

Math 4220: Prelim 2  
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**Instructions:** This exam is 75 minutes long. It has 7 pages including the cover and 5 questions worth a total of 100 points. No written or electronic aids are allowed.

Please fully explain all your answers. If you need more space to answer a question, use the back of the *preceding* sheet or the blank sheet at the end of the exam. Label your work clearly if you use extra space.

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1. (20 points) Suppose the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are both analytic on a domain that contains the closed unit disk  $\{|z| \leq 1\}$ . If  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z$  with  $|z| = 1$ , prove that  $f(z) = g(z)$  for all  $z$  with  $|z| < 1$ .

Solution 1: By the Cauchy integral formula, for all  $z$  with  $|z| < 1$ ,

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{g(w)}{w-z} dw = g(z)$$

where  $C$  is the unit circle oriented counterclockwise, so that  $f(w) = g(w)$  on  $C$ .

Solution 2: Let  $F(z) = f(z) - g(z)$ , so  $F$  is analytic on and inside the unit circle, and  $F(z) = 0$  for all  $z$  on the unit circle. By the maximum modulus principle,  $F(z)$  must be 0 for all  $z$  inside the unit circle, so  $f(z) = g(z)$ .

2. (20 points) Find the Laurent series for  $f(z) = \frac{5}{z} + \frac{9}{z-4}$  centered at 1 that converges on the annulus  $\{1 < |z-1| < 3\}$ .

*Hint:* Write everything in terms of  $w = z - 1$ .

$$\frac{5}{z} + \frac{9}{z-4} = \frac{5}{w+1} + \frac{9}{w-3} \quad \text{If } 1 < |w| < 3,$$

then 
$$\frac{5}{w+1} = \frac{5}{w} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{w}} = \frac{5}{w} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{w^n}$$

and 
$$\frac{9}{w-3} = -\frac{9}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{w}{3}} = -3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{w^n}{3^{n+1}}$$

Therefore, 
$$\frac{5}{w+1} + \frac{9}{w-3} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5(-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{w^{n+1}} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{w^n}{3^{n+1}}$$

which means the Laurent series for  $f(z)$  is

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 5(-1)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-1)^n} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{n+1}} \cdot (z-1)^n$$

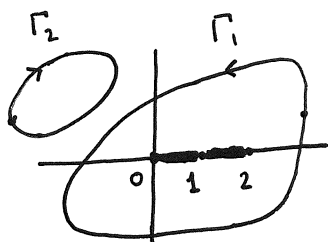
3. (20 points) Let  $f(z) = \frac{a}{z} + \frac{b}{z-1} + \frac{c}{z-2}$ , where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$  are constants.

Let  $[0, 2]$  denote the line segment  $\{x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : 0 \leq x \leq 2, y = 0\}$ , and let  $D = \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 2]$ . For which values of  $a, b, c$  does  $f$  have an antiderivative on  $D$ ? Prove your answer.

We know  $f$  has an antiderivative on  $D$  if and only if

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 0 \text{ for every simple closed contour } \Gamma \text{ in } D.$$

If  $\Gamma$  is such a contour, either it encloses none of the poles  $0, 1, 2$  or it encloses all of them (see drawing).



( $\Gamma_1$  encloses all the poles,  
 $\Gamma_2$  encloses none.)

Therefore,  $\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 0$  or

$$\pm 2\pi i [\operatorname{Res}(0) + \operatorname{Res}(1) + \operatorname{Res}(2)]$$

$$= \pm 2\pi i [a + b + c], \text{ where the } \pm$$

is because  $\Gamma$  may be positively or

negatively oriented. (We know  $\operatorname{Res}(0) = a$  because the function

$\frac{b}{z-1} + \frac{c}{z-2}$  is analytic at  $0$ , thus has a Taylor series, and

so the Laurent series for  $f(z)$  in a neighborhood of  $0$

is  $\frac{a}{z} + (\text{Taylor series})$ . Alternatively,

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$$\operatorname{Res}(0) = z f(z) \Big|_{z=0} = \left( a + \frac{bz}{z-1} + \frac{cz}{z-2} \right) \Big|_{z=0} = a.$$

Likewise,  $\operatorname{Res}(1) = b$  and  $\operatorname{Res}(2) = c.$  )

In conclusion, the integral of  $f(z)$  around every simple closed contour in  $D$  is zero if and only if  $a+b+c=0.$

4. (20 points) Classify the singularity at 0 of  $f(z) = \frac{z \sin(z)}{\sin(z) - z}$  as essential, removable, or a pole (whose order you must specify). Also find the residue of  $f$  at 0.

$$f(z) = \frac{z \left[ z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \dots \right]}{\left[ z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \dots \right] - z} = \frac{z^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^4}{5!} - \dots \right]}{z^3 \left[ -\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{z^2}{5!} - \frac{z^4}{7!} + \dots \right]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z} \cdot g(z) \quad \text{where} \quad g(z) = \frac{1 - \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^4}{5!} - \dots}{-\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{z^2}{5!} - \frac{z^4}{7!} + \dots}$$

We know  $g$  is analytic at 0 and  $g(0) = \frac{1}{-1/3!} = -6$ ,

therefore we can write  $g(z) = -6 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots$

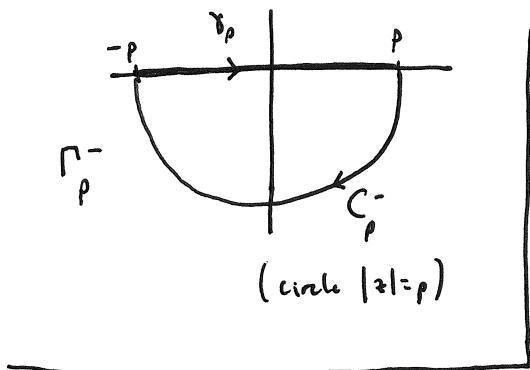
and so  $f(z) = \frac{-6}{z} + c_1 + c_2 z + \dots$  has a pole of

order 1 at 0 with residue  $-6$ .

5. (20 points) Using residue theory, compute p.v.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix} \frac{x}{x^2+4} dx$ .

Define the contours  $\gamma_p$ ,  $C_p^-$ , and  $\Gamma_p^- = \gamma_p + C_p^-$

for fixed  $p > 0$  as in the picture:



We know

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_p} e^{-iz} \frac{z}{z^2+4} dz = \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix} \frac{x}{x^2+4} dx,$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_p^-} e^{-iz} \frac{z}{z^2+4} dz = 0 \text{ by Jordan's Lemma.}$$

The function  $e^{-iz} \frac{z}{z^2+4} = e^{-iz} \frac{z}{(z+2i)(z-2i)}$  has poles at  $\pm 2i$ , so

$$\text{for all } p > 2, \quad \int_{\Gamma_p^-} e^{-iz} \frac{z}{z^2+4} dz = -2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(-2i) = \left( -2\pi i e^{-iz} \frac{z}{z-2i} \right) \Big|_{z=-2i}^{z=2i}$$

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(negatively oriented)

$$= -2\pi i \cdot e^{-2} \left( \frac{-2i}{-4i} \right) = \frac{-\pi i}{e^2}. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$\text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix} \frac{x}{x^2+4} dx + 0 = \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_p + C_p^-} e^{-iz} \frac{z}{z^2+4} dz = \frac{-\pi i}{e^2}.$$