

MSO 202A: Complex Variables
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Assignment-5

Throughout C_R will denote the circle of radius R around origin, oriented counterclockwise. and $C_1 = C$.

1. **(T)** Find the max value of $|f|$ on $|z| \leq 1$ where $f(z) = z^2 + 3z - 1$. Where is it attained?

Solution:

By the Maximum modulus principle the max value of $|f|$ is attained on the boundary $|z| = 1$. Putting $z = e^{it}$ we have $|f|^2 = 11 - 2 \cos 2t$, which is maximum for $t = \pi/2, 3\pi/2$. Hence max value of $|f|$ on $|z| \leq 1$ is $\sqrt{13}$ attained at e^{it} for $t = \pi/2, 3\pi/2$.

2. **Analytic functions satisfies Mean Value Property.** Let f be holomorphic function on a an open set containing the closed disc $|z - z_0| \leq r$. Show that u satisfies :

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{it}) dt.$$

(Remark: $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{it}) dt$ called the **Mean Value of f** over the circle $|z - z_0| = r$.)

Solution:

Use Cauchy's integral formula. Done in class in the proof of Maximum Modulus principle.

3. **(T)Harmonic functions satisfies Mean Value Property.** Let u be Harmonic function on a an open set Ω containing the closed disc $|z - z_0| \leq r$. Show that u satisfies :

$$u(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(z_0 + re^{it}) dt.$$

Solution:

We can find a $r' > r$ such that $\mathbb{D}_{r'}(z_0) : |z - z_0| < r' \subset \Omega$. Since $\mathbb{D}_{r'}(z_0)$ is simply connected, u admits a harmonic conjugate on $\mathbb{D}_{r'}(z_0)$. So there exist an holomorphic function $f = u + iv$ on $\mathbb{D}_{r'}(z_0)$. Apply the previous exercise and take the real part.

4. Find the mean value of the function $u(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + x$ on the circle $|z - i| = 2$.

Solution:

Note that u is harmonic on \mathbb{C} . So by the mean value property, we have the Mean value $= u(i) = u(0, 1) = -1$.

5. (T) Let f be a nowhere zero, entire function. Prove that there exists an entire function g such that $\exp(g) = f$.

Solution:

The function f'/f is entire. By Cauchy's Theorem, it has a primitive g that is $g' = f'/f$. Now $\frac{d}{dz}(fe^{-g}) = f'e^{-g} - fe^{-g}g' = 0$. Thus $fe^{-g} = \text{constant} = e^c$. So $f = e^{g+c}$.

6. Find out all entire functions f such that $f(x) = e^x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Solution:

$f(z) = e^z$ is one such function. If g is any such function then $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \{z : f(z) = g(z)\}$. Each point of \mathbb{R} is a limit point of the set $\{z : f(z) = g(z)\}$. Hence by Identity Principle $f = g$.

7. Find out the order of the all zeros for

(T)(a) $f(z) = z^2(e^{z^2} - 1)$ (b) $z \sin z$. (c) $\sin^3(z)/z$

Solution:

(a) Order of the zero $z = 0$ is 4 since the Taylor series about 0 start with z^4 . Other zeros of $f(z)$ are given by $e^{z^2} = 1$ i.e. $z^2 = 2k\pi i$. These are of order 1 since f' does not vanish at these points.

(b) Zeros are $z = k\pi$ with $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. The zero $z = 0$ is of order 2 and other zeros are simple zero, i.e. have order 1.

(c) The function is not defined at $z = 0$. The zeros of the function are given by $\sin z = 0$ that is $z = k\pi$ where $k = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. All these are zeros of order 3.

8. (T) Does there exist a holomorphic function f on \mathbb{D} such that $Z_f = \{z \in \mathbb{D} : f(z) = 0\}$ is equal to the following set? Justify your answer.

(a) $S_1 = \{1/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. (b) $S_2 = \{1 - 1/n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. (c) $S_3 = \{z \in \mathbb{D} : \operatorname{Re}(z) = 0\}$
 (d) $S_4 = \{z \in \mathbb{D} : -1/2 < y < 1/2\}$.

Solution:

(a) If such a function f exist, then the zero set $Z_f = \{z : f(z) = 0\}$ has a limit point $z = 0$ which is in \mathbb{D} . So $f = 0$.

(b) $f(z) = \sin \frac{\pi}{z-1}$

(c) In this case $Z_f = \{z : f(z) = 0\}$ has a limit point in \mathbb{D} and so $f = 0$.

(d) In this case $Z_f = \{z : f(z) = 0\}$ has a limit point in \mathbb{D} and so $f = 0$.

9. (T) Evaluate $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{z^4} dz$ where Γ is the part of clockwise oriented ellipse $\frac{(x-3)^2}{1} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$ lying on the upper half plane $y > 0$.

Solution: Let Γ^* be the clockwise oriented closed curve consisting of the part of the given ellipse in the upper half plane and the line segment L with initial point $(4, 0)$

and end point $(2, 0)$. Since the function $1/z^4$ is analytic inside and on Γ^* , we have by Cauchy's theorem

$$\int_{\Gamma^*} \frac{1}{z^4} dz = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{z^4} dz + \int_L \frac{1}{z^4} dz = 0$$

$$\text{So } \int_{\Gamma} \frac{1}{z^4} dz = \int_{-L}^L \frac{1}{z^4} dz = \int_2^4 \frac{1}{x^4} dx = 7/192.$$

10. (T) Write down the power series expansion $\sum a_n(z - z_0)^n$ of the function $\text{Log}(z) = \log_{-\pi}(z)$ around $z_0 = -1 + i$.

What is the radius of convergence of the power series?

For which values of z , we have $\text{Log}(z) = \sum a_n(z - z_0)^n$?

Solution:

$$f(z) = \text{Log} z. \text{ So } f'(z) = 1/z, \quad f''(z) = -1/z^2, \dots, f^{(n)}(z) = (-1)^{n-1}(n-1)!/z^{n+1}$$

$$a_n = f^{(n)}(z_0)/n! = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{nz_0^{n+1}}$$

Therefore by Ratio test the radius of convergence of the Taylor series is $R = \lim |a_n|/|a_{n+1}| = |z_0| = \sqrt{2}$. So the power series is convergent for $|z - z_0| \leq \sqrt{2}$.

The function $\text{Log} z$ is analytic on the domain $\Omega = \mathbb{C}$ -nonpositive x axis. The largest disc in Ω with center at z_0 is $|z - z_0| < 1$. Thus

$$\text{Log} z = \sum (-1)^{n-1} \frac{1}{nz_0^{n+1}} (z - z_0)^n, \quad \text{for } |z - z_0| < 1.$$

11. (T) Evaluate the following integrals on the square γ , oriented on the counterclockwise direction with sides $x = \pm 2, y = \pm 2$.

$$(a) \int_{\gamma} \frac{\cos z}{z(z^2+8)} dz \quad (b) \int_{\gamma} \frac{\cosh z}{z^4} dz.$$

Solution:

$$(a) \text{ Given integral} = \int_C \frac{\cos z/(z^2+8)}{z} dz = 2\pi i \cos z/(z^2+8)|_{z=0} = \pi i/4.$$

$$(b) \text{ Given integral} = \frac{2\pi i}{3!} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} (\cosh z)|_{z=0} = 0$$

12. Find out

$$\int_C \frac{2z^3 + z^2 + 4}{z^4 + 4z^2}; \quad C : |z - 2| = 4$$

Solution:

$$\text{The given integral} = \int_C \left(\frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z+2i} + \frac{1}{z-2i} \right) dz = 4\pi i.$$