

# Sample Midterm Solutions

MATH 103A

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[1] (a) Calculate:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(4+i) + (3+2i)}{-5 - (-2+4i)} &= \frac{7+3i}{-3-4i} \\ &= \frac{7+3i}{-3-4i} \cdot \frac{-3+4i}{-3+4i} \\ &= \frac{(-21-12) + i(28-9)}{9+16} \\ &= \frac{-33+19i}{25}\end{aligned}$$

(b) Write the quotient in polar form:

$$\frac{-\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}i}{1 + \sqrt{3}i} = \frac{2e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}}}{2e^{\frac{\pi i}{3}}} = e^{\left(\frac{3\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)i} = e^{\frac{5\pi i}{12}}$$

(c) Compute:

$$\begin{aligned}(-\sqrt{3} + i)^{20} &= \left(2e^{i\left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + 2\pi n\right)}\right)^{20} \\ &= 2^{20}e^{i\left(\frac{50\pi}{3} + 40\pi n\right)} \\ &= 2^{20}\cos\left(\frac{50\pi}{3} + 40\pi n\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{50\pi}{3} + 40\pi n\right) \\ &= 2^{20}\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + i\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ &= 2^{20}\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i\right) \\ &= -2^{19} + 2^{19}\sqrt{3}i\end{aligned}$$

(d) List all fourth roots of unity:

$$\begin{aligned}z^4 &= 1 \\ z^4 &= e^{2\pi i n} \\ z &= e^{\frac{\pi i}{2} \cdot n} \\ &= e^{\frac{\pi i}{2} \cdot 0}, e^{\frac{\pi i}{2} \cdot 1}, e^{\frac{\pi i}{2} \cdot 2}, e^{\frac{\pi i}{2} \cdot 3} \\ &= 1, i, -1, -i\end{aligned}$$

[2] (a) Compute each of the following limits:

(1)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+2) + (2n+3)i}{n+3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+2}{n+3} + i \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+3}{n+3} = 1 + 2i$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{-3+4i}{6} \right)^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3}i \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{5}{6} e^{i \arctan\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)} \right)^n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{5}{6} \right)^n \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{in \arctan\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)} \\ &= 0 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{in \arctan\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{z^2 - (3+i)z + 3i}{z^2 + 1} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{(z-i)(z-3)}{(z-i)(z+i)} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{z-3}{z+i} \\ &= \frac{i-3}{2i} \\ &= -\frac{1+3i}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Check where

$$f(z) = \cosh(x) \cos(y) + i \sinh(x) \sin(y)$$

is complex differentiable (analytic) and compute  $f'(z)$ .

In order for a complex-valued function to be differentiable we need to check that the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied for components  $u(x, y) = \cosh(x) \cos(y)$  and  $v(x, y) = \sinh(x) \sin(y)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= \sinh(x) \cos(y) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} &= -\cosh(x) \sin(y) = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

Now the complex derivative is given by:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \sinh(x) \cos(y) + i \cosh(x) \sin(y)$$

(c) Verify that  $\cosh(x) \cos(y)$  is harmonic in the complex plane and find its harmonic conjugate.

For a given function to be harmonic we check that it satisfies Laplace's equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\sinh(x) \cos(y)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (-\cosh(x) \sin(y)) = \cosh(x) \cos(y) - \cosh(x) \cos(y) = 0$$

Now in order to determine the harmonic conjugate we aim to find a function  $v(x, y)$  s.t.:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \cosh(x) \sin(y) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \sinh(x) \cos(y)$$

Starting with the equation on the left-hand side:

$$v(x, y) = \int \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx = \int \cosh(x) \sin(y) dx = \sinh(x) \sin(y) + g(y)$$

To finish up we need to calculate  $g(y)$  which can be determined by differentiating with respect to  $y$  giving  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \sinh(x) \cos(y) + g'(y)$ . This will satisfy the equation on the right-hand side if  $g'(y) = 0$  providing directly  $g(y) = C$  for  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, the harmonic conjugate is given by  $v(x, y) = \sinh(x) \sin(y) + C$  (there are infinitely many choices without some initial condition).

[3] (a) Find the partial fraction decomposition of:

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

Over the complex field any rational function can be expanded as:

$$R(z) = \frac{p(z)}{(z-\zeta_1)^{k_1}(z-\zeta_2)^{k_2}\dots(z-\zeta_n)^{k_n}} = \sum_{q=1}^n \sum_{p=0}^{k_q-1} \frac{A_p^q}{(z-\zeta_q)^{k_q-p}}$$

where:

$$A_p^q = \frac{1}{p!} \frac{d^p}{dz^p} (z-\zeta_q)^{k_q} R(z) \Big|_{z=\zeta_q}$$

Thus, for the function we are given we want to expand it as:

$$R(z) = \frac{4+i}{(z+1)(z+2i)(z+i)^2} = \frac{A_0^1}{z+1} + \frac{A_0^2}{z+2i} + \frac{A_0^3}{(z+i)^2} + \frac{A_1^3}{z+i}$$

with the coefficients being given by:

$$\begin{aligned} A_0^1 &= \frac{1}{0!} \frac{d^0}{dz^0} (z+1)R(z) \Big|_{z=-1} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{(z+2i)(z+i)^2} \Big|_{z=-1} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{(-1+2i)(-1+i)^2} \\ A_0^2 &= \frac{1}{0!} \frac{d^0}{dz^0} (z+2i)R(z) \Big|_{z=-2i} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{(z+1)(z+i)^2} \Big|_{z=-2i} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{(1-2i)(-i)^2} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{2i-1} \\ A_0^3 &= \frac{1}{0!} \frac{d^0}{dz^0} (z+i)^2 R(z) \Big|_{z=-i} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{(z+1)(z+2i)} \Big|_{z=-i} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{(1-i)(i)} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{1+i} \\ A_1^3 &= \frac{1}{1!} \frac{d^1}{dz^1} (z+i)^2 R(z) \Big|_{z=-i} \\ &= \frac{d}{dz} \frac{4+i}{(z+1)(z+2i)} \Big|_{z=-i} \\ &= -\frac{(4+i)(2z+(1+2i))}{(z+1)^2(z+2i)^2} \Big|_{z=-i} \\ &= -\frac{4+i}{(1-i)^2(i)^2} \\ &= \frac{4+i}{(1-i)^2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Evaluate  $\sin(i)$  and  $\cos(1-i)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin(i) &= \frac{e^{i(i)} - e^{-i(i)}}{2i} = \frac{e^{-1} - e}{2i} = i \cdot \frac{e - e^{-1}}{2} = i \sinh(1) \\
 \cos(1-i) &= \frac{e^{i(1-i)} + e^{-i(1-i)}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{e^{1+i} + e^{-1-i}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{e}{2} \cdot e^i + \frac{e^{-1}}{2} \cdot e^{-i} \\
 &= \frac{e}{2} (\cos(1) + i \sin(1)) + \frac{e^{-1}}{2} (\cos(1) - i \sin(1)) \\
 &= \left( \frac{e + e^{-1}}{2} \right) \cos(1) + i \left( \frac{e - e^{-1}}{2} \right) \sin(1) \\
 &= \cosh(1) \cos(1) + i \sinh(1) \sin(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find the principal value of  $(1+i)^i$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{p.v.}((1+i)^i) &= e^{\text{Log}((1+i)^i)} \\
 &= e^{i \text{Log}(1+i)} \\
 &= e^{i \left( \ln(\sqrt{2}) + \frac{\pi i}{4} \right)} \\
 &= e^{-\frac{\pi}{4} + i \ln(\sqrt{2})} \\
 &= e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} \left( \cos(\ln(\sqrt{2})) + i \sin(\ln(\sqrt{2})) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

and all values of  $\arccos(i)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 i &= \cos(z) \\
 i &= \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} \\
 0 &= (e^{iz})^2 - 2i(e^{iz}) + 1 \\
 e^{iz} &= i \pm \sqrt{2}i \\
 iz &= \log((1 \pm \sqrt{2})i) \\
 iz &= \ln(1 + \sqrt{2}) + \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \right) i, \ln(\sqrt{2} - 1) + \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \right) i \\
 z &= \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \right) - i \ln(\sqrt{2} + 1), \left( -\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi n \right) - i \ln(\sqrt{2} - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$