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End-Semester Examination-Spring 2022

Subject: Mathematical Methods-II

Subject Code(s): PHS-4202

Full Marks: 50

Time Allotted: 3 h

Answer all questions

*Q.1 (a) Let $f(z)$ be complex analytic in a neighbourhood of a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and z_0 is a zero of order m , for $m = 1, 2, \dots$. Show that $f(z)$ can be written as $f(z) = (z - z_0)^m g(z)$, where $g(z)$ is analytic and $g(z_0) \neq 0$. [2]

(b) Suppose a function $f(z)$ has a pole of order m at $z = z_0$. Show that the coefficient of $(z - z_0)^{-1}$ in the Laurent expansion of $f(z)$ is given by

$$a_{-1} = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} [(z - z_0)^m f(z)]_{z=z_0}$$

with

$$a_{-1} = [(z - z_0)f(z)]_{z=z_0},$$

when the pole is a simple pole ($m = 1$).

[3]

Q.2 (a) Expand

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)}$$

in a Laurent series valid for $1 < |z| < 3$.

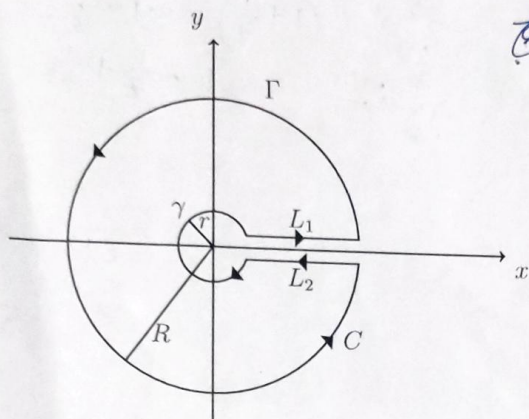
[3]

(b) Using the contour shown in the figure below, show that

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{-a}}{x+1} dx = \frac{\pi}{\sin a\pi},$$

where $0 < a < 1$.

[7]



$$z^{a-1} = \frac{1}{z^{1-a}}$$

✓ Q.3 Evaluate

by integrating

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln x}{x^2 + 4} dx$$

$$f(z) = \frac{(\log z)^3}{z^2 + 4}$$

around the contour as shown in Q.2.

[10]

✓ Q.4 Let X_a ($a = 1, 2, 3$) are the hermitian generators of a Lie group, which form an algebra under commutation

$$[X_a, X_b] = i f_{abc} X_c$$

f_{abc} are the structure constants of the group.

✓ (a) Show that f_{abc} are real.

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✓ (b) Show that the structure constants satisfy the following identity

$$f_{bcd} f_{ade} + f_{abd} f_{cde} + f_{cad} f_{bde} = 0.$$

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✓ (c) Define a set of matrices T_a

$$[T_a]_{bc} \equiv -i f_{abc}$$

and show that the identity in part (b) can be rewritten as

$$[T_a, T_b] = i f_{abc} T_c.$$

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- ✓ Q. 5 Define invariant subalgebra. Suppose X is any generator in the invariant subalgebra and Y is any generator in the whole algebra. Let $h = e^{iX}$ and $g = e^{iY}$. Show that

$$g^{-1}hg = e^{iX'}$$

where

$$X' = e^{-iY} X e^{iY} = X - i[Y, X] - \frac{1}{2}[Y, [Y, X]] + \dots$$

[2 + 8]

- ✓ Q.6 (a) A homomorphism from the vector space \mathbb{R}^3 to the set of traceless Hermitian 2×2 matrices is defined by $\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$. First show that $\det(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{\sigma}) = -|\vec{x}|^2$, where the Pauli matrices $\vec{\sigma} \equiv (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$. Second, prove the identity

$$x_i = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{\sigma} \sigma_i).$$

[1 + 2]

- (b) Let $U \in SU(2)$, i.e., $U = \exp(i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}\theta/2)$. Show that $U\vec{x} \cdot \vec{\sigma} U^{-1} = \vec{y} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$ for some vector $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^3$. [2]

Using the results of part (a), show that $\vec{y} = R(U)\vec{x}$ (i.e. find an expression for R_{ij} in terms of U). Also show that the linear transformation $\vec{y} = R(U)\vec{x}$ preserves the length of the vector. Show that $R(U)$ is a homomorphism, i.e., $R(U_1 U_2) = R(U_1)R(U_2)$. What is the kernel of this homomorphism? [3]

- ✓ (c) Using the $SU(2)$ weight diagrams (i.e. pictorial way) find out the decomposition of the following tensor product of $SU(2)$ irreducible representations. You do not need to construct the precise linear combinations of states.

$$2 \otimes 2 \otimes 3$$

[2]