## Midterm MATH 621

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Problem 1 (Problem 5, Chapter VI.1, p. 170).

Suppose f(z) is analytic on the punctured plane  $D = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Show that there is a constant c such that the function f(z) - c/z has a primitive in D. Give a formula for the constant c in terms of an integral of f(z) (Recall: a primitive for f(z) is a function F(z) such that F'(z) = f(z).)

## Solution.

Since f is analytic for  $z \neq 0$ , it has a Laurent decomposition  $f(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  where the  $a_n$ 's can be given by

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{f(z)}{z^{n+1}} dz.$$

If we choose  $c = a_{-1}$ , then the function  $f(z) - \frac{c}{z}$  has a primitive given by

$$F(z) = \sum_{\substack{k = -\infty \\ k \neq 1}}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k+1} z^k$$

and the constant c is given by

$$c = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=1} f(z) dz.$$

**Problem 2** (Problem 3 (a) and (d), Chapter VI.2, p. 176). Consider the function  $f(z) = \tan z$  in the annulus  $\{3 < |z| < 4\}$ . Let  $f(z) = f_0(z) + f_1(z)$  be the Laurent decomposition of f(z), so that  $f_0(z)$  is analytic for |z| < 4, and  $f_1(z)$  is analytic for |z| > 3 and vanishes at

- (a) Obtain an explicit expression for  $f_1(z)$ .
- (d) What is the radius of convergence of the power series expansion for  $f_0(z)$ ?

**Solution.** Since  $f(z) = \tan z = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z}$ , the function f(z) has singularities at the roots of  $\cos(z)$ , which are at  $\pi\left(m+\frac{1}{2}\right)$  for each  $m\in\mathbb{Z}$ . In particular,  $\cos z$  has two roots in the disk  $\{|z|<4\}$  at  $\pm\frac{\pi}{2}$ , so  $\tan z$  has two singularities at  $z=\pm\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

(a) We first find an explicit expression for  $f_1(z)$ . Expanding out the power series for  $\cos z$  and  $\sin z$  at  $z = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we have

$$\tan z = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z} = -\frac{\cos\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = -\frac{1 - \frac{1}{2!}\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \cdots}{\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{3!}\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3 + \cdots}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{z - \frac{\pi}{2}} \left[ \frac{1 - \frac{1}{2!}\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \cdots}{1 - \frac{1}{3!}\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \cdots} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{z - \frac{\pi}{2}} \left[ \left(1 - \frac{1}{2!}\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \cdots\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3!}\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 + \cdots\right) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{z - \frac{\pi}{2}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{3}\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cdots}_{\text{analytic}}.$$

So  $\tan z$  has a simple pole at  $z=\frac{\pi}{2}$  thus  $\tan z+\frac{1}{z-\frac{\pi}{2}}$  is analytic near  $z=\frac{\pi}{2}$ . Performing a similar analysis at  $z=-\frac{\pi}{2}$ , we see that

$$\tan z = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z} = -\frac{\cos\left(z + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(z + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}$$
$$= -\frac{1}{z + \frac{\pi}{2}} + \text{analytic},$$

so  $\tan z + \frac{1}{z + \frac{\pi}{2}}$  is analytic near  $z = -\frac{\pi}{2}$ . Hence, choosing  $f_1(z) = -\left(\frac{1}{z - \frac{\pi}{2}} + \frac{1}{z + \frac{\pi}{2}}\right)$ , we see that  $\tan z - f_1(z)$  is analytic for |z| < 4, whereas  $f_1(z)$  is analytic for |z| > 3.

(d) Note that  $f_0(z) = \tan z - f_1(z)$ . The only singularities of  $\tan z$  are  $\pi\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)$ , and from the above analysis we see that each singularity is a simple pole. The radius of convergence of  $f_0(z)$  at z = 0 will be the distance to the nearest pole of  $f_0(z)$ , which is at  $\pm \frac{3\pi}{2}$ . So the radius of convergence is  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ .

**Problem 3** (Problem 9, Chapter VII.2, p. 203). Show that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2 + 1} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \right].$$

**Solution.** Note that  $\sin^2 x = \frac{1-\cos(2x)}{2}$ . We may split the integral in question into two as

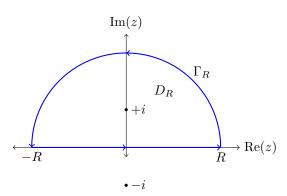
$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2 + 1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \cos(2x)}{x^2 + 1} dx = \frac{1}{2} (I_1 - I_2),$$

where the integrals that we now need to evaluate are  $I_1 = \int \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx$  and  $I_2 = \int \frac{\cos(2x)}{x^2+1} dx$ . The value of the integral  $I_2$  may be taken to be the real part of the integral  $\int \frac{e^{2ix}}{x^2+1} dx$ . In both cases, we evaluate the integral by integrating over the boundary of the half disk  $D_R$  of radius R in the upper half-plane. Since the degree of the polynomial in the denominator is at least two, the integral over the semi circular path  $\Gamma_R$  of radius R in the upper half-plane will tend to zero as  $R \to \infty$ . So the integrals can be evaluated as

$$I_1 = \lim_{R \to \infty} \int_{\partial D_r} \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} dz \qquad \text{and} \qquad I_1 = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \lim_{R \to \infty} \int_{\partial D_r} \frac{e^{2iz}}{z^2 + 1} dz \right].$$

The only poles of the integrands are at  $\pm i$ , so the residues of interest are

$$\operatorname{Res} \left[ \frac{1}{z^2 + 1}, i \right] = \left. \frac{1}{2z} \right|_{z = i} = \frac{1}{2i} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \operatorname{Res} \left[ \left. \frac{e^{i2z}}{z^2 + 1}, i \right] = \left. \frac{e^{i2z}}{2x} \right|_{z = i} = \frac{e^{-2}}{2i}.$$



Hence we have

$$I_1 = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}\left[\frac{1}{z^2 + 1}, i\right] = \pi$$
 and  $I_2 = \operatorname{Re}\left[2\pi i \operatorname{Res}\left[\frac{e^{2iz}}{z^2 + 1}, i\right]\right] = \frac{\pi}{e^2}.$ 

Putting this all together yields the desired result:

$$I = \frac{1}{2} (I_1 + I_2) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} \right].$$

**Problem 4** (Problem 3, Chapter VII.3, p. 205). Show using residue theory that

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{a + \cos \theta} d\theta = \pi \left[ a - \sqrt{a^2 - 1} \right] \qquad \text{for } a > 1$$

**Solution.** We first note that the integral in question remains the same if we instead integrate from  $\pi$  to  $2\pi$ :

$$I = \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{a + \cos \theta} d\theta = \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{a + \cos \theta} d\theta.$$

Indeed, performing the change of variables  $\varphi = 2\pi - \theta$ , we have  $d\theta = -d\varphi$  and thus

$$I = -\int_{2\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2(2\pi - \varphi)}{a + \cos(2\pi - \varphi)} d\varphi$$
$$= \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2(-\varphi)}{a + \cos(-\varphi)} d\varphi = \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2(\varphi)}{a + \cos(\varphi)} d\varphi$$

as desired, since  $\cos(2\pi - \varphi) = \cos(-\varphi) = \cos(\varphi)$  and  $\sin^2(2\pi - \varphi) = \sin^2(-\varphi) = \sin^2\varphi$ . Thus, the integral *I* is

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{a + \cos \theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\left(\frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}\right)^2}{a + \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}} d\theta = -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\left(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}\right)^2}{2a + e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}} d\theta$$

and we can apply residue theory. Using the change of variables  $z = e^{i\theta}$ , and thus  $d\theta = \frac{1}{iz}dz$ , this becomes

$$I = -\frac{1}{4} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)^2}{\left(2a + z + \frac{1}{z}\right)} \frac{dz}{iz} = -\frac{1}{4i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{\left(z^2 - 1\right)^2}{z^2 \left(z^2 + 2az + 1\right)} dz.$$

The integrand has a double pole at z = 0 and simple poles at

$$z = \frac{-2a \pm \sqrt{4a^2 - 4}}{2} = -a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 1}.$$

Of the latter poles, note that only one sits within the unit circle, since  $\left|-a-\sqrt{a^2-1}\right|=a+\sqrt{a^2-1}>a>1$ , whereas

$$\left| -a + \sqrt{a^2 - 1} \right| = a - \sqrt{a^2 - 1} < 1,$$

since  $a-1 < \sqrt{a^2-1}$ . The residues of the poles of the integrand within the unit circle are

$$\operatorname{Res}\left[\frac{\left(z^{2}-1\right)^{2}}{z^{2}\left(z^{2}+2az+1\right)},0\right] = \lim_{z\to0}\left[\frac{d}{dz}\left(z^{2}\frac{\left(z^{2}-1\right)^{2}}{z^{2}\left(z^{2}+2az+1\right)}\right)\right]$$
$$= \lim_{z\to0}\left[\frac{4z(z^{2}+2az+1)(z^{2}-1)-(2z+2a)(z^{2}-1)^{2}}{(z^{2}+2az+1)^{2}}\right] = -2a.$$

and (where we note that  $\frac{1}{-a+\sqrt{a^2+1}}=-(a+\sqrt{a^2-1})$  and  $\frac{(z^2-1)^2}{z^2}=(z-\frac{1}{2})^2)$ 

$$\operatorname{Res}\left[\frac{\left(z^{2}-1\right)^{2}}{z^{2}\left(z^{2}+2az+1\right)},-a+\sqrt{a^{2}-1}\right] = \frac{\left(z-\frac{1}{z}\right)^{2}}{2z+2a}\bigg|_{z=-a+\sqrt{a^{2}-1}}$$
$$=\frac{\left(-a+\sqrt{a^{2}-1}+a+\sqrt{a^{2}-1}\right)^{2}}{2\sqrt{a^{2}-1}} = \frac{2(a^{2}-1)}{\sqrt{a^{2}-1}} = 2\sqrt{a^{2}-1}.$$

Putting this together, we see that the integral in question is

$$I = -\frac{1}{4i} 2\pi i \left( \text{Res} \left[ \frac{\left(z^2 - 1\right)^2}{z^2 \left(z^2 + 2az + 1\right)}, 0 \right] + \text{Res} \left[ \frac{\left(z^2 - 1\right)^2}{z^2 \left(z^2 + 2az + 1\right)}, -a + \sqrt{a^2 - 1} \right] \right) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \left( 2\sqrt{a^2 - 1} - 2a \right).$$

as desired.

Problem 5 (Problem 3, Chapter VII.6, p. 215).

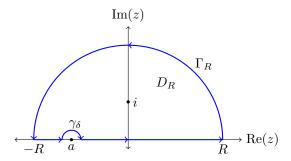
By integrating around the boundary of an indented half-disk in the upper half-plane, show that

$$PV \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)(x - a)} dx = -\frac{\pi a}{a^2 + 1} \qquad \text{for } -\infty < a < \infty.$$

Solution. The integral may be evaluated by taking the limit of the sum of the integrals

$$\int_{-R}^{a-\delta} \frac{1}{(x^2+1)(x-a)} dx + \int_{a+\delta}^{R} \frac{1}{(x^2+1)(x-a)} dx$$

as  $R \to \infty$  and  $\delta \to 0$ . These can be evaluated by integrating around the boundaries of the indented half-disks  $D_R$  as shown in the following figure.



The indented half-disk contains only one pole at z=i, so integrating around the boundary of  $D_R$  yields

$$\int_{\partial D_R} \frac{1}{(z^2+1)(z-a)} dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res} \left[ \frac{1}{(z^2+1)(z-a)}, i \right] = 2\pi i \left. \frac{1}{2z(z-a)} \right|_{z=i}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi i}{2i(i-a)} = \frac{\pi}{i-a} = \frac{-\pi(a+i)}{a^2+1}.$$

The integral along the semicircular path  $\Gamma_R$  of radius R will tend to zero as  $R \to \infty$ , since the polynomial in the denominator has degree three. So we only need to worry about the integral along the semicircular path  $\gamma_\delta$  in the clockwise direction around the point z=a. By the Fractional Residue Theorem, taking the limit of this as  $\delta \to 0$  yields

$$\lim_{\delta \to 0} \int_{\gamma_{\delta}} \frac{1}{(z^2 + 1)(z - a)} dz = -\pi i \operatorname{Res} \left[ \frac{1}{(z^2 + 1)(z - a)}, a \right] = -\pi i \left. \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} \right|_{z = a} = \frac{-\pi i}{a^2 + 1}.$$

Putting this together in the limit as  $R \to \infty$  yields

$$\left(\int_{\partial D_R}\right) - \left(\lim_{\delta \to 0} \int_{\gamma_\delta}\right) = -\frac{\pi a}{a^2 + 1}$$

as desired.

Problem 6 (Problem 5, Chapter VII.7, p. 218).

Show that

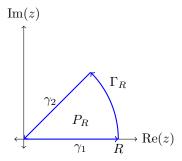
$$\lim_{R \to \infty} \int_0^R \sin(x^2) dx = \lim_{R \to \infty} \int_0^R \cos(x^2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{2}},$$

by integrating  $e^{iz}$  around the boundary of the pie-slice domain determined by  $0 < \arg z < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and |z| < R. (Remark: These improper integrals are called the **Fresnel integrals**.)

Solution. We can evaluate these integrals by examining the real and imaginary parts of the integrals

$$\int_0^R e^{ix^2} dx,$$

and integrating this around the boundary of the pie-slice domain  $P_R$  as shown in the following figure.



The integral around the outer arc of radius R tends to zero as  $R \to \infty$ . Indeed, making the change of variables  $z = Re^{i\theta}$  and  $dz = iRe^{i\theta}d\theta$  yields

$$\begin{split} \int_{\Gamma_R} e^{iz^2} dz &= iR \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{iR^2 e^{i2\theta}} e^{i\theta} d\theta = iR \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{iR^2(\cos(2\theta) + i\sin(2\theta))} e^{i\theta} d\theta \\ &= iR \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{-R^2\sin(2\theta)} e^{i\left(R^2\cos(2\theta) + \theta\right)} d\theta. \end{split}$$

Along the lines of the proof of Jordan's lemma, note that  $\sin(2\theta) \ge \frac{4\theta}{\pi}$  on the interval  $0 \le \theta \le \frac{\pi}{4}$ , and thus

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_R} e^{iz^2} dz \right| \leq R \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{-R^2 \sin(2\theta)} d\theta \leq R \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} e^{-4R^2\theta/\pi} d\theta = R \frac{\pi}{4R^2} \int_0^{R^2} e^{-t} dt \leq \frac{\pi}{4R} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} dt = \frac{\pi}{4R}.$$

Hence  $\int_{\Gamma_R} e^{iz^2} dz \to 0$  as  $R \to \infty$ .

Next, we evaluate the integral along the path  $\gamma_2$  from the point  $Re^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$  to the origin. This may be parameterized as  $z=re^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$  where we take r from R to zero, and note that  $dz=e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}dr$ . This becomes

$$\int_{\gamma_2} e^{iz^2} dz = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_R^0 e^{ir^2 e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}} dr = -e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^R e^{-r^2} dr,$$

and taking the limit of this as  $R \to \infty$  yields the well-known Gaussian integral  $\int_0^\infty e^{-r^2} dr = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$ . Since there are no poles within the pie-slice domain, in the limit as  $R \to \infty$  we have that

$$\int_{\gamma_1} e^{iz^2} dz = -\int_{\gamma_1} e^{iz^2} dz = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{2}} (1+i).$$

Taking the real and imaginary parts of this integral yields the desired results.

Problem 7 (Problem 3, Chapter VIII.1, p. 228).

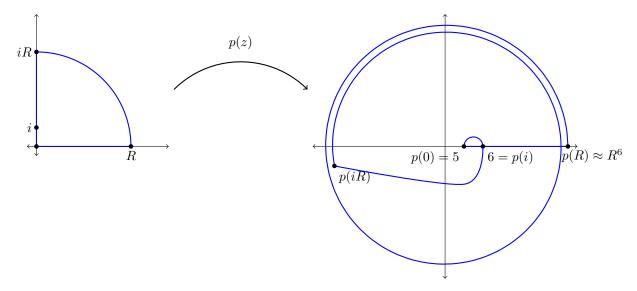
Find the number of zeros of the polynomial  $p(z) = z^6 + 4z^4 + z^3 + 2z^2 + z + 5$  in the first quadrant (Re z > 0, Im z > 0).

**Solution.** Note that there are no zeros on the positive real axis, since p(x) is the sum of positive numbers when x > 0. Furthermore, note that p(0) = 5. There are also no roots on the positive imaginary axis. Indeed, the imaginary part of

$$p(iy) = -y^6 + 4y^4 - 2y^2 + 5 + i(-y^3 + y)$$

is zero only when y = 0 or  $y = \pm 1$ , but the real part of p(iy) is -1 + 4 - 2 + 5 = 6 when y = 1.

We can count the number of zeros in the first quadrant by considering a closed path around the first quadrant and estimating the change in argument of p(z) along this path.



When  $R \gg 0$ , note that p(R) is dominated by the  $R^6$  term, and so  $p(R) \approx R^6$ . There is no change in argument along the path on the real axis from z=0 to R. Along the path of the quarter circle from R to iR, the path of polynomial  $p(Re^{i\theta})$  traces out a curve that goes 1.5 times around the origin, ending at  $p(iR) \approx -R^6 - iR^3$ . The change in argument of p(z) along this path is approximately  $3\pi$ . Along the path on the positive imaginary axis from iR to zero, the imaginary part of the polynomial has roots at y=1 and y=0. At y=1, the value of the polynomial is 6. So the change in argument of p(z) along the imaginary axis from iR to i is approximately  $\pi$ . From z=i to z=0, the value of the polynomial goes from 6 to 5 without crossing the real axis again, so the change in argument is zero Hence, the total change in argument is approximately  $4\pi$ . Since

$$\int_{\partial D_R} d\arg(p(z)) = 2\pi (N_0 - N_\infty),$$

and p(z) has no poles, the number of zeros in the first quadrant must be two.

Problem 8 (Problem 1, Chapter VIII.2, p. 230).

Show that  $2z^5 + 6z - 1$  has one root on the interval 0 < x < 1 and four roots in the annulus  $\{1 < |z| < 2\}$ .

**Solution.** Let  $p(z) = 2z^5 + 6z - 1$ . Note that p(0) = -1 < 0 but p(1) = 2 + 6 - 1 = 7 > 0, so p(z) must have at least one root on the interval 0 < x < 1 by the Intermediate Value Theorem.

Consider  $f_1(z) = 6z$  and  $h_1(z) = 2z^5 - 1$ . For z on the unit circle, note that

$$|h_1(z)| = |2z^5 - 1| \le 2|z|^5 + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$$

but  $|f_1(z)| = 6|z| = 6$ . Hence  $|h_1| < |f_1|$  on the circle  $\{|z| = 1\}$ . Note that  $f_1(z) = 6z$  has one root at z = 0, which is inside the unit disk, and thus  $p(z) = f_1(z) + h_1(z)$  has exactly one root inside the unit disk by Rouché's Theorem. But we already determined that p(z) has one real root on the interval (0,1), so there is exactly one root on this interval.

Now consider  $f_2(z) = 2z^5$  and  $h_2(z) = 6z - 1$ . For z on the circle  $\{|z| = 2\}$ , note that

$$|h_2(z)| = |6z - 1| \le 6|z| + 1 = 13$$

whereas  $|f_2(z)| = 2|z|^5 = 2^6$ . Hence  $|h_2| < |f_2|$  on the circle  $\{|z| = 2\}$ . Note that  $f_2(z) = 2z^5$  has five roots inside the disk  $\{|z| = 2\}$ , and thus  $p(z) = f_2(z) + h_2(z)$  also has five roots inside this disk by Rouché's Theorem. Since p(z) has no roots on the unit circle and exactly one root in the unit disk, p(z) must have four roots inside the annulus  $\{1 < |z| < 2\}$ .

Problem 9 (Problem 4, Chapter X.3, p. 287).

Suppose the curve  $\gamma$  passing through 0 is the graph of a function y = h(x) that can be expressed as a convergent power series  $h(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ , -r < x < r, where the  $a_k$ 's are real.

- (a) Show that  $z = \zeta + ih(\zeta)$  can be solved for  $\zeta = \zeta(z)$  as an analytic function of z for  $|z| < \varepsilon$ .
- (b) Show that  $\gamma$  is an analytic curve.
- (c) Show that the reflection through  $\gamma$  is given by  $z^* = 2\overline{\zeta(z)} \overline{z}$ .

**Solution.** Note that the curve  $\gamma$  is given by the points x + ih(x) for -r < x < r, and that h(0) = 0.

(a) Set  $z(\zeta) = \zeta + ih(\zeta)$  and note that z is analytic in  $\zeta$ . Taking the derivative yields

$$z'(\zeta) = 1 + ih'(\zeta) = 1 + i\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ka_k \zeta^{k-1}$$

and evaluating this derivative at zero gives us  $z'(0) = 1 + ia_1 \neq 0$ . By the inverse function theorem,  $z(\zeta)$  is invertible in some neighborhood of  $\zeta = 0$ . Hence, there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  and some open domain U containing 0 such that  $z(\zeta)$  is an analytic isomorphism of U and the unit disk  $D_{\varepsilon}$  of radius  $\varepsilon$ . So for each  $|z| < \varepsilon$  there is a unique  $\zeta \in U$  such that  $z = \zeta + ih(\zeta)$ , and we can write this as  $\zeta = \zeta(z)$ .

(b) Let x + ih(x) be a point on the curve  $\gamma$  for some -r < x < r. As above, consider the function  $z(\zeta) = \zeta + ih(\zeta)$ , but this time near the point  $\zeta = x$ . The derivative of z at x is

$$z'(x) = 1 + ih'(x),$$

which is never zero since  $\text{Re}\left[z'(x)\right]=1$  for any real x. So there exist neighborhoods of x and z(x) such that  $z(\zeta)$  is an analytic isomorphism between the two. Then we can find a disk  $D_{\delta}(x)$  of radius  $\delta>0$  centered at x such that  $z(\zeta)$  is an analytic isomorphism on this domain, and  $D_{\delta}(x)\cap\mathbb{R}=(x-\delta,x+\delta)$  is mapped into  $\gamma$ . This is the definition of an analytic arc.

(c) Recall that the reflection across an analytic arc is given by  $z^*(\zeta) = z(\bar{\zeta})$ . Since  $z(\zeta) = \zeta + ih(\zeta)$ , note that

$$\overline{z(\zeta)} = \bar{\zeta} - ih(\bar{\zeta})$$

and thus  $ih(\bar{\zeta}) = \bar{\zeta} - \overline{z(\zeta)}$ . So the reflection  $z^*$  can be given by

$$z^*(\zeta) = z(\bar{\zeta}) = \bar{\zeta} + ih(\bar{\zeta})$$
$$= \bar{\zeta} + \bar{\zeta} - \overline{z(\zeta)},$$

which yields  $z^* = 2\overline{\zeta(z)} - \overline{z}$ , as desired.

Problem 10 (Problem 6, Chapter X.1, p. 279).

A function f(z),  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , is said to have **radial limit** L at  $\zeta \in \partial \mathbb{D}$  if  $f(r\zeta) \to L$  as r increases to 1. Let  $h\left(e^{i\theta}\right)$  be a piecewise continuous function on the unit circle. Show that  $\tilde{h}(z)$  has a radial limit at each  $\zeta \in \partial \mathbb{D}$ , equal to the average of the limits of  $h\left(e^{i\theta}\right)$  at  $\zeta$  from each side.

**Solution.** (Don't we need to assume that  $h(e^{i\theta})$  is bounded?)

Let  $\zeta \in \partial \mathbb{D}$  with  $\zeta = e^{i\theta}$ . Since h is piecewise continuous and bounded, the 'right'- and 'left'-sided limits (or perhaps we should call them the 'clockwise' and 'counterclockwise' limits) of h exist at each point  $e^{i\theta}$  on the unit circle. We denote these one-sided limits as

$$h_{-}\left(e^{i\theta}\right) = \lim_{\varphi \nearrow 0^{+}} h\left(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right)$$
 and  $h_{+}\left(e^{i\theta}\right) = \lim_{\varphi \nearrow 0^{-}} h\left(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right)$ .

Hence for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|h(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}) - h_{-}(e^{i\theta})| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $\varphi \in (0,\delta)$ , and  $|h(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}) - h_{+}(e^{i\theta})| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $\varphi \in (-\delta,0)$ .

The rest of the proof follows along the lines of the proof of the boundary-value problem in chapter X.1 of the book. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and choose  $\delta > 0$  as above. Since h is bounded, there is an M > 0 such that  $\left|h\left(e^{i\theta}\right)\right| < M$  for all  $\theta$ . Note that  $\int_0^{\pi} P_r(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} = \int_{-\pi}^0 P_r(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2}$ , and thus comparing  $h\left(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right)$  to the left-sided limit of h at  $e^{i\theta}$  for  $\varphi > 0$  yields

$$\left| \int_{0}^{\pi} h\left(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right) P_{r}(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2}h_{-}\left(e^{i\theta}\right) \right| \leq \int_{0}^{\pi} \left| h\left(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right) - h_{-}\left(e^{i\theta}\right) \right| P_{r}(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi}$$

$$\leq \int_{0}^{\delta} \varepsilon P_{r}(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} + M \max_{\delta \leq \varphi \leq \pi} P_{r}(\varphi)$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + M \max_{\delta \leq \varphi \leq \pi} P_{r}(\varphi). \tag{10.1}$$

Similarly, comparing  $h\left(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right)$  to the right-sided limit of h at  $e^{i\theta}$  for  $\varphi<0$  yields

$$\left| \int_{-\pi}^{0} h\left(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right) P_{r}(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} - \frac{1}{2}h_{+}\left(e^{i\theta}\right) \right| \leq \int_{-\pi}^{0} \left| h\left(e^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right) - h_{+}\left(e^{i\theta}\right) \right| P_{r}(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi}$$

$$\leq \int_{-\delta}^{0} \varepsilon P_{r}(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} + M \max_{-\pi \leq \varphi \leq -\delta} P_{r}(\varphi)$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + M \max_{-\pi \leq \varphi \leq -\delta} P_{r}(\varphi). \tag{10.2}$$

Note that we can consider  $\tilde{h}\left(re^{i\theta}\right)$  by splitting the integral in two parts

$$\tilde{h}\left(re^{i\theta}\right) = \int_{-\pi}^{0} h\left(re^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right) P_r(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi} + \int_{0}^{\pi} h\left(re^{i(\theta-\varphi)}\right) P_r(\varphi) \frac{d\varphi}{2\pi}.$$
(10.3)

Putting together equations (10.1), (10.2), and (10.3), we see that

$$\begin{split} \left| \tilde{h} \left( r e^{i \theta} \right) - \frac{h_{-} \left( e^{i \theta} \right) + h_{+} \left( e^{i \theta} \right)}{2} \right| \\ & \leq \left| \int_{0}^{\pi} h \left( e^{i (\theta - \varphi)} \right) P_{r} (\varphi) \frac{d \varphi}{2 \pi} - \frac{1}{2} h_{-} \left( e^{i \theta} \right) \right| + \left| \int_{-\pi}^{0} h \left( e^{i (\theta - \varphi)} \right) P_{r} (\varphi) \frac{d \varphi}{2 \pi} - \frac{1}{2} h_{+} \left( e^{i \theta} \right) \right| \\ & \leq \varepsilon + 2 M \max_{\delta \leq |\varphi| \leq \pi} P_{r} (\varphi), \end{split}$$

and the value of the second summand in the last line tends to zero as  $r \to 1$ . Hence, for fixed  $\theta$ , the values of  $\tilde{h}\left(re^{i\theta}\right)$  cluster to within  $\varepsilon$  of  $\frac{h_-\left(e^{i\theta}\right)+h_+\left(e^{i\theta}\right)}{2}$  as  $r \to 1$ , and this is for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ . This result yields the desired limit.