

# MATH 270: Homework #6

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1. Consider the function  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2}$ .

(a)  $f$  satisfies  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$  for all closed contours not passing through the origin but is not holomorphic at  $z = 0$ . Does this statement contradict Morera's Theorem?

No, because Morera's theorem requires that the integral be zero along any closed curve, not only those avoiding any singularities.

(b)  $f$  is bounded as  $z \rightarrow \infty$  but it is not a constant. Does this statement contradict Liouville's theorem?

No. Liouville's theorem requires that  $f$  be bounded on all of  $\mathbb{C}$ , not eventually bounded, i.e., bounded for  $z$  with sufficiently large moduli.

2. Let  $f(z)$  be entire and let  $|f(z)| \geq 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Prove that  $f$  is constant.

Since  $|f(z)| \geq 1$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $f$  never vanishes and  $\frac{1}{f(z)}$  is also entire. Then  $\left| \frac{1}{f(z)} \right| \leq 1$ , so by Liouville's theorem it is constant, and so  $f$  must also be constant.

3. Let  $f$  be entire and let  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for  $z$  in  $\gamma = \{z \mid |z| = R\}$ , for fixed  $R$ . Prove that

$$f^{(k)}(re^{i\theta}) \leq \frac{k!M}{(R-r)^k}$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $0 \leq r < R$ .

Pick any point  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|z_0| = r < R$ . Then there exists a neighborhood around  $z_0$  of radius  $R - r$  contained in  $\gamma$ .  $f$  is entire so by the maximum modulus principle  $|f(z)| \leq M$  on this circle, too. Cauchy's inequality implies that  $|f^{(k)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{k!}{(R-r)^k} M$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , but since  $z_0$  was arbitrary this is true for all  $z$  with  $|z| < R$  and the result follows.

4. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be holomorphic on a region  $A$  with  $g'(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in A$ . Furthermore, let  $g$  be injective and  $\gamma$  be any closed curve in  $A$ . Show that for  $z \notin \gamma$ ,

$$f(z)I(\gamma, z) = \frac{g'(z)}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(\zeta)}{g(\zeta) - g(z)} d\zeta$$

Since  $g$  is injective and  $g'$  never vanishes  $g^{-1}$  exists and  $\frac{dg^{-1}(w)}{dw} = \frac{1}{g'(z)}$  where  $z = g^{-1}(w)$ . Therefore, writing  $\zeta = g^{-1}(w)$  and  $w_0 = g(z)$ , by Cauchy's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(\zeta)}{g(\zeta) - g(z)} d\zeta &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dg^{-1}(w)}{dw} \frac{f(g^{-1}(w))}{w - w_0} dw \\ &= \frac{dg^{-1}(w_0)}{dw} f(g^{-1}(w_0)) I(\gamma, z) \\ &= \frac{f(z)}{g'(z)} I(\gamma, z) \end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  have radius of convergence  $R$  and let  $A = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < R\}$ . Show that  $\int_{\gamma} f = 0$  for every closed curve  $\gamma$  in  $A$  where  $A = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < R\}$ .

Every polynomial is entire, so by Cauchy's theorem  $\int_{\gamma} a_n z^n = 0$  for any closed curve  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ , assuming  $a_n$  is defined there. Since integrals are finitely additive, if  $\gamma$  is a closed curve in  $A$

$$\int_{\gamma} \left( \sum_{n=0}^k a_n z^n \right) dz = \sum_{n=0}^k \int_{\gamma} a_n z^n dz = 0$$

Certainly, then, the integral is 0 in the limit, since the above statement is true for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

6. Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  converge for  $|z| < R$ . If  $0 < r < R$  show that  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n e^{in\theta}$  where  $z = re^{i\theta}$  and

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi r^n} \int_0^{2\pi} f(re^{i\theta}) e^{-in\theta} d\theta$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 r^{2n}$$

From Taylor's theorem the coefficients  $a_n$  are  $a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$ . Parameterize the circle of radius  $r$  by  $\gamma(\theta) = re^{i\theta}$  for  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ , then by Cauchy's theorem

$$a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta^{n+1}} d\zeta = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(re^{i\theta})}{r^{n+1} e^{i(n+1)\theta}} r i e^{i\theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi r^n} \int_0^{2\pi} f(re^{i\theta}) e^{-in\theta} d\theta$$

As for the second equation, consider that

$$\begin{aligned} f(re^{i\theta}) \overline{f(re^{i\theta})} &= |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 = \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^n e^{in\theta} \right) \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \overline{a_m} r^m e^{-im\theta} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \overline{a_m} r^m e^{-im\theta} \right) a_n r^n e^{in\theta} \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left( a_n \overline{a_m} r^{n+m} e^{i(n-m)\theta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

But note that if  $n = m$  then  $\int_0^{2\pi} a_n \overline{a_m} r^{n+m} e^{i(n-m)\theta} d\theta = 2\pi |a_n|^2 r^{2n}$ , and if  $n \neq m$  this integral is 0. Hence

$$\int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta = 2\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 r^{2n}$$

7. Suppose  $f$  is a nonvanishing function on  $\overline{D(0,1)}$  such that  $f|_{D(0,1)}$  is holomorphic. Prove that if  $|f(z)| = 1$  when  $|z| = 1$  then  $f$  is constant.

Define

$$\tilde{f}(z) = \begin{cases} f(z) & |z| \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{\overline{f(\bar{z})}} & |z| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Since  $f$  never vanishes  $\tilde{f}$  is defined and analytic for  $|z| > R$  with a power series

$$\frac{1}{\overline{f(\bar{z})}} = \frac{1}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \overline{a_n} z^n}$$

This power series converges since it has a radius of convergence of  $\frac{1}{R}$  where  $R$  is the radius of convergence of the power series representation of  $f$ . Hence, if  $R > 1$  then  $\frac{1}{R} < 1$  and the series converges. By the same reasoning as in the Schwarz reflection principle  $\tilde{f}$  is entire and  $\tilde{f}|_{\overline{D(0,1)}} = f$ . In particular this means  $|\tilde{f}(z)| = 1$  when  $|z| = 1$ . The only analytic functions with constant moduli on any set are constant functions, so  $\tilde{f}$  must be constant on the boundary of the unit disc. Cauchy's formula implies that  $\tilde{f}$  is the same constant for any  $z$  with  $|z| < 1$ . Finally,  $\tilde{f}$  must be constant since the extension is unique.