

Problem Set 4

Due date: October 7

1. Find Taylor (Maclaurin) series expansions about $z = 0$ for each of the following:

(a) $(1 + z)^\alpha$ (α complex).

(b) $\left(\frac{z-3}{z-i}\right)^{1/2}$

(c) $(z^2 + 1)^{-1/2}$

(d) $\log[(z-3)(3+z)]$

In each case, indicate the radius of convergence and, when the function is multiple-valued, the particular branch.

2. Evaluate the following:

(a) $\oint_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{|z|} dz$

(b) $\oint_{|z|=1} \frac{\bar{z}}{z} dz$

(c) $\oint_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{z} |dz|$

(d) $\oint_{|z|=\frac{1}{2}} \frac{z+1}{z^2+z+1} dz$

(e) $\oint_C \bar{z} dz$, where C bounds a domain D .

3. Let

$$f(a) = \oint_{|z|=3} \frac{z^3 + 2z}{(z-a)^3} dz. \quad (1)$$

Evaluate: (a) $f(1+i)$, (b) $f(5)$.4. Let C be a path joining $z = 0$ to $z = 1$ and not passing through $z = \pm i$. Show that

$$\int_C \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz = \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi, \quad \text{where } k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad (2)$$

Exhibit paths appropriate to $k = 0, -2$ and $+4$.

5. Evaluate

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{\cos \pi z}{z^2 - 1} dz, \quad (3)$$

where C is the rectangle with vertices at $-i$, $2 - i$, $2 + i$ and i .

6. Compute

$$\int_C \frac{z}{z^2 + 4} dz, \quad (4)$$

where C is a circle of radius 2.5.

7. If n and m are positive integers, show that

$$\int_C \frac{(n-1)!e^z}{(z-z_0)^n} dz = \int_C \frac{(m-1)!e^z}{(z-z_0)^m} dz, \quad (5)$$

where C is any closed contour containing z_0 .

8. If $P(z)$ is a polynomial of degree n , show that

$$\int_{|z|=2} \frac{P(z)}{(z-1)^{n+2}} dz = 0. \quad (6)$$