

**MATH4460 SPRING 2023**  
**EXAM 1**

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This exam is open notes, but calculators are not allowed. There are 50 points total in this exam. If you do not manage to solve a problem, show a strategy you tried and a reflection on why it did not work, for partial credit.

**Problem 1.**

- (a) (3 points) Sketch, in the complex plane, the set of complex numbers  $z$  such that  $1 < \text{Arg}(z) < 2$ . You may want to recall that  $\pi \approx 3.14$ .

- (b) (3 points) Let  $f(z) = \frac{z^5-1}{z^2-5z+6}$ . List all pairs  $(a, \text{ord}_a f)$  for  $a$  in  $\tilde{\mathbb{C}}$  (the extended complex plane, aka the Riemann sphere) such that  $\text{ord}_a f \neq 0$ . What is  $\sum_{a \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}}} \text{ord}_a f$ ?

- (c) (4 points) Let's call a complex number  $z$  a *fizzbuzz* if  $z$  is a 15th root of unity which is neither a 3rd root of unity nor a 5th root of unity. List all the fizzbuzzes, in polar form.

**Problem 2.**

(a) (5 points) Prove that  $\overline{z^2} = \overline{z}^2$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , in any way you like.

(b) (5 points) Prove or disprove that  $\overline{z}^2$  is a holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Problem 3** (10 points). Let  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Prove that the function  $f(z) = z^3$  maps  $D$  to  $D$ , and that  $f$  is a surjection.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>A function  $f$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  is a surjection if for all  $y \in Y$ , there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

**Problem 4.**

(a) (5 points) Prove that  $\cos z \neq 0$  for any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Im} z \neq 0$ .

(b) (5 points) What is  $\log(\frac{1}{2} \exp(\frac{1}{2} \log(\frac{1}{2} \exp(7 + 11i))))$ ?

**Problem 5.** Let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-5)^3}$ .

- (a) (5 points) There is a unique complex number  $a$  such that we can write  $f(z)$  as

$$f(z) = \frac{a}{z-1} + g(z)$$

where  $g(z)$  is a rational function that does not have a pole at  $z = 1$ . What is  $a$ ?

- (b) (5 points) Let  $\gamma$  be the circle  $|z-1| = \frac{1}{2}$ , traversed counterclockwise. With the help of part (a), find

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz.$$

If you could not find the value of  $a$  in part (a), express your answer in terms of  $a$ .