

## Spring 2016 Math 511 Assignment 4 Solution

1. Let  $R(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$ , where  $P$  and  $Q$  are two polynomials with no zeros in common. Let  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k$  be the zeros of  $Q$ . Suppose  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbf{C} \setminus \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k\}$  such that  $|f(z)| \leq |R(z)|$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k\}$ . Prove that  $f(z) = CR(z)$  for some constant  $C$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\{P'_1, P'_2, \dots, P'_\ell\}$  be the zeros of  $P(z)$  and  $S = (\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k\} \cup \{P'_1, P'_2, \dots, P'_\ell\})$ . Let  $g(z) = f(z)/R(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{C} \setminus S$ . Then  $|g(z)| \leq 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{C} \setminus S$ . Therefore,  $|g(z)|$  is bounded near each point in  $S$ . So,  $g(z)$  has a removable singularity at each point in  $S$ . Hence,  $g$  can be extended to an entire function and  $|g(z)| \leq 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{C}$ . By Liouville's Theorem, there exists a constant  $C$ , such that  $f(z)/R(z) = g(z) = C$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{C} \setminus S \Rightarrow f(z) = CR(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{C} \setminus S$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq \ell$ ,  $|f(P'_i)| \leq |R(P'_i)| = 0 \Rightarrow f(P'_i) = R(P'_i) = 0$ . Therefore,  $f(z) = CR(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k\}$ .

2. Prove that  $f(z) = z \cdot e^{\frac{1}{z}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{z^2}}$  has an essential singularity at  $z = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} z \cdot e^{\frac{1}{z}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{z^2}} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} z \cdot e^{\frac{1}{z^2}(z-1)} = 0$$

because  $\frac{1}{z^2}(z-1) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $z \rightarrow 0^+$ . Therefore,  $f$  does not have a pole at 0.

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} |f(z)| = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \left| iy \cdot e^{\frac{1}{iy}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{(iy)^2}} \right| = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} y \cdot e^{\frac{1}{y^2}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{t^2}}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2te^{t^2}}{1} = \infty$$

Therefore,  $f$  does not have a removable singularity at 0. Hence,  $f$  has an essential singularity at 0.

3. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two polynomials with no zeros in common and let  $a$  be a zero of  $Q$ . Express the residue of  $P(z)/Q(z)$  at  $a$  in terms of  $P^{(k)}(a)$  and  $Q^{(k)}(a)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two polynomials with no zeros in common and let  $a$  be a zero of  $Q$ . Express the residue of  $P(z)/Q(z)$  at  $a$  in terms of  $P^{(k)}(a)$  and  $Q^{(k)}(a)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  if  $Q$  has a zero of order 2 at  $a$ .

**Solution:** Suppose  $Q$  has a zero of order 2 at  $a$ . Then  $Q(z) = (z-a)^2 Q_1(z)$ , where  $Q_1(z)$  is a polynomial with  $Q_1(a) \neq 0$ . The residue of  $P(z)/Q(z)$  at  $a$  is equal to

$$\left( \frac{P}{Q_1} \right)'(a) = \frac{P'(a)Q_1(a) - P(a)Q_1'(a)}{Q_1(a)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(z) &= (z-a)^2 Q_1(z) \\
\Rightarrow Q'(z) &= 2(z-a)Q_1(z) + (z-a)^2 Q_1'(z) \\
\Rightarrow Q^{(2)}(z) &= 2Q_1(z) + 4(z-a)Q_1'(z) + (z-a)^2 Q_1^{(2)}(z) \\
\Rightarrow Q^{(2)}(a) &= 2Q_1(a) \\
Q^{(3)}(z) &= 6Q_1'(z) + 6(z-a)Q_1^{(2)}(z) + (z-a)^2 Q_1^{(3)}(z) \\
\Rightarrow Q^{(3)}(a) &= 6Q_1'(a)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the residue of  $P(z)/Q(z)$  at  $a$  is equal to

$$\frac{P'(a) \frac{Q^{(2)}(a)}{2} - P(a) \frac{Q^{(3)}(a)}{6}}{\left(\frac{Q^{(2)}(a)}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{6P'(a)Q^{(2)}(a) - 2P(a)Q^{(3)}(a)}{3(Q^{(2)}(a))^2}$$

4. Find the Laurent series for

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z-1)(z-2)}$$

centered at  $z = 0$  and converging in the annulus  $\{z : 1 < |z| < 2\}$ .

**Solution:** By partial fraction,

$$\frac{1}{z(z-1)(z-2)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z} - \frac{2}{z-1} + \frac{1}{z-2} \right)$$

For  $1 < |z| < 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{2}{z-1} &= \frac{2}{z \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)} = \frac{2}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n} \\
\frac{1}{z-2} &= -\frac{1}{2 \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right)} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{2^{n+1}} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{1}{z(z-1)(z-2)} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{2^{n+1}} \right) \\
&= -\left( \frac{1}{2z} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{2^{n+2}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

5. Find the function  $f(z)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (a)  $f$  has a pole of order 2 at  $z = 0$  with residue 2, a simple pole at  $z = 1$  with residue 2.
- (b)  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbf{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ .
- (c) There exists  $R$  and  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(z)| < M$  for all  $z$ , with  $|z| \geq R$ .
- (d)  $f(2)=5, f(-1) = 2$ .

**Solution:**

$$(a) \text{ and } (b) \Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{a}{z^2} + \frac{2}{z} + \frac{2}{(z-1)} + g(z), \text{ where } g \text{ is holomorphic on } \mathbf{C}$$

$$(c) \Rightarrow g(z) = b \text{ for some constant } b$$

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

$$(d) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{a}{2^2} + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{2}{(2-1)} + b = 5 \\ \frac{a}{(-1)^2} + \frac{2}{(-1)} + \frac{2}{(-1-1)} + b = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{a}{4} + b = 2 \\ a + b = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = 5, b = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{5}{z^2} + \frac{2}{z} + \frac{2}{(z-1)} + 1$$

6. Let  $f(z)$  be meromorphic in the plane. Assume that  $f(z) = f(z+2i) = f(z+(1-3i))$  for all complex  $z$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the parallelogram with vertices  $0, 2i, 1-i$ , and  $1-3i$ , and assume that  $f$  has no poles on  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_n$  be the poles of  $f$  inside  $\mathcal{P}$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res}_f(\zeta_k) = 0.$$

**Solution:** The boundary of  $\mathcal{P}$  can be decomposed into 4 parts:

$$0 \rightarrow 1-3i : \gamma_1(t) = (1-3i)t, 0 \leq t \leq 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_1'(t) = (1-3i)$$

$$1+3i \rightarrow 1-i : \gamma_2(t) = 1-3i+2it, 0 \leq t \leq 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_2'(t) = 2i$$

$$1-i \rightarrow 2i : \gamma_3(t) = 1-i-(1-3i)t, 0 \leq t \leq 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_3'(t) = -(1-3i)$$

$$2i \rightarrow 0 : \gamma_4(t) = 2i(1-t), 0 \leq t \leq 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_4'(t) = -2i$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
\int_{\gamma_3} f(z) dz & \int_{\gamma_4} f(z) dz \\
= \int_0^1 f(1-i-(1-3i)t)(-(1-3i)) dt & = \int_0^1 f(2i(1-t))(-2i) dt \\
= \int_0^1 f(1-i-(1-3i)t-2i)(-(1-3i)) dt & = \int_0^1 f(2i(1-t)+1-3i)(-2i) dt \\
= \int_0^1 f((1-3i)(1-t))(-(1-3i)) dt & = \int_0^1 f(1-3i+2i(1-t))(-2i) dt \\
\quad (\text{ use } s = 1-t) & (\text{ use } s = 1-t) \\
= \int_1^0 f((1-3i)s)(1-3i) ds & = \int_1^0 f(1-3i+2is)(2i) ds \\
= -\int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz & = -\int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz
\end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res}_f(\zeta_k) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_1 \cup \gamma_2 \cup \gamma_3 \cup \gamma_4} f(z) dz = 0$$

7. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{9+7\sin^2 x},$$

(Hint: Use compound angle and change the integral to one over the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ .)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{9+7\sin^2 x} &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{9+7\left(\frac{1-\cos 2x}{2}\right)} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{2}{25-7\cos 2x} dx \\
&= \int_0^{\pi} \frac{1}{25-7\cos t} dt \quad (\text{ use } t = 2x) \\
&= \int_{2\pi}^{\pi} \frac{-1}{25-7\cos s} ds \quad (\text{ use } t = 2\pi - s) \\
&= \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \frac{1}{25-7\cos s} ds \\
\Rightarrow \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dx}{9+7\sin^2 x} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{25-7\cos t} dt
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{25 - 7 \left( \frac{e^{it} + e^{-it}}{2} \right)} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it}}{\left( 25 - 7 \left( \frac{e^{it} + e^{-it}}{2} \right) \right) 2e^{it}} dt \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it}}{-7e^{2it} + 50e^{it} - 7} dt = \frac{1}{i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2ie^{it}}{-7e^{2it} + 50e^{it} - 7} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{-7z^2 + 50z - 7} = \frac{1}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{(7z - 1)(z - 7)} \\
&= (2\pi) \text{Residue of } \frac{1}{(7z - 1)(z - 7)} \text{ at } z = \frac{1}{7} \\
&= 2\pi \lim_{z \rightarrow \frac{1}{7}} \frac{(z - \frac{1}{7})}{(7z - 1)(z - 7)} = \frac{2\pi}{48} = \frac{\pi}{24}
\end{aligned}$$

8. Let  $a > 0$ . Compute the value of the integral  $\int_0^\infty \frac{x \sin(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx$ .

**Solution:** Let  $R > 1$ . Define  $\gamma_1^R(x) = x$ ,  $-R \leq x \leq R$ ,  $\gamma_2^R(t) = Re^{it}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\gamma_1} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz + \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz \\
&= (2\pi i) \text{ residual of } \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} \text{ at } z = ai \\
&= (2\pi i) \lim_{z \rightarrow ai} \frac{ze^{iz}}{(z - ai)(z + ai)} (z - ai) \\
&= (2\pi i) \frac{(ai)e^{i(ai)}}{(ai + ai)} \\
&= i\pi e^{-a}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz \\
&= \int_{-R}^R \frac{x(\cos(x) + i \sin(x))}{x^2 + a^2} dx \\
&= \int_{-R}^R \frac{x \cos(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx + i \int_{-R}^R \frac{x \sin(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx \\
&= 2i \int_0^R \frac{x \sin(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx \\
&\rightarrow 2i \int_0^\infty \frac{x \sin(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx \quad \text{as } R \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz \right| = \left| \int_0^\pi \frac{Re^{it} e^{iRe^{it}} iRe^{it}}{(Re^{it})^2 + a^2} dt \right| \\
&\leq \int_0^\pi \frac{R^2 |e^{iR(\cos t + i \sin t)}|}{R^2 - a^2} dt = \frac{R^2}{R^2 - a^2} \int_0^\pi e^{-R \sin t} dt = \frac{2R^2}{R^2 - a^2} \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-R \sin t} dt \\
&\leq \frac{2R^2}{R^2 - a^2} \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-\frac{2Rt}{\pi}} dt = \frac{2R^2}{R^2 - a^2} \left[ -\frac{\pi}{2R} e^{-\frac{2Rt}{\pi}} \right]_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi R}{R^2 - a^2} [(1 - e^{-R})] \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } R \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $2i \int_0^\infty \frac{x \sin(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx = i\pi e^{-a} \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty \frac{x \sin(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{\pi e^{-a}}{2}$ .

9. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2}}{1 + x^4} dx.$$

**Solution:**

Let  $R > 1$ . Define  $\gamma_1^R(x) = x$ ,  $\frac{1}{R} \leq x \leq R$ ,  $\gamma_2^R(t) = Re^{it}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\gamma_3^R(x) = ix$ ,  $\frac{1}{R} \leq x \leq R$ ,  $\gamma_4^R(t) = \frac{1}{R}e^{it}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Then

$$\left( \int_{\gamma_1} + \int_{\gamma_2} - \int_{\gamma_3} - \int_{\gamma_4} \right) \frac{z^{1/2}}{1 + z^4} dz = (2\pi i) \text{ residual of } \frac{z^{1/2}}{1 + z^4} \text{ at } z = e^{i\pi/4}$$

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \frac{z^{1/2}}{1 + z^4} dz = \int_{\frac{1}{R}}^R \frac{x^{1/2}}{1 + x^4} dx, \quad \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{z^{1/2}}{1 + z^4} dz = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{R^{1/2} e^{it/2} i}{1 + R^4 e^{4it}} dt,$$

$$\int_{\gamma_3} \frac{z^{1/2}}{1 + z^4} dz = \int_{\frac{1}{R}}^R \frac{x^{1/2} e^{i\pi/4}}{1 + x^4} dx, \quad \int_{\gamma_4} \frac{z^{1/2}}{1 + z^4} dz = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{R^{-1/2} e^{it/2} i}{1 + R^{-4} e^{4it}} dt.$$

$$\left| \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{z^{1/2}}{1+z^4} dz \right| = \left| \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{R^{1/2} e^{it/2} R(i e^{it})}{1+(R e^{it})^4} dt \right| \leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{R^{3/2}}{R^4-1} dt = \frac{\pi R^{3/2}}{2(R^4-1)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\left| \int_{\gamma_4} \frac{z^{1/2}}{1+z^4} dz \right| = \left| \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{R^{-1/2} e^{it/2} R^{-1}(i e^{it})}{1+R^{-4}(e^{it})^4} dt \right| \leq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{R^{-3/2}}{1-R^{-4}} dt = \frac{\pi R^{-3/2}}{2(1-R^{-4})} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\int_{\gamma_3} \frac{z^{1/2}}{1+z^4} dz = i e^{i\pi/4} \int_{\frac{1}{R}}^R \frac{x^{1/2}}{1+x^4} dx \rightarrow i e^{i\pi/4} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2}}{1+x^4} dx \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore,

$$(1 - i e^{i\pi/4}) \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2}}{1+x^4} dx = (2\pi i) \text{ residual of } \frac{z^{1/2}}{1+z^4} \text{ at } z = e^{i\pi/4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/2}}{1+x^4} dx &= \frac{2\pi i}{(1 - i e^{i\pi/4})} \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\pi/4}} \frac{z^{1/2} (z - e^{i\pi/4})}{1+z^4} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{(1 - i e^{i\pi/4})} \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\pi/4}} \frac{z^{1/2}}{4z^3} = \frac{2\pi i}{(1 - i e^{i\pi/4})} \frac{e^{i\pi/8}}{4e^{3i\pi/4}} \\ &= \frac{\pi i}{2(e^{5i\pi/8} - e^{11i\pi/8})} = \frac{\pi}{4 \sin(5\pi/8)} \end{aligned}$$

10. Evaluate

$$\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^3 + 2}.$$

**Solution:** Let  $f(z) = \frac{\cot z}{z^3 + 2\pi^3}$ . Then  $f$  has a simple pole at  $z = 2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3}$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2$  and  $z = j\pi$ ,  $j = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . The residue of  $f$  at  $z = 2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3}$  is

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3}} \frac{(z - 2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3}) \cot z}{z^3 + 2\pi^3} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3}} \frac{\cot z}{3z^2} = \frac{\cot(2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3})}{3(2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3})^2}$$

The residue of  $f$  at  $z = j\pi$  is

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow j\pi} \frac{(z - j\pi) \cot z}{z^3 + 2\pi^3} = \frac{1}{(j^3 + 2)\pi^3}$$

Let  $\gamma_n$  be the square with center at the origin and sides of length  $(2n+1)\pi$  parallel to the coordinate axes. On the side parallel to the imaginary axis,

$$z = \pm \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \pi + iy$$

and hence

$$|\cot z| = \left| \frac{\cos[\pm(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi + iy]}{\sin[\pm(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi + iy]} \right| = \left| \frac{\sin(iy)}{\cos(iy)} \right| = \left| \frac{e^{-y} - e^y}{e^{-y} + e^y} \right| \leq 1$$

On the side parallel to the real axis,

$$z = x \pm i \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \pi$$

and hence

$$|\cot z| = \left| \frac{\cos[x \pm i(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi]}{\sin[x \pm i(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi]} \right| = \left| \frac{e^{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi} + e^{-(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}}{e^{(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi} - e^{-(n+\frac{1}{2})\pi}} \right| = \left| \frac{1 + e^{-(2n+1)\pi}}{1 - e^{-(2n+1)\pi}} \right| \leq \frac{1 + e^{-\pi}}{1 - e^{-\pi}}$$

Therefore, for  $n > 2^{1/3}\pi$ ,  $\left| \int_{\gamma_n} f(z) dz \right| = \left| \int_{\gamma_n} \frac{\cot z}{z^3 + 2\pi^3} dz \right| \leq \frac{1 + e^{-\pi}}{1 - e^{-\pi}} \frac{4(2n+1)\pi}{n^3 - 2\pi^3} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, the sum of all residue of  $f$  is 0.

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(j^3 + 2)\pi^3} + \sum_{k=0}^2 \frac{\cot(2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3})}{3(2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3})^2} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(j^3 + 2)} = -\pi^3 \sum_{k=0}^2 \frac{\cot(2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3})}{3(2^{1/3}\pi e^{i(2k+1)\pi/3})^2} \approx 1.75976 \end{aligned}$$