

Exercise Sheet 5

1. • Note that $\frac{1}{(z-a)(z-b)} = \frac{1}{b-a} \left(\frac{1}{z-a} - \frac{1}{z-b} \right)$. Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_R} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-a)(z-b)} &= \frac{1}{a-b} \left(\int_{\gamma_R} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-a)} - \int_{\gamma_R} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-b)} \right) = \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{a-b} (f(a) - f(b)). \end{aligned}$$

The last equality follows from Cauchy's theorem.

- Since f is bounded, hence $|f(z)| < M$, for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Now note that:

$$\left| \int_{\gamma_R} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-a)(z-b)} \right| \leq 2\pi R \max_{z \in \gamma_R} \left| \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-a)(z-b)} \right| \leq \frac{2\pi RM}{|R-a||R-b|}.$$

This clearly goes to 0 as R goes to infinity.

- By the first item the integral is constant, whereas by the second, it goes to 0 as R goes to ∞ . This can only happen if the constant is 0. Hence $f(a) = f(b)$, for any arbitrary pair of distinct points. Thus f is constant.
2. Write $f = u + iv$ and assume $|u| \leq M$. Since f is entire so is $g(z) = e^{f(z)}$. Now note that $|g(x+iy)| = |e^{u(x,y)+iv(x,y)}| = e^{u(x,y)} \leq e^M$. By Liouville's theorem $g(z) = g$ is constant. This implies that the image of f is $\log|g| + i \arg(g) + 2\pi ik$. Since f is continuous on \mathbb{C} , the image is precisely one point, thus f is constant.

Another way to see it is derivating e^f . Since e^f is constant, $f'e^f = 0$, but $e^f \neq 0$, hence $f' = 0$.

3. Since f is entire and $f(\mathbb{C}) \subset \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$, the function $h(z) = g(f(z))$, where g is the branch of the square root specified in the hint, is entire. However note that the image of g is only a half-plane (since $-\pi < \theta < \pi$, the image of g is in the right half-plane). Conclude that h is constant, for otherwise, its image is dense in \mathbb{C} . But $h^2 = f(z)$, hence it is constant.

For those of you that have not seen dense sets and the above result, the only thing we need is to show that if F is an entire function and there exists an $r > 0$, such that for every $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $F(z) \notin D_r(0)$, then F is constant. To prove it note that this hypothesis implies that for every $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $|F(z)| \geq r$. In particular F is never zero. Hence $\frac{1}{F}$ is entire, but $|\frac{1}{F(z)}| \leq \frac{1}{r}$, for every $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Hence F is constant.

Now just take $F(z) = h(z) + 1$, $\operatorname{Re}(F(z)) > 1$, for every $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and hence the image of F misses the unit disc around 0. By what we've just shown, F is constant, but hence h is constant.

4. • Let f be a function holomorphic in the unit disc, such that $f(1/n) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2}$. Then by continuity of f , we get that $f(0) = 0$. Note that if $g(z) = -z^2$ and $h(z) = z^2$, then for n even $f(1/n) = h(1/n)$, whereas for n odd $f(1/n) = g(1/n)$. Since the accumulation point of both $\frac{1}{2n}$ and $\frac{1}{2n+1}$ is 0, by the uniqueness theorem $f(z) = g(z) = h(z)$, but $g(z) \neq h(z)$.
- If $f(\frac{1}{n}) = \frac{1}{n+1}$, let $g(z) = \frac{z}{z+1}$. By continuity $f(0) = 0$ and so is $g(0) = 0$. Note that $f(\frac{1}{n}) = g(\frac{1}{n})$ and hence by the uniqueness theorem they coincide on the disc. Hence $f(\frac{i}{2}) = g(\frac{i}{2}) = \frac{i}{i+2} = \frac{i(i-2)}{5} = -\frac{1+2i}{5}$.
- Not necessarily. Take $f(z) = \sin(\pi z)$, then its zeroes are precisely the integers, however it is not the zero function. It does not contradict the uniqueness theorem since the zeroes don't have an accumulation point in \mathbb{C} .

5. Since f is entire, we can write $f(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(m)}(0)}{m!} z^m$, this series converges everywhere in \mathbb{C} . By Cauchy's formula:

$$\frac{f^{(m)}(0)}{m!} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z) dz}{z^{m+1}}.$$

Where we take γ to be a circle around 0 of radius $\rho > R$. Hence, for $m > n$:

$$\left| \frac{f^{(m)}(0)}{m!} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} 2\pi \rho \max_{z \in \gamma} \left| \frac{f(z) dz}{z^{m+1}} \right|.$$

Now since $\rho > R$, we know that $|f(z)| \leq |z|^n = \rho^n$. Therefore:

$$\left| \frac{f^{(m)}(0)}{m!} \right| \leq \rho^{n-m}.$$

The right hand side goes to 0 as ρ approaches infinity, whereas the left hand side is constant, hence we conclude that for every $m > n$, $f^{(m)}(0) = 0$. This, however, implies that the series is in fact a polynomial.

6. Set $f(z) = z^a$. Note that if a is an integer then on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$, f coincides with z^n . Since $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$ is open, using the uniqueness theorem we can identify the two functions. Hence this function is entire for a a non-negative integer, analytic in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ for a a negative integer and analytic (as the composition of two analytic functions) in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$.

Now in general $f'(z) = \frac{a}{z} e^{a \log(z)}$, now by the above statement $z^{-1} = e^{-\log(z)}$, hence $f'(z) = a e^{(a-1) \log(z)} = a z^{a-1}$.

Now set $g(z) = (1+z)^a$, hence $g^{(n)}(0) = a(a-1) \cdots (a-n+1)$. Denote $b_n(a) = \frac{a(a-1) \cdots (a-n+1)}{n!}$. Therefore the Taylor expansion is:

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n(a) z^n.$$

Note that if a is a non-negative integer, then there exists an N , such that for all $n > N$, $b_n(a) = 0$. Hence this series is in fact a polynomial and thus the radius of convergence is infinite. If a is not a non-negative integer, then we use the D'Alembert test:

$$\left| \frac{b_{n+1}(a)}{b_n(a)} \right| = \left| \frac{a-n}{n+1} \right| \rightarrow 1.$$

Hence the radius of convergence is 1. Which fits since in this case the function has a singularity at -1 .

7. • Denote U the interior of γ . We first prove that F_1 is continuous. Let a be a point in the interior of γ , then there is an $r > 0$ (open set), such that $D_r(a) \subset U$ and for every $z \in D_r(a)$ and every $t \in [a, b]$, we have $|\gamma(t) - z| > r$. Let $z \in D_r(a)$, we compute:

$$\begin{aligned} |F_1(z) - F_1(a)| &= \left| \int_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(w) dw}{(w-z)} - \int_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(w) dw}{(w-a)} \right| = \left| \int_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(w)(z-a) dw}{(w-z)(w-a)} \right| \leq \\ &\leq L(\gamma) M \frac{1}{r^2} |z-a|. \end{aligned}$$

Now for every $\epsilon > 0$ you can always find r small enough, satisfying the above requirements and such that the above expression is less than ϵ .

Now the above computation also shows that:

$$\frac{F_1(z) - F_1(a)}{z - a} = \int_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(w)dw}{(w - z)(w - a)}.$$

This tends to $F_2(a)$, when $z \rightarrow a$. Now proceed by induction.

- We do this iteratively. Set $f_0(z) = f(z)$ and $f_n(z) = \frac{f_{n-1}(z) - f_{n-1}(a)}{z - a}$. Then note that $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z - a)f_1(z) = 0$. Furthermore f_1 is continuous and $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f_1(z) = f'(a)$. Hence f_1 is analytic, in Ω . Similarly one proceeds for every $f_n(z)$. Therefore $f(z) = f(a) + (z - a)f_1(z)$, $f_1(z) = f_1(a) + (z - a)f_2(z)$, etc.

From this we get that:

$$f(z) = f(a) + (z - a)f_1(a) + (z - a)^2f_2(a) + \dots + (z - a)^Nf_N(a) + (z - a)^{N+1}f_{N+1}(z).$$

Differentiating this expression k times and setting $z = a$, we get that $f_k(a) = \frac{1}{k!}f^{(k)}(a)$. This is true for $1 \leq k \leq N$. Now $f_{N+1}(z)$ is analytic, hence we can apply the Cauchy formula to it with our contour γ and get:

$$f_{N+1}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f_{N+1}(w)dw}{w - z}.$$

Plugging in the equation derived above, we get:

$$f_{N+1}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)dw}{(w - z)(w - a)^{N+1}} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{k=0}^N \int_{\gamma} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)dw}{(w - z)(w - a)^{N+1-k}}.$$

Consider the following integral:

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{dw}{(w - a)(w - z)} = \frac{1}{z - a} \int_{\gamma} \left(\frac{1}{w - a} - \frac{1}{w - z} \right) dw = 0.$$

The last equality follows from Cauchy's formula for the values of the function 1 at a and z . Hence the last term in the above sum is 0. However the previous item implies that all the rest are 0 inside the circle. Conclude that:

$$f_{N+1}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)dw}{(w - z)(w - a)^{N+1}}.$$

- We will find a bound on $|f_{N+1}(z)(z - a)^{N+1}|$ independent of z .

$$|f_{N+1}(z)(z - a)^{N+1}| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} r^{N+1} \left| \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)dw}{(w - z)(w - a)^{N+1}} \right| \leq r^{N+1} \frac{RM}{R^{N+1}(R - r)}.$$

Here M is the bound of f on γ . This clearly goes to 0 as N goes to infinity.

- The previous item implies that the series converges uniformly in every closed subdisc of $D_R(a)$. Now R can be chosen arbitrarily close to the shortest distance from a to the boundary of Ω , this means that for every disc properly contained in Ω , the series will converge. Thus it will converge on the largest disc around a contained in Ω (albeit non-uniformly).
8. The idea in all those integrals is to substitute the following expressions for trigonometric functions and transform the integral into an integral on a circle:

$$\cos(t) = \frac{e^{it} + e^{-it}}{2}, \quad \sin(t) = \frac{e^{it} - e^{-it}}{2i}.$$

Then we apply Cauchy's formula. Remember, we are integrating a real-valued function on the reals, so the result must be real!

- Compute:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dx}{5 + \cos(x)} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dx}{5 + \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}} = 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dx}{10 + e^{ix} + \frac{1}{e^{ix}}} = \\
&= 2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{ix} dx}{10e^{ix} + e^{2ix} + 1} = \frac{2}{i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ie^{ix} dx}{10e^{ix} + e^{2ix} + 1} = \frac{2}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{10z + z^2 + 1} = \\
&= \frac{2}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{(z - (-5 + 2\sqrt{6}))(z - (-5 - 2\sqrt{6}))} = \frac{2}{i} 2\pi i \frac{1}{4\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{6}}.
\end{aligned}$$

- Here we use $\cos^2(x) = \frac{1+\cos(2x)}{2}$ and $\sin^2(x) = \frac{1-\cos(2x)}{2}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\pi \frac{\cos^2(x) dx}{1 - a \sin^2(x)} &= \int_0^\pi \frac{(1 + \cos(2x)) dx}{2 - a(1 - \cos(2x))} = [y = 2x] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(1 + \cos(y)) dy}{2 - a + a \cos(y)} = \\
&= \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2 - a - 2 + 2a + a \cos(y)}{2 - a + a \cos(y)} dy = \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(1 + \frac{2a - 2}{2 - a + a \cos(y)} \right) dy = \\
&= \frac{\pi}{a} + \frac{a - 1}{a} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dy}{2 - a + a \cos(y)} = \frac{\pi}{a} + 2 \frac{a - 1}{a} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dy}{4 - 2a + ae^{iy} + ae^{-iy}} = \\
&= \frac{\pi}{a} + 2 \frac{a - 1}{ia} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ie^{iy} dy}{(4 - 2a)e^{iy} + ae^{2iy} + a} = \frac{\pi}{a} + 2 \frac{a - 1}{ia} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{(4 - 2a)z + az^2 + a}.
\end{aligned}$$

The roots of the denominator are $z_{\pm} = \frac{a-2 \pm 2\sqrt{1-a}}{a}$. Note that by the assumption on a , this number is real. The question is then which roots lie inside the unit disc? If $-1 < \frac{a-2 \pm 2\sqrt{1-a}}{a} < 1$, then $-a < a - 2 \pm 2\sqrt{1-a} < a$, which in turn implies that $1 - a < \pm\sqrt{1-a} < 1$. This is obviously false for the negative sign and true for the positive. Thus we can write the denominator as: $(4 - 2a)z + az^2 + a = a(z - z_+)(z - z_-)$. We write $f(z) = \frac{1}{z - z_-}$. Now Cauchy formula tells us that:

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{\cos^2(x) dx}{1 - a \sin^2(x)} = \frac{\pi}{a} + \pi \frac{a - 1}{a} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - a}} = \pi \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - a}}{a}$$

- First note that since the integrand is even we get that:

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{dx}{(a + b \cos(x))^2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^\pi \frac{dx}{(a + b \cos(x))^2}$$

Now compute:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^\pi \frac{dx}{(a + b \cos(x))^2} &= 2 \int_{-\pi}^\pi \frac{dx}{(2a + be^{ix} + be^{-ix})^2} = 2 \int_{-\pi}^\pi \frac{e^{2ix} dx}{(2ae^{ix} + be^{2ix} + b)^2} = \\
&= \frac{2}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{z dz}{(2az + bz^2 + b)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

The roots of the denominator are $z_{\pm} = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}{b}$. Note that those numbers are real by the assumption on a and b . Those numbers are inside the unit disc if $-b < -a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} < b$, which implies $a - b < \pm\sqrt{a^2 - b^2} < a + b$. Since $a - b > 0$, z_- will not do, now squaring both sides we see that z_+ always satisfies this inequality. So write $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z - z_-)^2}$. This function is holomorphic in the unit disc and we get that:

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{dx}{(a + b \cos(x))^2} = \frac{2}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{f(z) dz}{(z - z_+)^2} = 4\pi f'(z_+).$$

Now $f'(z) = \frac{(z-z_-)^2 - 2z(z-z_-)}{(z-z_-)^4} = \frac{(z-z_-) - 2z}{(z-z_-)^3} = -\frac{z+z_-}{(z-z_-)^3}$. Plugging in z_+ , we get:

$$f'(z_+) = -\frac{z_+ + z_-}{(z_+ - z_-)^3} = \frac{2\frac{a}{b}}{\left(\frac{2\sqrt{a^2-b^2}}{b}\right)^3} = \frac{ab^2}{4(\sqrt{a^2-b^2})^3}.$$

9. Given such f and g write $1 = f^2(z) + g^2(z) = (f(z) + ig(z))(f(z) - ig(z))$. This implies that $f + ig$ is non-vanishing on \mathbb{C} . Since f and g are entire, so is $h = f + ig$. Therefore $\frac{h'}{h}$ is also entire and since \mathbb{C} itself is simply connected, it has a primitive function, H . Note that $e^H = h$. Write $H = iF$. Now we have that:

$$f - ig = (f + ig)^{-1} = e^{-iF}.$$

Now $f = \frac{(f+ig)+(f-ig)}{2} = \frac{e^{iF} - e^{-iF}}{2} = \cos(F)$. Similarly $g = \sin(F)$.

10. • The function f is holomorphic in Ω and thus have a primitive, since Ω is simply connected. Take the branch of the logarithm obtained on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ and denote it by \log . Then it is easy verify directly, that the primitive is given by $\frac{1}{2i} \log\left(\frac{z-i}{z+i}\right)$. The only thing to note here is that the function $\phi(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$ takes the lines it and $-it$, for $t \geq 1$ real, to the line $bbR_{\geq 0}$. This is the reason for the choice of the branch of the logarithm.
- Note that on the real axis we have that $F(x) = \arctan(x)$, in particular on $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$, we have that $F(\tan(x)) = x$. Define $h = F(\tan(z)) - z$, then h is holomorphic precisely in U as a composition of two holomorphic function (\tan is holomorphic everywhere outside $\pi/2 + \pi k$). In particular $(-\pi/2, \pi/2) \subset U$ and h vanishes on this segment. By the uniqueness theorem it implies that f is identically 0 on U .
11. Note that $zf(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{3n+1} z^{3n+1}$, take the derivative and get that $(zf(z))' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n z^{3n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{3n} z^{3n} = \frac{1}{1+z^3}$. Now multiplying a power series by z does not change the radius of convergence, neither does taking derivative, the last series however converges in the unit disc. One can also check it directly with Cauchy-Hadamard's theorem.

Let $g(z) = \frac{1}{1+z^3}$, it is holomorphic everywhere except for $z_k = e^{\frac{\pi i + 2\pi i k}{3}}$, $k = 0, 1, 2$. Now clearly if we find an open set containing the unit disc where g has a primitive, G , then on the unit disc $G(z) - zf(z)$ is constant (since the derivative is identically 0. So take G , such that $G(0) = 0$ and then $G(z) = zf(z)$ on the unit disc. Hence $F(z) = \frac{G(z)}{z}$ (which is holomorphic, since $G(z) = 0$). So it remains to find U . Clearly $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{z_1, z_2, z_3\}$ won't do, since the integral of g on a circle around just z_1 is, by Cauchy's formula, $\frac{2\pi i}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)} \neq 0$. Let $L_k = \{tz_k \mid t \geq 1\}$ a line starting at z_k with angle $\frac{\pi + 2\pi k}{3}$. Let $U = \mathbb{C} \setminus (L_1 \cup L_2 \cup L_3)$. Then U is simply connected and g is holomorphic in U and thus has a primitive.