

### Complex analysis: my exam questions

These are the questions on complex analysis that I sat in my undergraduate exams, many, many years ago.

- State Cauchy's formula for the  $n$ th derivative of a holomorphic function. State and prove Morera's theorem.

Suppose  $f_n$  is a sequence of holomorphic functions on an open set  $\Omega$  converging pointwise to a function  $f$ , and such that  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all  $z \in \Omega$ . Show that  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  and that  $\frac{d^k}{dz^k} f_n$  converges to  $\frac{d^k}{dz^k} f$ .

- Evaluate by contour integration

(i) 
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2 t}{(a + b \cos t)} dt, \quad 0 < b < a.$$

(ii) 
$$\int_0^\infty \frac{(\log t)^n}{1 + t^4} dt, \quad n = 0, 1, 2.$$

- Let  $D = \{z \in \mathbf{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and suppose that  $f$  is holomorphic on an open neighbourhood of  $\overline{D}$ . Show that each of the following implies that  $f$  is constant on  $\overline{D}$ .

(i)  $f'(z) = 0$  whenever  $z \in D$ ,

(ii)  $|f(z)|$  is constant for  $z \in D$ ,

(iii)  $f(z_n)$  is constant where  $\{z_n : n \in \mathbf{N}\} \subset D$  is a sequence converging to 0,

(iv)  $|f(0)| = \sup\{|f(z)| : z \in \overline{D}\}$ ,

(i)  $|f(0)| \geq \sup\{|f(z)| : |z| = 1\}$ .

- (a) Show that the equation

$$\left| \frac{z - \alpha}{z - \beta} \right| = \lambda$$

where  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{C}$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$  represents a circle or straight line, and that, conversely, any circle or straight line may be so represented.

Define a Möbius transformation, and show that the image in  $\mathbf{C}$  of a circle or straight line in  $\mathbf{C}$  under a Möbius is either a circle, or a circle with one point removed, or a straight line.

- (b) Find a conformal mapping of  $\{z : |z| < 1\} \cap \{z : |z - \frac{1}{2}| > \frac{1}{2}\}$  onto an annulus.

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