian form (that is to say, as  $a + ib$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$$\frac{i-1}{1-i} \quad \frac{1}{1+i} \quad \frac{3+4i}{1-2i}.$$

4. Find the principal argument of the four points  $\pm 1 \pm i\sqrt{3}$ .

5. Calculate

$$\text{Arg} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{z^2} \right) \Big|_{z=1+i}.$$

(The notation  $f(z)|_{z=w}$  means  $f(z)$  evaluated at  $z = w$ , or in other words,  $f(w)$ .)

6. Show that

$$2 \left( \frac{z}{z+i} \right) \frac{(z+i-z)}{(z+i)^2} \Big|_{z=i} = \frac{-i}{4}.$$

7. Sketch the following regions of  $\mathbb{C}$ :

- (a)  $1 < |z| < 2$  (This notation is shorthand for the set  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : 1 < |z| < 2\}$ .)
- (b)  $1 < |z+2| < 2$
- (c)  $1 < \text{Im}(z-i) < 2$

8. (a) Prove that for two nonzero complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  we have

$$|z_1 z_2| = |z_1| \cdot |z_2| \quad \text{and} \quad \arg(z_1 z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2)$$

(hint: write  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in polar form). Is it always true that  $\text{Arg}(z_1 z_2) = \text{Arg}(z_1) + \text{Arg}(z_2)$ ?

- (b) Show that  $\exp(z_1) \exp(z_2) = \exp(z_1 + z_2)$ .

9. Write down the  $3^{rd}$  roots of  $-8$  in Cartesian form.

10. Find the values of  $z$  for which  $z^2 + 4iz - 1 = 0$ . Which of these values lies inside the circle  $C = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ .

11. Show that  $\text{Re}(z) \leq |\text{Re}(z)| \leq |z|$  and  $|\text{Re}(z)| + |\text{Im}(z)| \leq \sqrt{2} |z|$ .

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**Exercise Sheet 1**

1. Use the triangle inequality  $|z_1 - z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2|$  to prove the reverse triangle inequality:

$$|z_1 - z_2| \geq ||z_1| - |z_2||$$

2. Use the triangle and reverse triangle inequalities to show that for all  $z$  on the circle  $|z| = 2$ , we have

$$|z + 2| \leq 4 \text{ and } |z - 3 + 4i| \geq 3.$$

Describe these inequalities geometrically.

3. Use the triangle and reverse triangle inequalities to show that for all  $z$  on the circle  $|z + 3i| = 3$  we have

$$|z - 4| \leq 8, \quad |z + 5i| \geq 1 \text{ and } \left| \frac{z - 4}{z + 5i} \right| \leq 8.$$

4. Let  $L$  be the line segment  $[0, h]$  where  $h \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $|h| < r$ . Show that if  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\beta| > 2r$  and  $z \in L$  then

$$\left| \frac{h - z}{\beta - z} \right| < \frac{|h|}{r}.$$

Do this using the reverse triangle inequality. It can also be seen as follows. Draw  $L$  and two circles, both with centre 0,  $C_1$  with radius  $r$  and  $C_2$  with radius  $2r$ . Why does  $L$  lie inside  $C_1$ ? Where is  $\beta$  on your diagram? Why is  $|\beta - z| > r$ ? If you can answer these three questions then the inequality should follow easily.

5. The function  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is defined by  $\mathbf{f}(x, y) = (0, 2y)$ . Show that the corresponding complex function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is  $f(z) = z - \bar{z}$ , and that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h}$$

does not exist at any point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ .

6. Same as question 5 but with

$$\mathbf{f}(x, y) = (x^2 - y^2 - x, 2xy + y + 1) \quad \text{and} \quad f(z) = z^2 - \bar{z} + i.$$

7. Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be defined by  $f(z) = |z|^2$ . Show that  $f$  is differentiable at  $z = 0$  and nowhere else.

8. Use the rules of differentiation to find the derivatives of the following functions:

(a)  $f(z) = (z^2 + 4)^3$

(b)  $g(z) = \frac{z+i}{z-i}$ .

Find the values of  $f'(i)$  and  $g'(1)$ .

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**Exercise Sheet 2**

1. For each function  $f$  below, write  $f$  in the form

$$f(z) = f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$$

and determine whether or not the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied:

$$(a) f(z) = \exp(i \bar{z}) \quad (b) f(z) = z + \frac{1}{z} \quad (c) f(z) = z^3.$$

In the cases where  $f$  is differentiable, find the derivative of  $f$  both using the rules of differentiation and using the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

2. Show that the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied by the function  $f$  defined on the open upper half plane  $H_+ = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im}(z) > 0\}$  by

$$f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) = \log\left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\right) + i\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right).$$

Assuming that  $f$  is indeed holomorphic on  $H_+$ , show that

$$f'(x + iy) = \frac{1}{x + iy} \quad \text{i.e., that} \quad f'(z) = \frac{1}{z}.$$

3. Describe the geometric effect of applying the functions:

- (a)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$  to a small disc centred at  $1 - i$ , and  
(b)  $g(z) = \exp(2iz)$  to a small disc centred at  $\frac{\pi}{4} + i$ .

4. The *set* of points  $L = [0, 1 - 2i]$  is a line segment. It is also a *path* because we have a parametrisation given by  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma(t) = (1 - 2i)t$ . Use this parametrisation to evaluate the integral

$$\int_L (\operatorname{Im}(z) + 3i) \, dz.$$

5. Find the value of

$$\int_{\Gamma_1} f(z) \, dz \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\Gamma_2} f(z) \, dz,$$

where  $f(z) = 3\bar{z}$ ,  $\Gamma_1$  is the straight line path from 0 to  $-i$  and  $\Gamma_2$  is the straight line path from  $1 - i$  to  $1 + i$ .

6. Fix a point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and define a complex function  $f$  via

$$f(z) = (z - z_0)^n$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Find the value of

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) \, dz,$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the circle with centre  $z_0$  and radius  $r > 0$ , traversed in the anticlockwise direction (use the parametrisation  $\gamma : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma(t) = z_0 + r(\cos(t) + i \sin(t))$ ). Do this separately for the cases  $n = -1$  and  $n \neq -1$ .

(Hint: for the case  $n \neq -1$ , you need to show that

$$\frac{d}{dt} [(\cos(t) + i \sin(t))^{n+1}] = i(n+1)(\cos(t) + i \sin(t))^{n+1}$$

and then use the (real) Fundamental Theorem of Calculus).

7. Let  $f, g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be continuous, and let  $\Gamma$  be a smooth path contained in  $U$  parametrised by  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Prove that

(a) for every constant  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  we have  $\int_{\Gamma} (f + \alpha g) = \int_{\Gamma} f + \alpha \int_{\Gamma} g$ , and

(b) if  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  denotes the reverse of  $\Gamma$ , we have  $\int_{\tilde{\Gamma}} f = - \int_{\Gamma} f$ . As a hint, parametrise  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  using  $\tilde{\gamma} : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (a + b - t)$ , and use the substitution  $s = a + b - t$ .

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**Exercise Sheet 3**

1. Find antiderivatives for the following functions:

(a)  $f(z) = \alpha + \beta(z - z_0)$ ,

(b)  $f(z) = (z - z_0)^n$ ,

where  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  are constants and  $n$  is an integer,  $n \neq -1$ . Does  $g(z) = (z - z_0)^{-1}$  have an antiderivative on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{z_0\}$ ? Question 6 on Exercise Sheet 2 may help here.

2. Evaluate the following contour integrals:

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} z^3 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{z^2}$$

along  $\mathcal{C}$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is

(a) any contour from  $i$  to  $-2$ , and

(b) any closed contour.

For the second integral, you may assume that  $\mathcal{C}$  does not contain 0.

3. Let  $U$  be a region in  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic on  $U$  with  $f(z)$  real-valued for all  $z \in U$ . Prove that  $f$  is constant.

4. Find an upper estimate for

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{1 + z^4},$$

where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the upper semicircular contour from  $R$  to  $-R$  given by  $\gamma : [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma(t) = R \cos(t) + iR \sin(t)$ .

5. Show that for all points  $z$  on the circle  $\{z : |z| = 5\}$  we have

$$|z - 7| \leq 12 \quad \text{and} \quad |\bar{z} + 8| \geq 3,$$

and use this to find an upper estimate for the integral

$$\int_S \frac{z - 7}{(\bar{z} + 8)^2} dz$$

where  $S$  is the same circle oriented anticlockwise.

6. Let  $S_a$  be the anticlockwise square contour with corners at  $\pm a(1+i), \pm a(1-i)$  where  $a > 0$ . Show that if  $z \in S_a$  then

$$\frac{1}{|z|} \leq \frac{1}{a}$$

and hence

$$\left| \int_{S_a} \frac{1}{z} dz \right| \leq 8,$$

for all  $a > 0$ .

7. Prove each of the following:

(a) For  $z_0$  and  $h$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  we have  $\int_{[z_0, z_0+h]} 1 \, dz = h$ .

(b) For  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $z_0 \in U$ ,  $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{h} \int_{[z_0, z_0+h]} f(z) \, dz$ .

(c) If  $\alpha$  is a complex number and  $M$  a fixed real number with  $|\alpha| \leq \epsilon M$  for all  $\epsilon > 0$  then  $\alpha = 0$ .



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**Exercise Sheet 4**

1. Express each of the following complex numbers in Cartesian form  $a + ib$ :

(a)  $\operatorname{Log}(i)$ ,   (b)  $\operatorname{Log}(ie)$    (c)  $\operatorname{Log}(-1 - i\sqrt{3})$ .

2. Express each of the following complex numbers in Cartesian form  $a + ib$ :

(a)  $(1 + i)^i$ ,   (b)  $(ie)^{i\pi}$ ,   (c)  $(-1 - i\sqrt{3})^{1+i}$ .

3. (a) Use the definition  $z^\alpha = \exp(\alpha \operatorname{Log}(z))$  to show that  $z^3 = zzz$ .  
(b) Show that  $\operatorname{Log}(i^3) \neq 3 \operatorname{Log}(i)$   
(c) Define  $\sqrt{z} = z^{1/2} (= \exp(\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Log}(z)))$  for  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Where is the mistake in

$$-1 = i^2 = ii = \sqrt{-1}\sqrt{-1} = \sqrt{-1 \times -1} = \sqrt{1} = 1?$$

- (d) Show that for all  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  we have  $z^\alpha z^\beta = z^{\alpha+\beta}$ . Is it true that  $\operatorname{Log}(\alpha\beta) = \operatorname{Log}(\alpha) + \operatorname{Log}(\beta)$ ?

4. Recall that the Principal Logarithm function  $\operatorname{Log}$  is holomorphic on the region  $\mathbb{C}_\pi$ , where  $\mathbb{C}_\pi = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : z \neq 0 \text{ and } \operatorname{Arg}(z) \neq \pi\}$ . Let  $F$  be the function defined by

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{2i} (\operatorname{Log}(z + i) - \operatorname{Log}(z - i)).$$

- (a) Describe (or sketch) the region  $\mathcal{R}$  on which the function  $F$  is holomorphic.  
(b) Show that  $F$  is an antiderivative for the function  $f : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} \quad \text{for all } z \in \mathcal{R}.$$

5. Let  $U$  be a starlit region with star centre  $z_* \in U$  and let  $g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a holomorphic function.

- (a) Prove that if  $g(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in U$ , then the function  $\frac{g'}{g}$  has an antiderivative on  $U$ , stating any results used (you may assume that  $g$  holomorphic on  $U$  implies  $g'$  holomorphic on  $U$ ).
- (b) Prove that if in addition  $g(z) \in \mathbb{C}_\pi$  for all  $z \in U$  then

$$\int_{[z_*, z]} \frac{g'(\zeta)}{g(\zeta)} d\zeta = \text{Log}(g(z)) + \alpha$$

for some constant  $\alpha$ .

6. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\exp(2z)}{4z + i\pi} dz$$

where  $\mathcal{C}$  is (i) the anticlockwise contour whose points lie on the circle  $\{z : |z| = 1\}$ , and (ii) when  $\mathcal{C}$  is the anticlockwise contour whose points lie on the circle  $\{z : |z - 2i| = 2\}$ . The use of any Theorems made to obtain the value of these integrals should be justified.

7. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{\cos(z^2)}{3i + 2z} dz,$$

where (i)  $\mathcal{C}$  is the anticlockwise contour whose points lie on the circle  $\{z : |z| = 1\}$ , and (ii)  $\mathcal{C}$  is the anticlockwise contour whose points lie on the circle  $\{z : |z| = 5\}$ . The use of any Theorems made to obtain the value of these integrals should be justified.

8. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + 6x + 25} dx$$

in the following way (compare Example 5.8 in the notes):

- (a) Define the complex function  $f$  by  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + 6z + 25}$  and find  $z_0$  and  $z_1$  so that  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z - z_0)(z - z_1)}$  (where  $z_0$  lies in the upper half-plane and  $z_1$  in the lower half-plane).
- (b) Choose a suitable function  $g$ , holomorphic on the simply connected region  $\mathcal{R} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) > \frac{1}{2}\text{Im}(z_1)\}$ , so that

$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z - z_0)}.$$

(c) Justify the use of Cauchy's Integral Formula to find

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}_R} f = \int_{\mathcal{C}_R} \frac{g(z)}{(z - z_0)} dz,$$

where  $\mathcal{C}_R = L_R + S_R$  with  $L_R$  the straight line path from  $-R$  to  $R$  and  $S_R$  a suitable semicircular contour from  $R$  to  $-R$ , with  $R$  sufficiently large to apply the Theorem.

(d) Show that for large  $R$  and  $z \in S_R$ , we have  $|z^2 + 6z + 25| \geq R^2 - 6R - 25$ .

(e) Use the Estimation Lemma to show that

$$\left| \int_{S_R} f \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty.$$

(f) Deduce the value of

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + 6x + 25} dx.$$

9. (Liouville's Theorem) Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic everywhere, and suppose that  $f$  is bounded, i.e. there exists  $M > 0$  with  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Show that  $f$  is constant on  $\mathbb{C}$ , in the following way:

(a) Let  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , and let  $R > 0$  be sufficiently large so that  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are enclosed by the contour  $\mathcal{C}_R$  consisting of the anticlockwise circle with centre 0 and radius  $R$ . Use Cauchy's Integral Formula to write  $f(z_1) - f(z_2)$  as a single integral along  $\mathcal{C}_R$ .

(b) Use the Estimation Lemma (and the backwards triangle inequality) to show that

$$|f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \leq M \frac{|z_1 - z_2|}{(R - |z_1|)(R - |z_2|)} \cdot 2\pi R$$

for all (sufficiently large)  $R$ .

(c) Deduce that  $f(z_1) = f(z_2)$ .

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**Exercise Sheet 5**

1. Locate the poles of each of the following functions, and calculate the residues at these poles:

(a)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z(i-z)^3}$

(b)  $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z^2+1)^2}$

(c)  $f(z) = \frac{\text{Log}(z)}{(4z-i)^2}$

(d)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{\exp(z)-1}$ .

2. Evaluate

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{z(z-1)(z+2)} dz,$$

where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the anticlockwise circle with centre 0 and radius  $3/2$ .

3. Evaluate

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{1}{(z^2+1)^3} dz$$

where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the anticlockwise square with vertices  $1$ ,  $1+2i$ ,  $-1+2i$  and  $-1$ .

4. Use contour integration to evaluate each of the following real integrals:

(a)  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{5+4\sin\theta} d\theta$

(b)  $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^4+1} dx$

5. Use contour integration to evaluate the following real integrals:

(a)  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{16\cos^2(t)+25\sin^2(t)} dt.$

(b)  $\int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1}{(x^2+1)(x^2+9)} dx.$

(c)

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\cos(5x)}{x^2 + 4}$$

(Hint: first use the usual method to evaluate  $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{i5x}}{x^2 + 4} dx$ .)

6. (a) Let  $N$  be a natural number and let  $\alpha_j$  be constants for  $-N \leq j \leq N$ . If  $f(z) =$

$\sum_{j=-N}^N \alpha_j z^j$ , write down the value of  $\text{Res}(f; 0)$ .

(b) Write  $\int_0^{2\pi} [\cos(t)]^8 dt$  as a contour integral, and use part (a) to evaluate it.