

# **Complex Analysis Qualifying Exam Review**

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# 1 | Useful Techniques

## 1.1 Notation

Notation	Definition
$\mathbb{D} := \{z \mid  z  \leq 1\}$	The unit disc
$\mathbb{H} := \{x + iy \mid y > 0\}$	The upper half-plane
$X_{\frac{1}{2}}$	A “half version of $X$ ”, see examples
$\mathbb{H}_{\frac{1}{2}}$	The first quadrant
$\mathbb{D}_{\frac{1}{2}}$	The portion of the first quadrant inside the unit disc
$S := \{x + iy \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, 0 < y < \pi\}$	The horizontal strip

**Remark 1.1.1 (Showing a function is constant):** If you want to show that a function  $f$  is constant, try one of the following:

- Write  $f = u + iv$  and use Cauchy-Riemann to show  $u_x, u_y = 0$ , etc.
- Show that  $f$  is entire and bounded.

If you additionally want to show  $f$  is zero, try one of these:

- Show  $f$  is entire, bounded, and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = 0$ .

## 1.2 Greatest Hits

Things to know well:

- Estimates for derivatives, mean value theorem
- ??CauchyTheorem]Cauchy’s Theorem
- ??CauchyIntegral]Cauchy’s Integral Formula
- ??CauchyInequality]Cauchy’s Inequality
- ??Morera]Morera’s Theorem
- ??SchwarzReflection]The Schwarz Reflection Principle
- ??MaximumModulus]Maximum Modulus Principle
- ??SchwarzLemma]The Schwarz Lemma
- ??Liouville]Liouville’s Theorem

- [Casorati-Weierstrass Theorem]
- [Rouché's Theorem]
- Properties of linear fractional transformations
- Automorphisms of  $\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{CP}^1$ .

### 1.3 Basic but Useful Facts

**Fact 1.3.1** (Some useful facts about basic complex algebra)

- $z\bar{z} = |z|^2$

$$\Re(z) = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}$$

$$\Im(z) = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}.$$

- $\text{Arg}(z/w) = \text{Arg}(z) - \text{Arg}(w)$ .
- Exponential forms of cosine and sine:

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}).$$

- Various differentials:

$$dz = dx + i dy$$

$$d\bar{z} = dx - i dy$$

$$f_z = f_x = f_y/i.$$

- Integral of a complex exponential:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\ell x} dx = \begin{cases} 2\pi & \ell = 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}.$$

**Fact 1.3.2** (Some useful series)

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

$$\log(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} (z-a)^n$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z^j = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_{j+1} z^j$$

## 1.4 Advice

- Consider  $1/f(z)$  and  $f(1/z)$ .

# 2 | Definitions

### Definition 2.0.1 (Analytic)

A function  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is *analytic* at  $z_0 \in \Omega$  iff there exists a power series  $g(z) = \sum a_n(z-z_0)^n$  with radius of convergence  $R > 0$  and a neighborhood  $U \ni z_0$  such that  $f(z) = g(z)$  on  $U$ .

### Definition 2.0.2 (Cauchy-Riemann Equations)

$$u_x = v_y \quad \text{and} \quad u_y = -v_x$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}$$

### Definition 2.0.3 (Entire)

A function that is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C}$  is said to be *entire*.

### Definition 2.0.4 (Essential Singularity)

A singularity  $z_0$  is *essential* iff it is neither removable nor a pole.

Equivalently, a Laurent series expansion about  $z_0$  has a principal part with infinitely many terms.

**Definition 2.0.5** (Holomorphic)

A function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is *holomorphic* at  $z_0$  if the following limit converges:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} (f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)) := f'(z_0).$$

**Definition 2.0.6** (Harmonic)

A real function of two variables  $u(x, y)$  is *harmonic* iff its Laplacian vanishes:

$$\Delta u := \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) u = 0.$$

**Definition 2.0.7** (Meromorphic)

A function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is *meromorphic* iff there exists a sequence  $\{z_n\}$  such that

- $\{z_n\}$  has no limit points in  $\Omega$ .
- $f$  is holomorphic in  $\Omega \setminus \{z_n\}$ .
- $f$  has poles at the points  $\{z_n\}$ .

If  $f$  is either holomorphic or has a pole at  $z = \infty$  is said to be meromorphic on  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ .

**Definition 2.0.8** (Poles (and associated terminology))

A *pole*  $z_0$  of a meromorphic function  $f(z)$  is a zero of  $g(z) := \frac{1}{f(z)}$ . If there exists an  $n$  such that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0)^n f(z)$$

is holomorphic and nonzero in a neighborhood of  $z_0$ , then the minimal such  $n$  is the *order* of the pole. A pole of order 1 is said to be a *simple pole*.

The pole  $z_0$  is *isolated* iff there exists a neighborhood of  $z_0$  containing no other poles of  $f$ .

**Definition 2.0.9** (Principal Part and Residue)

In a Laurent series  $f(z) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n (z - z_0)^n$ , the *principal part of  $f$  at  $z_0$*  consists of terms with negative degree:

$$P_f(z) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{-n} (z - z_0)^{-n}.$$

The *residue* of  $f$  at  $z_0$  is the coefficient  $c_{-1}$ .

**Definition 2.0.10** (Removable Singularities)

If  $z_0$  is a singularity of  $f$  and there exists a  $g$  such that  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z$  in some deleted neighborhood  $U \setminus \{z_0\}$ , then  $z_0$  is a *removable singularity* of  $f$ .

**Definition 2.0.11** (Linear Fractional Transformation)

A map of the following form is a *linear fractional transformation*:

$$T(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d},$$

where the denominator is assumed to not be a multiple of the numerator.

These have inverses given by

$$T^{-1}(w) = \frac{dw - b}{-cw + a}.$$

**Definition 2.0.12** (Conformal Map / Biholomorphism)

A bijective holomorphic map is a **conformal** (or angle-preserving) map, a.k.a. a **biholomorphism**.

Note that some authors just require the weaker condition that  $f'(z) \neq 0$  for any point.

## 3 | Theorems

### 3.1 Basics

**Example 3.1.1** (*holomorphic vs non-holomorphic*):

- $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .
- $f(z) = \bar{z}$  is *not* holomorphic, since  $\frac{\bar{h}}{h}$  does not converge (but is real differentiable).

**Theorem 3.1.2** (*Green's Theorem*).

If  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is bounded with  $\partial\Omega$  piecewise smooth and  $f, g \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ , then

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} f dx + g dy = \iint_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) dA.$$

**Theorem 3.1.3** (*Summation by Parts*).

Define the forward difference operator  $\Delta f_k = f_{k+1} - f_k$ , then

$$\sum_{k=m}^n f_k \Delta g_k + \sum_{k=m}^{n-1} g_{k+1} \Delta f_k = f_n g_{n+1} - f_m g_m$$

Note: compare to  $\int_a^b f dg + \int_a^b g df = f(b)g(b) - f(a)g(a)$ .

### 3.2 Holomorphic and Entire Functions

### 3.2.1 Key Theorems

**Theorem 3.2.1 (Cauchy's Theorem).**

If  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$ , then

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} f(z) dz = 0.$$

*Slogan: closed path integrals of holomorphic functions vanish.*

**Theorem 3.2.2 (Morera's Theorem).**

If  $f$  is continuous on a domain  $\Omega$  and  $\int_T f = 0$  for every triangle  $T \subset \Omega$ , then  $f$  is holomorphic.

*Slogan: if every integral along a triangle vanishes, implies holomorphic.*

**Theorem 3.2.3 (Maximum Modulus).**

If  $f$  is holomorphic and nonconstant on an open connected region  $\Omega$ , then  $|f|$  can not attain a maximum on  $\Omega$ . If  $\Omega$  is bounded and  $f$  is continuous on  $\bar{\Omega}$ , then  $\max_{\bar{\Omega}} |f|$  occurs on  $\partial\Omega$ . Conversely, if  $f$  attains a local supremum at  $z_0 \in \Omega$ , then  $f$  is constant on  $\Omega$ .

**Theorem 3.2.4 (Liouville's Theorem).**

If  $f$  is entire and bounded,  $f$  is constant.

**Theorem 3.2.5 (Cauchy Integral Formula).**

Suppose  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$ , then

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\partial\Omega} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^n f}{\partial z^n}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{f(\xi)}{(\xi - z)^{n+1}} d\xi.$$

**Theorem 3.2.6 (Cauchy's Inequality).**

For  $z_0 \in D_R(z_0) \subset \Omega$ , we have

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{n!}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\|f\|_\infty}{R^{n+1}} R d\theta = \frac{n! \|f\|_\infty}{R^n},$$

where  $\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{z \in C_R} |f(z)|$ .

**Slogan 3.2.7**

The  $n$ th Taylor coefficient of an analytic function is at most  $\sup_{|z|=R} |f|/R^n$ .



**Theorem 3.2.8 (Argument Principle).**

For  $f$  meromorphic in  $\gamma^\circ$ , if  $f$  has no poles and is nonvanishing on  $\gamma$  then

$$\Delta_\gamma \arg f(z) = \int_\gamma \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = 2\pi(Z_f - P_f),$$

where  $Z_f$  and  $P_f$  are the number of zeros and poles respectively enclosed by  $\gamma$ , counted with multiplicity.

**Theorem 3.2.9 (Rouché's Theorem).**

If  $f, g$  are analytic on a domain  $\Omega$  with finitely many zeros in  $\Omega$  and  $\gamma \subset \Omega$  is a closed curve surrounding each point exactly once, where  $|g| < |f|$  on  $\gamma$ , then  $f$  and  $f + g$  have the same number of zeros.

Alternatively:

Suppose  $f = g + h$  with  $g \neq 0, \infty$  on  $\gamma$  with  $|g| > |h|$  on  $\gamma$ . Then

$$\Delta_\gamma \arg(f) = \Delta_\gamma \arg(h) \quad \text{and} \quad Z_f - P_f = Z_g - P_g.$$

**Theorem 3.2.10 (The Residue Theorem).**

If  $f$  is holomorphic on an open set  $\Omega$  containing a curve  $\gamma$  and its interior  $\gamma^\circ$ , except for finitely many poles  $\{z_k\}_{k=1}^N \subset \gamma^\circ$ . Then

$$\int_\gamma f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^N \operatorname{Res}_{z_k} f.$$

**Theorem 3.2.11 (Cayley Transform).**

The fractional linear transformation given by  $F(z) = \frac{i-z}{i+z}$  maps  $\mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$  with inverse  $G(w) = i \frac{1-w}{1+w}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.12 (Schwarz Lemma).**

If  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  is holomorphic with  $f(0) = 0$ , then

1.  $|f(z)| \leq |z|$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$
2.  $|f'(0)| \leq 1$ .

Moreover, if  $|f(z_0)| = |z_0|$  for any  $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$  or  $|f'(0)| = 1$ , then  $f$  is a rotation

**Theorem 3.2.13 (Mean Value Theorem for Holomorphic Functions).**

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \iint_{D_r(z_0)} f(z) dA.$$

**Theorem 3.2.14 (Schwarz Reflection).**

If  $f$  is continuous and holomorphic on  $\mathbb{H}^+$  and real-valued on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then the extension defined by  $F(z) = \overline{f(\bar{z})}$  for  $z \in \mathbb{H}^-$  is a well-defined holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.15 (Classification of Conformal Maps).**

There are 8 major types of conformal maps:

Type/Domains	Formula
Translation/Dilation/Rotation	$z \mapsto e^{i\theta}(cz + h)$
Sectors to sectors	$z \mapsto z^n$
$\mathbb{D}_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}_{\frac{1}{2}}$ , the first quadrant	$z \mapsto \frac{1+z}{1-z}$
$\mathbb{H} \rightarrow S$	$z \mapsto \log(z)$
$\mathbb{D}_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow S_{\frac{1}{2}}$	$z \mapsto \log(z)$
$S_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_{\frac{1}{2}}$	$z \mapsto e^{iz}$
$\mathbb{D}_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$	$z \mapsto \frac{1}{2} \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right)$
$S_{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$	$z \mapsto \sin(z)$

**Theorem 3.2.16 (Characterization of conformal maps).**

Conformal maps  $\mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  have the form

$$g(z) = \lambda \frac{1-a}{1-\bar{a}z}, \quad |a| < 1, \quad |\lambda| = 1.$$

**3.2.2 Others****Theorem 3.2.17 (Riemann Mapping).**

If  $\Omega$  is simply connected, nonempty, and not  $\mathbb{C}$ , then for every  $z_0 \in \Omega$  there exists a unique conformal map  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  such that  $F(z_0) = 0$  and  $F'(z_0) > 0$ .

Thus any two such sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  are conformally equivalent.

**Theorem 3.2.18 (Riemann's Removable Singularity Theorem).**

If  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  except possibly at  $z_0$  and  $f$  is bounded on  $\Omega \setminus \{z_0\}$ , then  $z_0$  is a removable singularity.

**Proposition 3.2.19 (Holomorphic functions have harmonic components).**

If  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is holomorphic, then  $u, v$  are harmonic.

**Proposition 3.2.20 (Holomorphic functions are continuous.).**

$f$  is holomorphic at  $z_0$  iff there exists an  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0) - ah = h\psi(h), \quad \psi(h) \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

In this case,  $a = f'(z_0)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.21 (Cauchy-Riemann implies holomorphic).**

If  $f = u + iv$  with  $u, v \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying the Cauchy-Riemann equations on  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  and  $f'(z) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) f$ .

**Proposition 3.2.22 (Polar Cauchy-Riemann equations).**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}.$$

*Proof .*

**Concepts Used:**

- See [walkthrough here](#).
- See problem set 1.
- Take derivative along two paths, along a ray with constant angle  $\theta_0$  and along a circular arc of constant radius  $r_0$ .
- Then equate real and imaginary parts.

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**Theorem 3.2.23 (Open Mapping).**

Any holomorphic non-constant map is an open map.

### 3.3 Series and Analytic Functions

**Proposition 3.3.1 (Power Series are Smooth).**

Any power series is smooth and its derivatives can be obtained using term-by-term differentiation.

**Proposition 3.3.2 (Uniform Convergence of Series).**

A series of functions  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x)$  converges uniformly iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{k \geq n} f_k \right\|_{\infty} = 0.$$

**Theorem 3.3.3 (Weierstrass  $M$ -Test).**

If  $\{f_n\}$  with  $f_n : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and there exists a sequence  $\{M_n\}$  with  $\|f_n\|_\infty \leq M_n$  and  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} M_n < \infty$ , then  $f(x) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n(x)$  converges absolutely and uniformly on  $\Omega$ .  
Moreover, if the  $f_n$  are continuous, by the uniform limit theorem,  $f$  is again continuous.

**Proposition 3.3.4 (Exponential is uniformly convergent in discs).**

$f(z) = e^z$  is uniformly convergent in any disc in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.*

Apply the estimate

$$|e^z| \leq \sum \frac{|z|^n}{n!} = e^{|z|}.$$

Now by the  $M$ -test,

$$|z| \leq R < \infty \implies \left| \sum \frac{z^n}{n!} \right| \leq e^R < \infty.$$

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**Proposition 3.3.5 (Checking radius of convergence).**

For a power series  $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ , define  $R$  by

$$\frac{1}{R} := \limsup |a_n|^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

Then  $f$  converges absolutely on  $|z| < R$  and diverges on  $|z| > R$ .

## 3.4 Others

**Theorem 3.4.1 (Casorati-Weierstrass).**

If  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega \setminus \{z_0\}$  where  $z_0$  is an essential singularity, then for every  $V \subset \Omega \setminus \{z_0\}$ ,  $f(V)$  is dense in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*The image of a disc punctured at an essential singularity is dense in  $\mathbb{C}$ .*

**Theorem 3.4.2 (Little Picard).**

If  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is entire and nonconstant, then  $\text{im}(f)$  is either  $\mathbb{C}$  or  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{z_0\}$  for some point  $z_0$ .

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**Theorem 3.4.3 (Continuation Principle / Identity Theorem).**

If  $f$  is holomorphic on a bounded connected domain  $\Omega$  and there exists a sequence  $\{z_i\}$  with a limit point in  $\Omega$  such that  $f(z_i) = 0$ , then  $f \equiv 0$  on  $\Omega$ .

*Two functions agreeing on a set with a limit point are equal on a domain.*

**Corollary 3.4.4.**

The ring of holomorphic functions on a domain in  $\mathbb{C}$  has no zero divisors.

*Proof .*  
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Find the proof!

**Proposition 3.4.5 (Injectivity Relates to Derivatives).**

If  $z_0$  is a zero of  $f'$  of order  $n$ , then  $f$  is  $(n+1)$ -to-one in a neighborhood of  $z_0$ .

*Proof .*  
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**Proposition 3.4.6 (Bounded Complex Analytic Functions form a Banach Space).**

For  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ , show that  $A(\mathbb{C}) := \{f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ is bounded}\}$  is a Banach space.

*Proof .*  
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*Apply Morera's Theorem and Cauchy's Theorem*

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## 4 | Residues

**Remark 4.0.1:** Check: do you need residues? You may be able to just compute an integral

- Directly by parameterization:

$$\int_{\gamma} f = \int_a^b f(z(t)) z'(t) \quad \text{for } z(t) \text{ a parameterization of } \gamma,$$

- Finding a primitive  $F$ ,
- Writing  $z = z_0 + re^{i\theta}$



*Proof (of Cauchy's inequality).*


- Given  $z_0 \in \Omega$ , pick the largest disc  $D_R(z_0) \subset \Omega$  and let  $C_R = \partial D_R$ .
- Then apply the integral formula.

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**Proposition 4.0.2 (Residues for simple poles (order 1)).**

If  $z_0$  is a simple pole of  $f$ , then

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z_0} f = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0) f(z).$$

**Example 4.0.3 (Residue of a simple pole (order 1)):** Let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{1+z^2}$ , then  $\operatorname{Res}(i, f) = \frac{1}{2i}$ . 

**Proposition 4.0.4 (For higher order poles).**

If  $f$  has a pole  $z_0$  of order  $n$ , then

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z_0} f = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^{n-1} (z - z_0)^n f(z).$$

## 5 | Conformal Maps

### Fact 5.0.1

A bijective holomorphic map automatically has a holomorphic inverse. This can be weakened: an injective holomorphic map satisfies  $f'(z) \neq 0$  and  $f^{-1}$  is well-defined on its range and holomorphic.

### 5.1 Plane to Disc

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : \mathbb{H} &\rightarrow \mathbb{D} \\ \varphi(z) &= \frac{z-i}{z+i} \quad f^{-1}(z) = i \left( \frac{1+w}{1-w} \right). \end{aligned}$$

### 5.2 Sector to Disc

For  $S_\alpha := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < \arg(z) < \alpha\}$  an open sector for  $\alpha$  some angle, first map the sector to the half-plane:

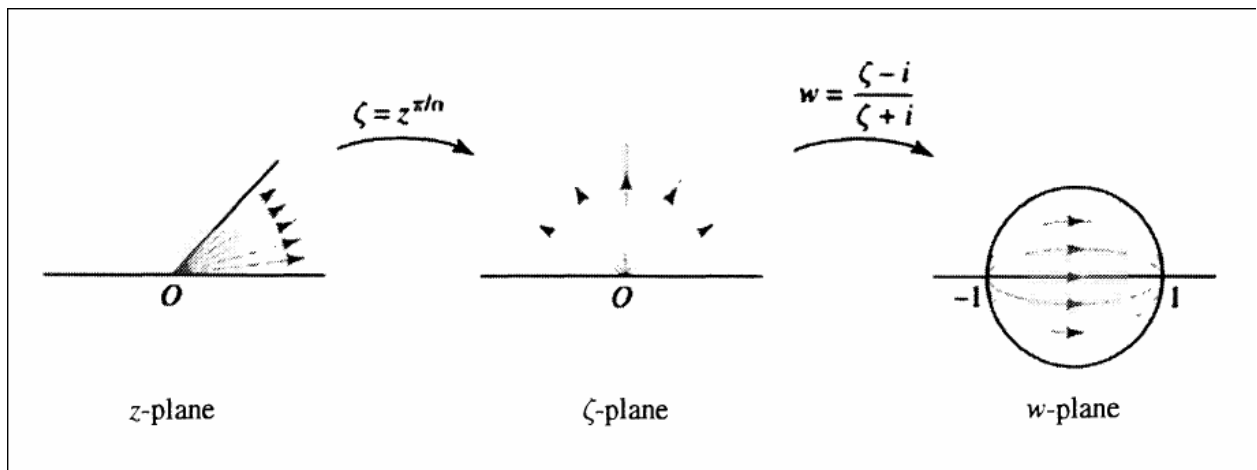
$$g : S_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$$

$$g(z) = z^{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}.$$

Then compose with a map  $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ :

$$f : S_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$$

$$f(z) = (\varphi \circ g)(z) = \frac{z^{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} - i}{z^{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} + i}.$$



### 5.3 Strip to Disc

- Map to horizontal strip by rotation  $z \mapsto \lambda z$ .
- Map horizontal strip to sector by  $z \mapsto e^z$ .
- Map sector to  $\mathbb{H}$  by  $z \mapsto z^{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$ .
- Map  $\mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ .

## 6 | Schwarz Reflection

**Remark 6.0.1:**  $\mathbb{H}^+, \mathbb{H}^-$  can be replaced with any region symmetric about a line segment  $L \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

# 7 | Zeros and Poles

## 7.1 Counting Zeros

**Example 7.1.1:** • Take  $P(z) = z^4 + 6z + 3$ .

- On  $|z| < 2$ :
  - Set  $f(z) = z^4$  and  $g(z) = 6z + 3$ , then  $|g(z)| \leq 6|z| + 3 = 15 < 16 = |f(z)|$ .
  - So  $P$  has 4 zeros here.
- On  $|z| < 1$ :
  - Set  $f(z) = 6z$  and  $g(z) = z^4 + 3$ .
  - Check  $|g(z)| \leq |z|^4 + 3 = 4 < 6 = |f(z)|$ .
  - So  $P$  has 1 zero here.

**Example 7.1.2:** • Claim: the equation  $\alpha ze^z = 1$  where  $|\alpha| > e$  has exactly one solution in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

- Set  $f(z) = \alpha z$  and  $g(z) = e^{-z}$ .
- Estimate at  $|z| = 1$  we have  $|g| = |e^{-z}| = e^{-\Re(z)} \leq e^1 < |\alpha| = |f(z)|$
- $f$  has one zero at  $z_0 = 0$ , thus so does  $f + g$ .

# 8 | Linear Fractional Transformations

# 9 | Appendix: Proofs of the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

## 9.0.1 Fundamental Theorem of Algebra: Argument Principle

- Let  $P(z) = a_n z^n + \dots + a_0$  and  $g(z) = P'(z)/P(z)$ , note  $P$  is holomorphic
- Since  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} P(z) = \infty$ , there exist an  $R > 0$  such that  $P$  has no roots in  $\{|z| \geq R\}$ .
- Apply the argument principle:

$$N(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|\xi|=R} g(\xi) d\xi.$$

- Check that  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} zg(z) = n$ , so  $g$  has a simple pole at  $\infty$
- Then  $g$  has a Laurent series  $\frac{n}{z} + \frac{c_2}{z^2} + \dots$
- Integrate term-by-term to get  $N(0) = n$ .



### 9.0.2 Fundamental Theorem of Algebra: Rouché's Theorem

- Let  $P(z) = a_n z^n + \dots + a_0$
- Set  $f(z) = a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) = P(z) - f(z) = a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ , so  $f + g = P$ .
- Choose  $R > \max\left(\frac{|a_{n-1}| + \dots + |a_0|}{|a_n|}, 1\right)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |g(z)| &:= |a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0| \\
 &\leq |a_{n-1} z^{n-1}| + \dots + |a_1 z| + |a_0| \quad \text{by the triangle inequality} \\
 &= |a_{n-1}| \cdot |z^{n-1}| + \dots + |a_1| \cdot |z| + |a_0| \\
 &= |a_{n-1}| \cdot R^{n-1} + \dots + |a_1| R + |a_0| \\
 &\leq |a_{n-1}| \cdot R^{n-1} + |a_{n-2}| \cdot R^{n-1} + \dots + |a_1| \cdot R^{n-1} + |a_0| \cdot R^{n-1} \quad \text{since } R > 1 \implies R^{a+b} \geq R^a \\
 &= R^{n-1} (|a_{n-1}| + |a_{n-2}| + \dots + |a_1| + |a_0|) \\
 &\leq R^{n-1} (|a_n| \cdot R) \quad \text{by choice of } R \\
 &= R^n |a_n| \\
 &= |a_n z^n| \\
 &:= |f(z)|
 \end{aligned}$$

- Then  $a_n z^n$  has  $n$  zeros in  $|z| < R$ , so  $f + g$  also has  $n$  zeros.

### 9.0.3 Fundamental Theorem of Algebra: Liouville's Theorem

- Suppose  $p$  is nonconstant and has no roots, then  $\frac{1}{p}$  is entire. We will show it is also bounded and thus constant, a contradiction.
- Write  $p(z) = z^n \left( a_n + \frac{a_{n-1}}{z} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{z^n} \right)$
- Outside a disc:
  - Note that  $p(z) \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ . so there exists an  $R$  large enough such that  $|p(z)| \geq \frac{1}{A}$  for any fixed chosen constant  $A$ .
  - Then  $|1/p(z)| \leq A$  outside of  $|z| > R$ , i.e.  $1/p(z)$  is bounded there.
- Inside a disc:
  - $p$  is continuous with no roots and thus must be bounded below on  $|z| < R$ .
  - $p$  is entire and thus continuous, and since  $\overline{D}_r(0)$  is a compact set,  $p$  achieves a min  $A$  there
  - Set  $C := \min(A, B)$ , then  $|p(z)| \geq C$  on all of  $\mathbb{C}$  and thus  $|1/p(z)| \leq C$  everywhere.
  - So  $1/p(z)$  is bounded an entire and thus constant by Liouville's theorem – but this forces  $p$  to be constant.  $\otimes$

### 9.0.4 Fundamental Theorem of Algebra: Open Mapping Theorem

- $p$  induces a continuous map  $\mathbb{CP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1$
- The continuous image of compact space is compact;
- Since the codomain is Hausdorff space, the image is closed.
- $p$  is holomorphic and non-constant, so by the Open Mapping Theorem, the image is open.
- Thus the image is clopen in  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ .
- The image is nonempty, since  $p(1) = \sum a_i \in \mathbb{C}$
- $\mathbb{CP}^1$  is connected
- But the only nonempty clopen subset of a connected space is the entire space.
- So  $p$  is surjective, and  $p^{-1}(0)$  is nonempty.
- So  $p$  has a root.

# 10 | Appendix

## 10.1 Misc Basic Algebra

**Fact 10.1.1** (Standard forms of conic sections)

- Circle:  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$
- Ellipse:  $\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 = 1$
- Hyperbola:  $\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 = 1$ 
  - Rectangular Hyperbola:  $xy = \frac{c^2}{2}$ .
- Parabola:  $-4ax + y^2 = 0$ .

Mnemonic: Write  $f(x, y) = Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + \dots$ , then consider the discriminant  $\Delta = B^2 - 4AC$ :

- $\Delta < 0 \iff$  ellipse
  - $\Delta < 0$  and  $A = C, B = 0 \iff$  circle
- $\Delta = 0 \iff$  parabola
- $\Delta > 0 \iff$  hyperbola

**Fact 10.1.2** (Completing the square)

$$x^2 - bx = (x - s)^2 - s^2 \quad \text{where } s = \frac{b}{2}$$

$$x^2 + bx = (x + s)^2 - s^2 \quad \text{where } s = \frac{b}{2}.$$

**Fact 10.1.3**

The sum of the interior angles of an  $n$ -gon is  $(n - 2)\pi$ , where each angle is  $\frac{n - 2}{n}\pi$ .

## Basics

- Show that  $\frac{1}{z} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k}$  converges on  $S^1 \setminus \{1\}$  using summation by parts.
- Show that any power series is continuous on its domain of convergence.
- Show that a uniform limit of continuous functions is continuous.

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- Show that if  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$  then  $f$  has a power series expansion that converges uniformly on every compact  $K \subset \mathbb{D}$ .
- Show that any holomorphic function  $f$  can be uniformly approximated by polynomials.
- Show that if  $f$  is holomorphic on a connected region  $\Omega$  and  $f' \equiv 0$  on  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is constant on  $\Omega$ .
- Show that if  $|f| = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$  then either  $f$  is constant or  $f$  has a zero in  $\Omega$ .
- Show that if  $\{f_n\}$  is a sequence of holomorphic functions converging uniformly to a function  $f$  on every compact subset of  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  and  $\{f'_n\}$  converges uniformly to  $f'$  on every such compact subset.
- Show that if each  $f_n$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  and  $F := \sum f_n$  converges uniformly on every compact subset of  $\Omega$ , then  $F$  is holomorphic.
- Show that if  $f$  is once complex differentiable at each point of  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is holomorphic.

# 11 | Draft of Problem Book

- Prove the triangle inequality

- Prove the reverse triangle inequality
- Show that  $\sum z^{k-1}/k$  converges for all  $z \in S^1$  except  $z = 1$ .
- What is an example of a noncontinuous limit of continuous functions?
- Show that the uniform limit of continuous functions is continuous.
- Show that  $f$  is holomorphic if and only if  $\bar{\partial}f = 0$ .
- Show  $n^{\frac{1}{n}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$ .
- Show that if  $f$  is holomorphic with  $f' = 0$  on  $\Omega$  then  $f$  is constant.
- Show that holomorphic implies analytic.
- Use Cauchy's inequality to prove Liouville's theorem

*Problem 11.0.1 (?)*

What is a pair of conformal equivalences between  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathbb{D}$ ?

**Solution:**

$$F : \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$$

$$z \mapsto \frac{i - z}{i + z}$$

$$G : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$$

$$w \mapsto i \frac{1 - w}{1 + w}.$$

*Mnemonic: any point in  $\mathbb{H}$  is closer to  $i$  than  $-i$ , so  $|F(z)| < 1$ .*

- Maps  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow S^1 \setminus \{-1\}$ .

*Problem 11.0.2 (?)*

What is conformal equivalence  $\mathbb{H} \ni S := \{w \in \mathbb{C} \mid 0 < \arg(w) < \alpha\pi\}$ ?

**Solution:**

$$f(z) = z^\alpha.$$