

1. Suppose  $f$  is a holomorphic function defined on a region  $U$  which is simply connected (that is, which satisfies the Poincaré Lemma "p,q Theorem"). Show carefully using the Poincaré Lemma that there is a holomorphic function  $F$  with  $F' = f$  everywhere on  $U$ . (Do this directly. Do not appeal to the Cauchy Integral Theorem)

Let  $F = U + iV$ . Then  $F$  is holomorphic if  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$ . Also (Cauchy Riemann Equations). Also, if these hold,

then  $F' = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$ . So  $F' = f$  if

$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = u$  and  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = v$ . Thus CR equations for  $U + iV$  then require  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -v$  and  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = u$ .

Everything will be satisfied if we can find

$U, V$  with  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = u, \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -v$  and  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = v, \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = u$ .

p,q Theorem says there is a (real)  $g$  with  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = p, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = q$

if  $\frac{\partial p}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$  (on a suitable region). Thus  $U$  exists

with  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = u, \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -v$  because  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  ( $p = u, q = -v$ )

by CR for  $f$ . Similarly  $V$  exists with

$\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = v, \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = u$  ( $p = u, q = v$ ) because  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

(CR for  $f$ , the other equation). So  $U, V$  exist as required.

2(a) State the Cauchy Integral Formula

(b) Show how the Cauchy Integral Formula implies that a holomorphic function defined on the disc  $\{z : |z| < 1\}$  has a power series expansion around 0 that converges to  $f$  on the same disc.

(a)  $f$  holomorphic on open set  $U$  containing a closed disc  $\{z : |z - z_0| = R\}$  then

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds \quad \text{where } \gamma \text{ is}$$

the circle  $\{s : |s - z_0| = R\}$  and  $|z - z_0| < R$

(b) Choose arbitrary  $R > 0$  with  $R < 1$  ( $z_0 = 0$ )

Then, with  $|z| < R$ :

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{s}} ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s} \left( 1 + \frac{z}{s} + \frac{z^2}{s^2} + \dots \right) ds \quad \text{since } \left| \frac{z}{s} \right| < 1 \text{ because } |z| < R, |s| = R.$$

Integrating term by term gives

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} z^n \left( \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s^{n+1}} ds \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} z^n \cdot \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n)}(0)$$

$\left( \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s^{n+1}} ds = \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n)}(0) \right)$  by differentiating under the

integral sign in the Cauchy integral formula). Since the coefficients of the series are independent of  $R (< 1)$

one gets that  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} z^n$  for all  $z$  with  $|z| < 1$ .

3 The basic estimate on the absolute value of a line integral is that

$$\left| \oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq \text{length}(\gamma) \cdot \max_{\text{on } \gamma} |f|$$

$$\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

Explain why this estimate is valid (Suggestion: Recall the "trick" of multiplying by a complex number of absolute value 1 to make the integral real non-negative)

If  $\oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$ , the inequality is clear.

So assume  $\oint_{\gamma} f \neq 0$  and choose  $\theta$  real so that

$e^{-i\theta} \oint_{\gamma} f$  is positive real (always possible).

Then since  $|e^{-i\theta}| = 1$

$$\left| \oint_{\gamma} f \right| = \left| e^{-i\theta} \oint_{\gamma} f \right| = \text{Re} \oint_{\gamma} e^{-i\theta} f =$$

$$\text{Re} \left( \int_a^b e^{-i\theta} f(\gamma(t)) \cdot \gamma'(t) dt \right) = \int_a^b \text{Re} (e^{-i\theta} f(\gamma(t)) \cdot \gamma'(t)) dt$$

$$\leq \int_a^b |e^{-i\theta} f(\gamma(t)) \cdot \gamma'(t)| dt = \int_a^b |e^{-i\theta} f(\gamma(t))| \cdot |\gamma'(t)| dt$$

$$= \int_a^b |f(\gamma(t))| |\gamma'(t)| dt \leq \max |f(\gamma(t))| \cdot \int_a^b |\gamma'(t)| dt$$

$$= \max_{\text{on } \gamma} |f| \cdot \text{length}(\gamma)$$

since  $\gamma'(t) = x'(t) + iy'(t) \Rightarrow |\gamma'(t)| = \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2}$

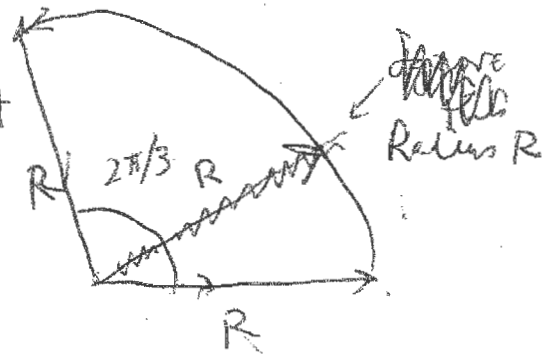
and  $\int_a^b |\gamma'(t)| dt = \text{length of } \gamma$ .

4 Find

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^3} dx$$

by complex variables methods. Explain briefly but clearly why the steps in your calculation are valid.

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^3} dx = \oint \frac{1}{1+z^3} dz \quad \text{limit as } R \rightarrow +\infty. \text{ Look at}$$



$$\oint \frac{1}{1+z^3} dz = \oint \frac{1}{1+z^3} dz = 2\pi i / (3z^2) \Big|_{e^{i\pi/3}} = \frac{2\pi i e^{i\pi/3}}{-1 \cdot 3} = -\frac{2\pi i}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \right)$$

small circle around  $e^{i\pi/3}$

( $e^{i\pi/3}$  is zero pt of denominator since  $(e^{i\pi/3})^3 = -1$ . no other zero pt is inside the  $\oint$  contour)

$$\oint \frac{1}{1+z^3} dz = \oint + (1 - e^{2\pi i/3}) \int_0^R \frac{1}{1+x^3} dx$$

Since  $\int_0^R \frac{1}{1+x^3} dx \leq \frac{1}{R^{2-1}} \cdot \frac{2\pi R}{3} \rightarrow 0$  by bound estimate of integral

max length

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^R \frac{1}{1+x^3} dx &= \frac{-\frac{2\pi i}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \right)}{1 - \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)} = \frac{\frac{2\pi i}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \right)}{\frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} - \frac{3}{2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2} \right)}{\frac{3-i}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{(\pi/2)(1+\sqrt{3}i)}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - (\sqrt{3}i+1)} = \frac{\pi/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{\pi/2}{\sin(\pi/3)} = \frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

- 5 (a) Use the differentiated Cauchy integral formula and the result of problem 3 to show that a function  $f$  that is holomorphic on all of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and which is bounded is necessarily constant. [  $f$  is bounded means there is an  $M > 0$  such that  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all complex numbers  $z$  ]
- (b) Explain briefly but clearly why part (a) implies that every nonconstant polynomial  $P(z)$  has a root, i.e., there is a  $z$  with  $P(z) = 0$ .

$$(a) \quad f'(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|y-z_0|=R} \frac{f(y)}{(y-z_0)^2} dy \quad \text{by differentiating C.I. Formula}$$

$z_0, R$  arbitrary  $|y-z_0|=R$

$$\text{So } |f'(z_0)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot 2\pi R \cdot \frac{M}{R^2} = \frac{M}{R}$$

length of curve  $\uparrow$   $|z-z_0|^2$   $\leftarrow$   $M \leftarrow \max f$

With  $z_0$  fixed, let  $R \rightarrow \infty$  to show that  $|f'(z_0)| = 0$ .  
 So  $f'$  is 0 everywhere on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $f$  is thus constant  
 (since change in  $f = \int f' = \int 0 = 0$ )  
 from 0 to  $z$  line from 0 to  $z$

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(b)  $P$  nowhere zero  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{P}$  holomorphic everywhere.  
 Since  $|P(z)| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$  (highest degree term dominates),  $\frac{1}{P} \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ . So  $\forall R > 0 \quad \left| \frac{1}{P} \right| \leq 1$   
 if  $|z| > R_0$  for some  $R_0 > 0$ . Since  $\left| \frac{1}{P} \right|$  is bounded for  $|z| \leq R_0$ ,  $\frac{1}{P}$  is bounded altogether. So  $\frac{1}{P}$  is constant.  
 But  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{P(z)} = 0$  implies this constant is 0. but  $\frac{1}{P(z)}$  is never 0, a contradiction. So  $P(z) = 0$  somewhere.