

**MAT 342**  
**Applied Complex Analysis**  
**2020 Summer II**  
  
Midterm

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
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- Instructor: Willie Rush Lim
- Due date: July 31st 2020, 11.59pm EST
- This test has 6 questions, each carrying different weights.
- The use of calculator or other similar aids such as Matlab and Wolfram-alpha is prohibited during the test.
- Credit will be given for all questions attempted with clear explanation.
- Submit your answers as one pdf on blackboard.
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1. (a) Find real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $a + bi = \text{p.v.}[-8\pi]^{1/3}$ . [4]  
(b) Consider the following statement.

"Log $(-z)^2 = \text{Log} z^2$  because  $(-z)^2 = z^2$ .  
Therefore,  $2 \text{Log}(-z) = 2 \text{Log} z$ ."

[4]

Explain whether or not the statement is true.

- (c) Consider the following statement.

"The rational function  $\frac{p(z)}{q(z)}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are co-prime  
non-constant polynomials, is holomorphic everywhere except at  
the set of zeros of  $q$ ."

Does this explain if any primitive of  $\frac{p(z)}{q(z)}$  is also holomorphic everywhere except at the zeros of  $q$ ? Explain why. [4]

2. Every  $2 \times 2$  real matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  determines a complex function

$$f_M(x + iy) = u_M(x, y) + iv_M(x + iy),$$

where real-valued functions  $u_M$  and  $v_M$  are determined by the following equation.

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_M(x, y) \\ v_M(x, y) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Show that there are constants  $w_1$  and  $w_2 \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f_M(z) = w_1 z + w_2 \bar{z}$ . What are these constants in terms of  $a, b, c, d$ ? [8]
- (b) Determine an equivalent condition on  $M$  such that  $f_M$  is an entire function. [4]

3. Suppose  $f$  is an entire function. Show that any of the two criteria below imply that  $f$  is a constant function.

(a)  $\operatorname{Im} f(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\frac{\operatorname{Re} f(z)}{\operatorname{Im} f(z)}$  is an entire function. [10]

(b)  $-1 \leq \operatorname{Re} f(z) \leq 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . [8]

4. The rational function

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

is holomorphic on the domain  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\}$  for some four distinct points  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ , and  $a_4$ .

- (a) Find the values of  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ , and  $a_4$ . [8]
- (b) Use one of the Cauchy's formulas to evaluate the integral of  $p(z)$  along  $\gamma$ , a positively oriented closed contour parametrising a rectangle with vertices  $\pm i$  and  $4 \pm i$ . Show that this integral can be expressed in the form of

$$\frac{\pi}{c}(a + ib)$$

where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are integers. [8]

5. Evaluate the integral of  $f$  along a contour  $\gamma$  where  $f$  and  $\gamma$  are given as follows.

(a)  $f(x+iy) = e^y e^{1-ix}$  along  $\gamma$ , a positively oriented ellipse determined by the equation  $r = \cos(2\theta) + 2$ . [6]

(b)  $f(z) = 2z^3(z^4 - 1)^{-2}$  along  $\gamma(t) = t + i\sqrt{t}$  where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . [10]

6. Let

$$B(z) = \frac{i + 2z}{4 - 2iz}.$$

- (a) Find the smallest positive real value  $M$  such that for every  $z$  on the closed unit disk  $\bar{\mathbb{D}}$ ,  $|B(z)| \leq M$ . [6]
- (b) A particle on the complex plane is trapped within a wall built along the unit circle. It travels straight from  $-i$  to  $e^{3\pi i/4}$  and then bounces at  $e^{3\pi i/4}$  to complete its travel from  $e^{3\pi i/4}$  to 1. Denote by  $\gamma$  the curve representing the trajectory of the particle. Without evaluating the integral, show how we can obtain the following estimate. [6]

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} B(z) dz \right| \leq \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}.$$

- (c) Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{\gamma} B(z) dz,$$

leaving your answer in the form of  $a + ib$  for some real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ . [10]