

Functions of Complex Variables 1
Home Work 2, due on Wednesday January 31.

Problem 1. Consider a non-constant analytic function $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ show that such a function can not have a constant absolute value.

Problem 2. Show that in polar coordinates, the Cauchy-Riemann equations take the form

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta} \text{ and } \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial r}$$

Use these equations to show that the logarithm function defined by

$$\log z = \log r + i\theta, \text{ where } z = re^{i\theta}, \text{ with } \theta \in (-\pi, \pi)$$

is holomorphic in the region $r > 0$ and $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi)$.

Problem 3. Show that

$$4 \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} = 4 \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \Delta,$$

where $\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$ is the Laplacian.

Use the above formula to prove that if f is holomorphic in a open set Ω , then the real and imaginary parts of f are **harmonic**; that is their Laplacian is zero.

Problem 4. Proof that f is analytic if and only if $\overline{f(\bar{z})}$ is analytic.

Problem 5. Assume $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_n|}{|a_{n+1}|} = R$, prove that R is the radius of convergence of $\sum a_n z^n$.

Problem 6. Find the radius of convergence of $\sum n z^n$, $\sum z^n/n^2$ and $\sum z^n/n$ now show that

- $\sum n z^n$ does not converge on any point of the unit circle.
- $\sum z^n/n^2$ converges at every point of the unit circle.
- $\sum z^n/n$ converges at every of the point of unit circle but $z = 1$.

Note that you may use Summation by Parts trick to study $\sum z^n/n$. The trick is to note that if $\{a_k\}$ and $\{b_k\}$ are two sequences then

$$\sum_{k=m}^n a_k (b_{k+1} - b_k) = (a_n b_{n+1} - a_m b_m) - \sum_{k=m+1}^n b_k (a_k - a_{k-1}).$$