

Selected Answers to HW 6

Question 1

Item b

- $f(z) = \frac{\cos(z)}{z}$ this function has a point where it is not continuous (i.e. $z = 0$). Thus we cannot expect it to be analytic in all \mathbb{C} .

1. In $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\{|Im(z)| < 1\}$ we have $\gamma = \{z : |z| = \frac{1}{2}\}$ that circles 0 and by Cauchy's integral formula

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{\cos(z)}{z} dz = 2\pi i \cos(0) = 2\pi i \neq 0.$$

Thus by a theorem we saw in class, this function cannot have a primitive function in these domains.

2. On all other domains ($\{|Im(z)| > 1\}$, $Ball_{\frac{1}{2}}(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}})$ and $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$) are simply connected, and $\frac{\cos(z)}{z}$ is analytic in them, hence by a theorem we studied in class there exists a primitive function. A formula to a primitive function is given by

$$F(z) = \int_{\gamma_{w_0, z}} f(u) du$$

for some fixed w_0 in the domain, and any choice of path γ from w_0 to z contained in the domain.

- $f(z) = \frac{\sin(z)}{z}$: As $\sin(0) = 0$, the point 0 has order 1 for $\sin(z)$ and thus $\frac{\sin(z)}{z}$ is analytic in all \mathbb{C} . As this domain is simply connected, it has a primitive function as we saw in class.
- $f(z) = \frac{e^z - 1}{z}$ is the same as above.

Item d

Let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be as in the question. We claim that there is an open set W so that $\gamma \subset W \subset U$ where $|f(z) - 1| < 1$.

Indeed, suppose there is not. This means that for any open set containing γ , there is a point where $|f(z) - 1| \geq 1$. In particular, as γ is compact inside U , the open set

$$W_n = U \bigcup_{x \in \gamma} Ball_{\frac{1}{n}}(x),$$

contains a point $w_n \in W_n$ so that $|f(w_n) - 1| \geq 1$. From Weierstrass's theorem, w_n is bounded hence it has a subsequence that converges to w_0 and from the way we constructed w_n then $w_0 \in \gamma$. From continuity this means that $|f(w_0) - 1| \geq 1$ which is a contradiction.

Thus without loss of generality we may assume that $|f(z) - 1| < 1$ in all the domain of f (by looking at its restriction to W).

Now consider the function $g(z) = \text{Log}(f(z))$. Since $f(z) \notin (-\infty, 0]$ (as for all $w \in (-\infty, 0]$ we know that $|w - 1| \geq 1$), $g(z)$ is well defined in the domain of f .

$g(z)$ is analytic and its derivative is $g(z) = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}$. Thus from the fundamental theorem of calculus for the complex numbers

$$\oint_{\gamma} g'(z) dz = \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = 0.$$

Question 2

Item c

1. Notice that

$$\frac{1}{z^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{iz + 1} + \frac{1}{-iz + 1} \right),$$

thus we define the function $F(z) = \frac{1}{2i} (\text{Log}(iz + 1) - \text{Log}(-iz + 1))$. Note that this function is defined in the domain \mathcal{D} , $F(0) = 0$ and its derivative is $\frac{1}{z^2 + 1}$.

Note: Since our domain D is simply connected and f is analytic, we can deduce the primitive function without calculating its formula explicitly. The reason we calculated it is for the next item.

2. As we know that $\tan(0) = F(0) = 0$, it is enough to show that $F(\tan(z)) - z$ is constant, which is equivalent of showing that its derivative is 0, or that

$$F'(\tan(z)) = 1.$$

Indeed,

$$F'(\tan(z)) = \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2(z)} \tan'(z) = \frac{1}{\cos^2(z)(1 + \tan^2(z))} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(z) + \sin^2(z)} = 1.$$

Question 3

Item a

We will prove for $n \geq 1$ that $\eta(\gamma_n, z_0) = n$. For negative n the proof is similar (as it is the same as for positive n except that the path is in the opposite direction). Indeed, notice that the path $\gamma_n = z_0 + e^{2\pi i t n}$ is a concatenation of the path $z_0 + e^{2\pi i t}$ to itself n times. Thus by item f below

$$\eta(\gamma_n, z_0) = n\eta(\gamma_1, z_0).$$

By direct calculation we did in class $\eta(\gamma_1, z_0) = \int_{|z - z_0| = R} \frac{dz}{z - z_0} = 1$ and we're done.

Item e

recall that in exercise 5 we showed that we can write any path $\gamma(t)$ as $\gamma(t) = z_0 + e^{\delta(t)}$. Thus

$$\eta(\gamma, z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z - z_0} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\delta'(t)e^{\delta(t)} dt}{e^{\delta(t)}} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \delta'(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi i} (\delta(2\pi) - \delta(0)).$$

We also saw in the last exercise that $\delta(2\pi) - \delta(0) = 2\pi i k$ for some integer k . Thus the value is always an integer.

Item f

By linearity of integration,

$$\eta(\gamma_1 * \gamma_2, z_0) = \int_{\gamma_1 * \gamma_2} \frac{1}{z - z_0} dz = \int_{\rho_1} \frac{1}{z - z_0} dz + \int_{\rho_2} \frac{1}{z - z_0} dz$$

Where $\rho_1 : [0, \frac{1}{2}] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is $\rho_1(t) = \gamma_1(2t)$ and $\rho_2 : [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is $\rho_2(t) = \gamma_2(2t - 1)$. Hence

$$\int_{\rho_1} \frac{1}{z - z_0} dz = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\rho_1'(2t)}{\rho_1(t) - z_0} dt = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{2\gamma_1'(2t)}{\gamma_1(2t) - z_0} dt.$$

By a change of variables $t \mapsto 2u$ we get

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{\gamma_1'(u)}{\gamma_1(u) - z_0} du = \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{1}{z - z_0} dz = \eta(\gamma_1, z_0).$$

Similarly to the second part. Thus

$$\eta(\gamma_1 * \gamma_2, z_0) = \eta(\gamma_1, z_0) + \eta(\gamma_2, z_0).$$