

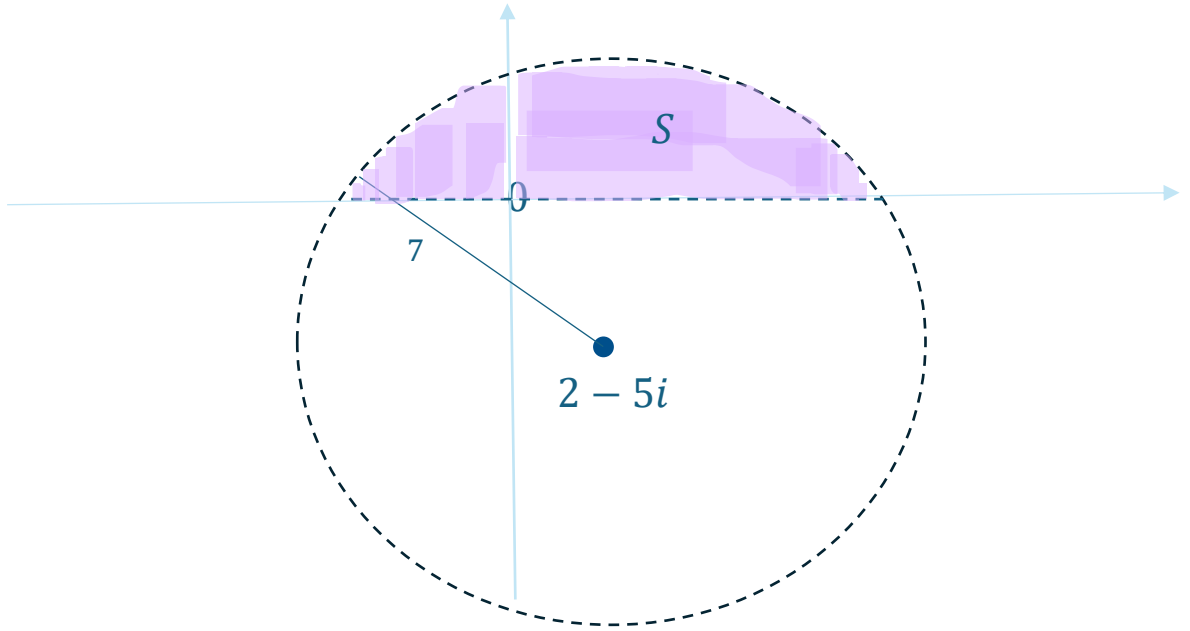
## 2RCA Problem Sheet 3 Solutions

1)

- a) Let  $I$  denote the set of interior points of  $S$ . We check that  $I$  is open. Given  $z_0 \in I$  our task is to show that  $z_0$  is an interior point of  $I$ . Put differently, we need to find  $r > 0$  so that  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq I$ . Since  $z_0$  is an interior point of  $S$  we know that there exists  $r > 0$  so that  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq S$ . Moreover, in the lectures we have shown that open balls, in particular, the ball  $B(z_0, r)$ , are open. So, for each  $w \in B(z_0, r)$  we have that  $w$  is an interior point of  $B(z_0, r)$ . Therefore, there exists  $s > 0$  so that  $B(w, s) \subseteq B(z_0, r) \subseteq S$ . This shows that each  $w \in B(z_0, r)$  is an interior point of  $S$ , hence  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq I$ .
- b) Let  $\partial S$  denote the set of boundary points of  $S$ . (This is the standard notation for the boundary of a set  $S$ ). We need to show that  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \partial S$  is open. Given  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \partial S$ , we need to show that  $z_0$  is an interior point of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \partial S$ . Put differently, we need to find  $r > 0$  so that  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \partial S$ . Since  $z_0$  is not a boundary point of  $S$  there exists  $r > 0$  so that  $B(z_0, r)$  does not intersect one of the sets  $S$  or  $\mathbb{C} \setminus S$ . We assume that  $B(z_0, r) \cap S = \emptyset$ ; the other case may be treated similarly. Then  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus S$ . Moreover, by the argument used in the solution to part a), for each  $w \in B(z_0, r)$  we may find  $s > 0$  so that  $B(w, s) \subseteq B(z_0, r) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus S$ , implying  $B(w, s) \cap S = \emptyset$ . Therefore, each  $w \in B(z_0, r)$  is not a boundary point of  $S$  and we have shown that  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \partial S$ .
- 2) If  $S$  is open then every point of  $S$  is an interior point of  $S$ . So, given  $z_0 \in S$  we may find  $r > 0$  such that  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq S$ , implying  $B(z_0, r) \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus S) = \emptyset$ , which means that  $z_0$  is not a boundary point of  $S$ . Since this applies to an arbitrary  $z_0 \in S$ , we have shown that no point of  $S$  is a boundary point of  $S$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $S$  is not open. Then not every point of  $S$  is an interior point of  $S$ . In other words, there exists  $z_0 \in S$  such that for every  $r > 0$  the ball  $B(z_0, r)$  fails to be contained in  $S$ . Put differently, for every  $r > 0$  we have  $B(z_0, r) \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus S) \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $z_0 \in B(z_0, r) \cap S$  for every  $r > 0$ , we also have  $B(z_0, r) \cap S \neq \emptyset$  for every  $r > 0$ . Hence,  $z_0 \in S$  is a boundary point of  $S$  and we have shown that  $S$  contains some of its boundary points.

3)



$S$  is open: Given  $z_0 \in S$  we verify that  $z_0$  is an interior point of  $S$ . In other words, we find  $r > 0$  such that  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq S$ . Since  $z_0 \in S$  we have  $|z_0 - 2 + 5i| < 7$  and  $\text{Im}(z_0) > 0$ . Let  $r > 0$  be a number that we will specify later. Then for  $z \in B(z_0, r)$  we have

$$|z - 2 + 5i| = |(z - z_0) + (z_0 - 2 + 5i)| \leq |z - z_0| + |z_0 - 2 + 5i| < r + |z_0 - 2 + 5i|.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}(z) &= \text{Im}(z_0 - (z_0 - z)) = \text{Im}(z_0) - \text{Im}(z_0 - z) \geq \text{Im}(z_0) - |\text{Im}(z_0 - z)| \\ &\geq \text{Im}(z_0) - |z - z_0| > \text{Im}(z_0) - r. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, taking

$$r = \frac{1}{2} \min\{7 - |z_0 - 2 + 5i|, \text{Im}(z_0)\} > 0,$$

We have that  $|z - 2 + 5i| < r + |z_0 - 2 + 5i| < 7$  and  $\text{Im}(z) > \text{Im}(z_0) - r > 0$  for every  $z \in B(z_0, r)$ . Hence,  $B(z_0, r) \subseteq S$ .

$S$  is connected because, from the sketch, it is clear that every two points in  $S$  may be connected by a path in  $S$ . Since  $S$  is both open and connected, it is a domain. From the sketch it is also clear that any closed simple loop in  $S$  may be continuously shrunk to a point inside of  $S$ . Hence,  $S$  is simply connected. Since  $S \subseteq B(2 - 5i, 7) \subseteq B(0, |2 - 5i| + 7) \subseteq B(0, 14)$  we have that  $S$  is bounded.

We have already shown that every point in  $S$  is an interior point of  $S$ . We claim that the set  $\partial S$  of boundary points of  $S$  is given by

$$\partial S = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: \text{Im}(z) = 0, |z - 5 + 2i| < 7\} \cup \{z \in \mathbb{C}: \text{Im}(z) > 0, |z - 5 + 2i| = 7\}.$$

Label the first set in this union  $T_1$  and the second set  $T_2$ . Let  $z_0 \in T_1$ . We verify that  $z_0$  is a boundary point of  $S$ . Given  $r > 0$  we need to show that  $B(z_0, r) \cap S \neq \emptyset$  and  $B(z_0, r) \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus S) \neq \emptyset$ . Observe that the point

$$w = z_0 + \frac{1}{2} \min\{r, 7 - |z_0 - 5 + 2i|\} i$$

satisfies  $|w - z_0| = \frac{1}{2} \min\{r, 7 - |z_0 - 5 + 2i|\} < r$ ,

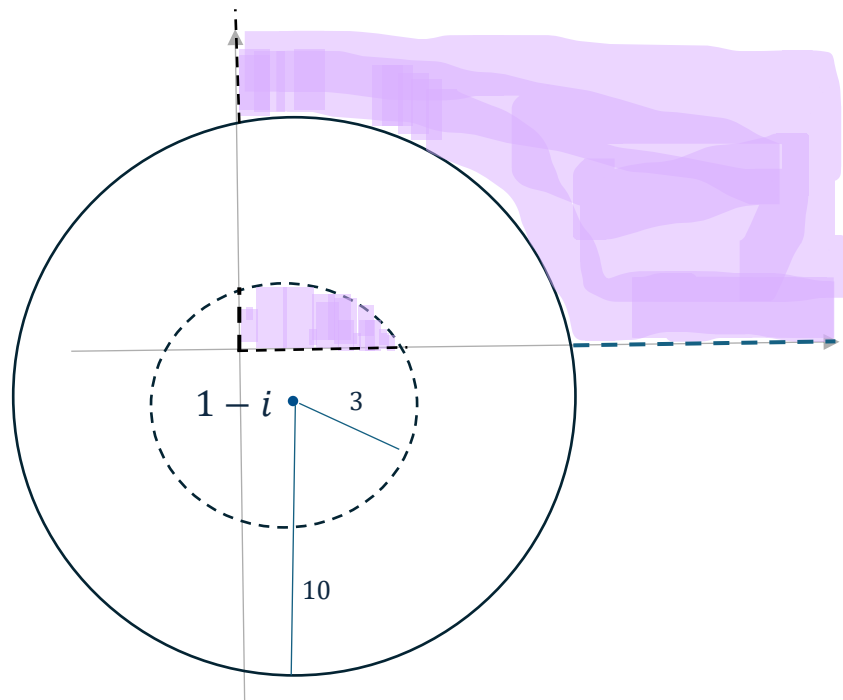
$$\operatorname{Im}(w) = \operatorname{Im}(z_0) + \frac{1}{2} \min\{r, 7 - |z_0 - 5 + 2i|\} = 0 + \frac{1}{2} \min\{r, 7 - |z_0 - 5 + 2i|\} > 0,$$

and

$$|w - 5 + 2i| \leq |w - z_0| + |z_0 - 5 + 2i| = \frac{1}{2} \min\{r, 7 - |z_0 - 5 + 2i|\} + |z_0 - 5 + 2i| < 7.$$

Hence  $w \in B(0, r) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ . On the other hand the point  $u = z_0 - \frac{r}{2}i$  satisfies  $|u - z_0| = \frac{r}{2} < r$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(u) = \operatorname{Im}(z_0) - \frac{r}{2} = -\frac{r}{2} < 0$ . Hence,  $u \in B(z_0, r) \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus S) \neq \emptyset$ .

4)



$S$  is not open. We show this by demonstrating that the point  $1 + 9i$  belongs to  $S$  but is not an interior point of  $S$ . Observe that  $|(1 + 9i) - 1 + i| = |10i| = 10$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(1 + 9i) = 1 > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(1 + 9i) = 9 > 0$ . Therefore,  $1 + 9i \in S$ . Now let  $r > 0$ . We show that the ball  $B(1 + 9i, r)$  contains points of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus S$ , so it is not contained in  $S$ . We may assume that  $r < 1$ . Consider the point  $w = 1 + \left(9 - \frac{r}{2}\right)i$ . Then  $|w - (1 + 9i)| = \left|\frac{r}{2}i\right| = \frac{r}{2} < r$ . So  $w \in B(z, r)$ . On the other hand we have  $|w - 1 + i| = \left|\left(9 - \frac{r}{2} + 1\right)i\right| = 10 - \frac{r}{2} < 10$  and  $|w - 1 + i| = 10 - \frac{r}{2} > 9 > 3$ . Therefore  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus S$ .

$S$  is not closed. We show this by demonstrating that the point  $0$  belongs to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus S$  but it is not an interior point of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus S$ . Since  $\operatorname{Re}(0) = 0$  we have that  $0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus S$ . However, given any  $r > 0$  we may take  $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \min(r, 1)$  and show that the point  $w = \delta(1 + i)$  belongs to  $B(0, r) \cap S$ . Indeed, observe

$Re(w) = \delta > 0, Im(w) = \delta > 0$  and  $|w - 1 + i|^2 = (\delta - 1)^2 + (\delta + 1)^2 = 2\delta^2 + 2 < 3^2$ . Hence,  $w \in S$ . Moreover, we have  $|w - 0| = \delta\sqrt{2} < r$ , so  $w \in B(0, r)$ . We have shown that open ball with centre 0 is not contained in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus S$ . Hence, 0 is not an interior point of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus S$ .

$S$  is not connected because, for example the points  $1 + i$  and  $1 + 9i$  both belong to  $S$  but they cannot be connected by a path in  $S$  (see the picture). Since  $S$  is not connected it is also not simply connected.

Since  $S$  is not connected, it is not a domain.

Given any  $R > 10$  we may observe that the point  $1 + i(2R - 1)$  belongs to  $S$  and has absolute value greater than  $R$ . Hence,  $S$  is unbounded.

The set of interior points of  $S$  is

$I = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : (|z - 1 + i| < 3 \text{ or } |z - 1 + i| > 10), Re(z) > 0, Im(z) > 0\}$ .  
Let  $z \in I$ . We verify that  $z$  is an interior point of  $S$ . If  $|z - 1 + i| < 3$ , we set  $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \min(3 - |z - 1 + i|, Re(z), Im(z))$  and observe for all  $w \in B(z, \delta)$  that

$$\begin{aligned} |w - 1 + i| &\leq |w - z| + |z - 1 + i| < \delta + |z - 1 + i| < 3, \\ Re(w) &= Re(z) - Re(z - w) \geq Re(z) - |Re(z - w)| \\ &\geq Re(z) - |z - w| > Re(z) - \delta > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and similarly  $Im(w) > 0$ . Hence  $w \in S$  and we have shown that  $B(z, \delta) \subseteq S$ .

In the remaining case we have  $|z - 1 + i| > 10$  and take  $\delta =$

$\frac{1}{2} \min(10 - |z - 1 + i|, Re(z), Im(z))$ . Then, for any  $w \in B(z, \delta)$  we have  $|w - 1 + i| \geq |z - 1 + i| - |w - z| > |z - 1 + i| - \delta > 10, Re(w) > 0$  and  $Im(w) > 0$  (the latter two inequalities are shown similarly to in the first case). Hence  $w \in S$  and we have shown that  $B(z, \delta) \subseteq S$ .

The set of boundary  $S$  may be written as a union of three sets  $T_1, T_2, T_3$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : (|z - 1 + i| = 3 \text{ or } |z - 1 + i| = 10), Re(z) \geq 0, Im(z) \geq 0\}, \\ T_2 &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : (|z - 1 + i| < 3 \text{ or } |z - 1 + i| > 10), Re(z) = 0, \\ &\quad Im(z) \geq 0\}, \\ T_3 &= \{z \in \mathbb{C} : (|z - i + 1| < 3 \text{ or } |z - 1 + i| > 10), Re(z) \geq 0, Im(z) = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

We first verify that no point outside of  $T_1 \cup T_2 \cup T_3$  is a boundary point of  $S$ . First we may observe that

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus (T_1 \cup T_2 \cup T_3) = I \cup \{z \in \mathbb{C} : Re(z) < 0\} \cup \{z \in \mathbb{C} : Im(z) < 0\}.$$

We have already proved that every point of  $I$  is an interior point of  $S$  and, by definition, any interior point of  $S$  is not a boundary point of  $S$ . Now

suppose that  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(z) < 0$ . Then, setting  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Re}(z)|$  we see that  $B(z, \delta) \subseteq \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z) < 0\}$  and therefore  $B(z, \delta) \cap S = \emptyset$  and  $z$  is not a boundary point of  $S$ . Similarly, we may show that any point  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Im}(z) < 0$  is not a boundary point of  $S$ .

It remains to check that each point of  $T_1 \cup T_2 \cup T_3$  is a boundary point of  $S$ . Suppose  $z = x + iy \in T_1$ . Then  $|z - 1 + i| = 3$  or  $10$  and we have  $y \geq 0$ . We will assume that  $|z - 1 + i| = 3$ ; a similar proof works for the other case  $|z - 1 + i| = 10$ . Assuming  $|z - 1 + i| = 3$ , we set  $w(\delta) = z + \delta i$  and observe that  $|w(\delta) - z| = \delta$  and

$$\begin{aligned} |w(\delta) - 1 + i|^2 &= (x - 1)^2 + (y + \delta + 1)^2 > (x - 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 \\ &= |z - 1 + i|^2 = 3^2, \end{aligned}$$

and  $|w(\delta) - 1 + i| \leq |w(\delta) - z| + |z - 1 + i| = 3 + \delta$ . So, given  $r > 0$  we conclude for  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}\min(r, 1)$ , that the point  $w(\delta)$  belongs to  $B(z, r) \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus S)$ . On the other hand if we study for  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  the point  $u(\delta) = z - \delta i$  we observe that  $|u(\delta) - 1 + i|^2 = (x - 1)^2 + (y - \delta + 1)^2 < (x - 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 3^2$ ,  $\operatorname{Re}(u(\delta)) > \operatorname{Re}(z) - \delta$ ,  $\operatorname{Im}(u(\delta)) > \operatorname{Im}(z) - \delta$  and  $|u(\delta) - z| = \delta$ . Therefore, given  $r > 0$  we have for  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}\min(r, 1, \operatorname{Re}(z), \operatorname{Im}(z))$  that  $u(\delta) \in B(z, r) \cap S$ .

Finally we check that every point of  $T_2 \cup T_3$  is a boundary point of  $S$ . Since  $T_2$  and  $T_3$  are similar, we only treat  $T_2$ . Let  $z \in T_2$ . Then  $z = iy$  where  $y \geq 0$ . We assume that  $|z - 1 + i| < 3$ ; the case  $|z - 1 + i| > 10$  is dealt with similarly. Given  $r > 0$  we note that the point  $z - \frac{r}{2}$  satisfies  $\operatorname{Re}\left(z - \frac{r}{2}\right) = -\frac{r}{2} < 0$  and  $\left|z - \frac{r}{2} - z\right| = \frac{r}{2} < r$ . Hence,  $z - \frac{r}{2} \in B(z, r) \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus S)$ . Now, for  $\delta > 0$  we study the point  $w(\delta) = z + \delta(1 + i) = \delta + i(y + \delta)$  and observe that  $|w(\delta) - z| = \delta\sqrt{2}$  and  $|w(\delta) - 1 + i| \leq |w(\delta) - z| + |z - 1 + i| = \delta\sqrt{2} + |z - 1 + i|$ . Moreover, we have  $\operatorname{Re}(w(\delta)) = \delta > 0$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(w(\delta)) = y + \delta > 0$ . Given  $r > 0$ , we may take  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}\min(r, 3 - |z - 1 + i|)$  and then the above derived inequalities express that  $w(\delta) \in B(z, r) \cap S$ . We have shown that for every  $r > 0$  we have  $B(z, r) \cap S \neq \emptyset$  and  $B(z, r) \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus S) \neq \emptyset$ .

5)

a) For  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + iy) &= (x + iy)^2 + (x - iy) = (x^2 - y^2 + i2xy) + (x - iy) \\ &= (x^2 - y^2 + x) + i(2xy - y). \end{aligned}$$

So  $u(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + x$  and  $v(x, y) = 2xy - y$ .

b) For  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 1)\}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x+iy) &= \frac{x+iy}{x-iy+i} = \frac{(x+iy)(x-i(1-y))}{(x+i(1-y))(x-i(1-y))} \\
 &= \frac{x^2+y(1-y)+i(xy-x(1-y))}{x^2+(1-y)^2} \\
 &= \frac{x^2+y(1-y)}{x^2+(1-y)^2} + i \frac{2xy-x}{x^2+(1-y)^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } u(x, y) = \frac{x^2+y(1-y)}{x^2+(1-y)^2} \text{ and } v(x, y) = \frac{2xy-x}{x^2+(1-y)^2}.$$

c) For  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  we have

$$f(x+iy) = e^{x+iy} = e^x e^{iy} = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y) = e^x \cos y + i e^x \sin y.$$

$$\text{So } u(x, y) = e^x \cos y \text{ and } v(x, y) = e^x \sin y.$$

6) We may take for example  $S = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z) \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ . Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . We verify that  $z$  is a boundary point of  $S$ . Let  $r > 0$ . We know that the interval  $(0, r) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  contains both rational and irrational numbers. Let  $q \in (0, r) \cap \mathbb{Q}$  and  $p \in (0, r) \cap (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q})$ . Then  $|(z+p)-z| = |p| = p < r$  and  $|(z+q)-z| = |q| = q < r$  and so we have  $z+p, z+q \in B(z, r)$ . Moreover,  $\operatorname{Re}(z+p) = \operatorname{Re}(z) + \operatorname{Re}(p) \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , because the sum of a rational number and an irrational number is always irrational. Similarly,  $\operatorname{Re}(z+q) = \operatorname{Re}(z) + \operatorname{Re}(q) \in \mathbb{Q}$ , because the sum of two rational numbers is always rational. Hence  $p \in B(z, r) \cap (\mathbb{C} \setminus S) \neq \emptyset$  and  $q \in B(z, r) \cap S \neq \emptyset$ . This demonstrates that  $z$  is a boundary point of  $S$ .

7)

a) Let  $A > 0$  be arbitrary and  $\delta > 0$  be a number that we will specify later. For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |z+i| < \delta$  we have  $|\frac{1}{(z+i)^5}| = \frac{1}{|z+i|^5} > \frac{1}{\delta^5}$ . Therefore, if we choose  $\delta = (\frac{1}{A})^{\frac{1}{5}}$  we have  $|\frac{1}{(z+i)^5}| > \frac{1}{\delta^5} = A$ , whenever  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |z+i| < \delta$ .

b) Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and let  $\delta > 0$  be a number that we will specify later. For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |z-3i| < \delta$  we have

$$|\frac{z^2-2iz+3}{z-3i} - 4i| = |\frac{(z-3i)(z+i)}{z-3i} - 4i| = |z-3i| < \delta$$

We now specify that  $\delta = \varepsilon$ . Then, the above shows that  $|\frac{z^2-2iz+3}{z-3i} - 4i| < \delta = \varepsilon$  whenever  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $0 < |z-3i| < \delta$ .

8)

a) For every  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{i\}$  we have

$$\frac{z^3+iz^2-z+3i}{z-i} = \frac{(z-i)(z^2+2iz-3)}{z-i} = z^2+2iz-3.$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{z^3+iz^2-z+3i}{z-i} = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} (z^2+2iz-3) = i^2+2i(i)-3 = -6.$$

For the second last equation we used the fact that polynomials are continuous.

b) Using the triangle inequality we have for every  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus B(0,3)$

$$\left| \frac{z^2}{iz^3 + 3z - 1} \right| = \frac{|z|^2}{|iz^3 + 3z - 1|} \leq \frac{|z|^2}{|i||z|^3 - 3|z| - 1} = \frac{|z|^2}{|z|^3 - 3|z| - 1} \leq \frac{2|z|^2}{|z|^3}.$$

In the last inequality we used that  $R \geq 3$  implies  $R^3 \geq 8R \geq 6R + 2$  and so  $R^3 - 3R - 1 \geq \frac{1}{2}R^3$ . Therefore, given  $\varepsilon > 0$  we may choose  $M = \frac{3}{\varepsilon}$  and observe for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|z| \geq M$  that

$$\left| \frac{z^2}{iz^3 + 3z - 1} \right| \leq \frac{2}{|z|} < \varepsilon.$$

This shows that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z^2}{iz^3 + 3z - 1} = 0.$$

c) For each  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{2i\}$  we have

$$\frac{1}{(z^2 + 4)} = \frac{1}{(z + 2i)(z - 2i)}.$$

We observe that as  $z \rightarrow 2i$ , the denominator tends to zero, so the absolute value of the quotient tends to  $\infty$ . Thus, we will verify that the limit is  $\infty$ . Fix  $A > 0$  and observe that if  $\delta > 0$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |z - 2i| < \delta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{z^2 + 4} \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{(z - 2i)(z + 2i)} \right| = \frac{1}{|z - 2i|} \frac{1}{|z + 2i|} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{1}{|2i + 2i| - |2i - z|} \geq \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{1}{4 - \delta}. \end{aligned}$$

If, additionally, we have  $\delta < 1$  then the last quantity is at least  $\frac{1}{3\delta}$ . Hence, if we choose  $\delta = \min(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3A})$ , then

$$\left| \frac{1}{z^2 + 4} \right| \geq \frac{1}{3\delta} > A \text{ whenever } z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } 0 < |z - 2i| < \delta.$$

Hence,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \frac{1}{z^2 + 4} = \infty$ .

9) Fix  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{p\}$ . We verify, via the definition of the derivative, that

$$f'(z_0) = -\frac{1}{(z_0 - p)^2}.$$

For  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{p, z_0\}$  we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} &= \frac{1}{z - z_0} \left( \frac{1}{z - p} - \frac{1}{z_0 - p} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{z - z_0} \left( \frac{(z_0 - p) - (z - p)}{(z - p)(z_0 - p)} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{z - z_0} \frac{z_0 - z}{(z - p)(z_0 - p)} = - \frac{1}{(z - p)(z_0 - p)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we may use that the denominator of the last expression is a continuous function of  $z$  and the Algebra of Limits to conclude that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} - \frac{1}{(z - p)(z_0 - p)} = - \frac{1}{(z_0 - p)^2}.$$

10)

- a) We have  $f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ , with  $u(x, y) = xy^3$  and  $v(x, y) = 0$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . We compute the partial derivatives of  $u$  and  $v$  as  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y^3$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3xy^2$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$ . Therefore, the Cauchy Riemann equations hold for  $u$  and  $v$  at  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  if and only if
- $$y^3 = 0 \text{ and } 3xy^2 = 0.$$

This pair of equations is satisfied if and only if  $y = 0$ , so the Cauchy Riemann equations hold at every point of the form  $(x, 0)$  with  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . By Theorem 6.1, we conclude that  $f$  is not differentiable at any point  $x + iy$  with  $y \neq 0$ . To decide whether  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  we investigate whether the limit defining  $f'(x_0)$  exists. So, for  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  we observe

$$\frac{f(z) - f(x_0)}{z - x_0} = \frac{xy^3}{z - x_0} = \frac{(x - x_0)y^3 + x_0y^3}{z - x_0}.$$

We note that the numerator of the latter expression has absolute value at most

$$|x - x_0||y|^3 + |x_0||y|^3.$$

Since  $z - x_0 = (x - x_0) + iy$  we also have  $|x - x_0| \leq |z - x_0|$  and  $|y| \leq |z|$ . (Here we are using the inequalities  $|\operatorname{Re}(w)| \leq |w|$  and  $|\operatorname{Im}(w)| \leq |w|$  which hold for all complex numbers  $w$ ). Therefore the absolute value of the numerator may be bounded above by

$$|z - x_0|^4 + |x_0||z - x_0|^3.$$

Hence the absolute value of the numerator approaches zero much quicker than that of the denominator as  $z$  tends to zero. We therefore aim to verify precisely that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z) - f(x_0)}{z - x_0} = 0$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and observe, for  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |z| < \delta$  that



$$\left| \frac{f(z) - f(x_0)}{z - x_0} \right| \leq \frac{|z - x_0|^4 + |x_0||z - x_0|^3}{|z - x_0|} \\ = |z - x_0|^3 + |x_0||z - x_0|^2 \leq (1 + |x_0|)\delta.$$

Therefore, if we choose  $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{1+|x_0|}$ , we get

$$\left| \frac{f(z) - f(0)}{z - 0} \right| < (1 + |x_0|)\delta = \varepsilon$$

whenever  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $0 < |z| < \delta$ .

Hence,  $f'(x_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(z) - f(x_0)}{z - x_0}$  exists and equals 0. We have shown that  $f$  is differentiable at each  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $f'(x_0) = 0$ .

b) We have

$$f(x + iy) = ((x - iy) + i)^2 = (x + i(1 - y))^2 \\ = x^2 - (1 - y)^2 + i2x(1 - y).$$

Hence,  $f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  with  $u(x, y) = x^2 - (1 - y)^2$  and  $v(x, y) = 2x(1 - y)$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . We compute the partial derivatives of  $u$  and  $v$  as  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2(1 - y)$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 2(1 - y)$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -2x$ . Therefore, the Cauchy Riemann equations are satisfied at  $(x, y)$  if and only if  $2x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -2x$  and  $2(1 - y) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -2(1 - y)$ . The only solution of this pair of equations is  $(x, y) = (0, 1)$ . We conclude, by Theorem 6.1, that  $f$  is not differentiable at any point  $x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $(x, y) \neq (0, 1)$ , that is, at any point in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{i\}$ . To determine whether  $f$  is differentiable at  $i$  we investigate whether the limit defining  $f'(i)$  exists. For  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{i\}$  we observe

$$\frac{f(z) - f(i)}{z - i} = \frac{(\overline{z} + i)^2}{z - i} = \frac{(\overline{z - i})^2}{z - i}.$$

Note that the absolute value of the numerator is given by  $|\overline{z - i}|^2 = |z - i|^2$ , and that this quantity tends to zero, much quicker than the absolute value of the denominator. We will therefore aim to show precisely that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{f(z) - f(i)}{z - i} = 0$ . Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and observe that for any  $\delta > 0$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < |z - i| < \delta$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{(\overline{z - i})^2}{z - i} \right| = \frac{|z - i|^2}{|z - i|} = |z - i| < \delta.$$

Therefore, if we choose  $\delta = \varepsilon$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(z) - f(i)}{z - i} \right| < \delta < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z - i| < \delta.$$

Hence,  $f'(i) = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{f(z) - f(i)}{z - i} = 0$ , and so  $f$  is differentiable at  $i$ .

c) We have  $f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ , where  $u(x, y) = e^y \sin x$  and  $v(x, y) = e^y \cos x$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . We compute the partial

derivatives of  $u$  and  $v$  as  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^y \cos x$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = e^y \sin x$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -e^y \sin x$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = e^y \cos x$ . Observe that at every  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(x, y) = e^y \cos x \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x, y) = e^y \sin x.$$

Hence,  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy the Cauchy Riemann equations at every  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Moreover, all of the functions  $u, v, \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We conclude, by Theorem 8.3, that  $f$  is differentiable at every point in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- 11) Writing  $f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  we have  $\bar{f}(x) = \tilde{u}(x) + i\tilde{v}(x, y)$ , with  $\tilde{u}(x, y) = u(x, y)$  and  $\tilde{v}(x, y) = -v(x, y)$ . Since both  $f$  and  $\bar{f}$  are holomorphic, the functions  $u$  and  $v$  and  $\tilde{u}$  and  $\tilde{v}$  satisfy the Cauchy Riemann equations at every point in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . So we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y},$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}.$$

Hence  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  hold everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ,

which implies all the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  are constant zero

on the whole of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We conclude, via the formula for the derivative of  $f$  in Theorem 6.1, that  $f'(z) = 0$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Therefore, by Theorem 7.2,  $f$  is constant, which implies that  $\bar{f}$  is constant as well.

- 12) We compute

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 3ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2,$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = bx^2 + 2cxy + 3dy^2,$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 6ax + 2by,$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 2cx + 6dy,$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = 2bx + 2cy.$$

Note that all these second order partial derivatives exist at every point  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and that they are continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Therefore,  $u: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is harmonic if and only if

$$(6ax + 2by) + (2cx + 6dy) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . This holds if and only if  $6a + 2c = 0$  and  $2b + 6d = 0$ . So the set of all 4-tuples for which  $u$  is harmonic is given by

$$\{(a, b, c, d) : u \text{ is harmonic}\} = \{(p, -3q, -3p, q) : p, q \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

13) We compute

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2}, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= \frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{2(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} &= \frac{2(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{-4xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

We note that all second order derivatives of  $u$  exist everywhere in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  and they are all continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Moreover, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2(y^2 - x^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{2(x^2 - y^2)}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} = 0.$$

Therefore,  $u$  satisfies all the conditions of Definition 8.1 and is harmonic.

Note that we cannot apply Theorem 8.3 to  $u$  as a harmonic function  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  because  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  is not simply connected. Therefore, a priori it is not clear whether a harmonic conjugate of  $u$  exists. However, we will find one.

Suppose  $v: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a harmonic conjugate of  $u: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy the Cauchy Riemann equations in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . So we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y^2}, \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Integrating the first equation with respect to  $y$ , we get

$$v(x, y) = 2 \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + c(x),$$

for some function  $c(x)$ . Differentiating with respect to  $x$  and applying the second Cauchy Riemann equation, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{2}{1 + \frac{y^2}{x^2}} \frac{-y}{x^2} + c'(x) = -\frac{2y}{x^2 + y^2}.$$

We conclude that  $c'(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ , so  $c(x) = c$  is a constant. To obtain a candidate of a harmonic conjugate of  $u: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we may choose any value of the constant  $c$  that we wish. Hence we take, for example  $v(x, y) = 2 \arctan \frac{y}{x} + i$  for  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  as our candidate for a harmonic conjugate of  $u: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . By our construction of  $v$  we know that  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy the Cauchy Riemann equations at all

points of  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Moreover, we may compute the partial derivatives of  $v$  up until the partial derivatives of second order and observe that they are all defined and continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Hence,  $v$  is harmonic and a harmonic conjugate of  $u$ .

14) For  $z \in T_1 \setminus \{0\}$  we have  $\bar{z} = -z$  and so  $\frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z} = \frac{z^2}{-z^2} = -1$ . Hence

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_1}} \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z} = \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_1}} \frac{z^2}{-z^2} = \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_2}} -1 = -1.$$

On the other hand, for  $z \in T_2 \setminus \{0\}$  we have  $\bar{z} = z$  and so  $\frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z} = \frac{z^2}{z^2} = 1$ .

Hence

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_2}} \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z} = \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_2}} \frac{z^2}{z^2} = \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_2}} 1 = 1.$$

Since we have two sets  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  such that

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_1}} \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z} \neq \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_2}} \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z},$$

we conclude, by Lemma 3.3 in the lecture notes, that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z}$  does not exist.

15) We take  $T_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}$  and  $T_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < 0\}$ . Note that 0 is a boundary point of  $T_i \setminus \{0\}$  for both  $i = 1, 2$ , so we may investigate

$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_i}} \frac{z}{|z|}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . For  $z \in T_1$  we have  $z = |z|$  and so  $\frac{z}{|z|} = 1$ . Hence,

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_1}} \frac{z}{|z|} = \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_1}} 1 = 1.$$

On the other hand, for  $z \in T_2$  we have  $|z| = -z$  and so

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_2}} \frac{z}{|z|} = \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_2}} -1 = -1.$$

Since we have two sets  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  such that

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_1}} \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z} \neq \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow 0 \\ z \in T_2}} \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z},$$

we conclude, by Lemma 3.3 in the lecture notes, that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^2}{\bar{z}z}$  does not exist.