

Complex Analysis Ph.D. Prelim

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1. Show that $u = e^x(x \cos y - y \sin y)$ is harmonic in the complex plane in 2 ways:
 - A. From the definition of harmonic.
 - B. By exhibiting an entire function f such that $u = \operatorname{Re} f$.
2.
 - A. State Schwarz's Lemma.
 - B. State the Riemann Mapping Theorem.
 - C. Prove uniqueness in the Riemann Mapping Theorem.
3. Let a and b be real numbers with $a > b > 1$.
 - A. Show that b^z can be defined as an entire function such that $b^0 = 1$.
 - C. Let n be a positive integer. Show that the equation $b^z = a z^n$ has n solutions in $|z| < 1$.
4. Let $C_\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon e^{i\theta} : 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi\}$ denote the semicircle traversed clockwise.
 - A. Calculate $\int_{C_\varepsilon} \frac{1}{z} dz$.
 - B. Determine $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{C_\varepsilon} \frac{1}{z(z^2 + 1)} dz$.
 - C. Show that $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{C_\varepsilon} \frac{e^{iz}}{z(z^2 + 1)} dz = -\pi i$ [Consider $e^{iz} - 1$.]
5. Map the region bounded by the circles $|z| = 1$ and $|z + 1| = 2$ conformally onto the open unit disk.
6.
 - A. Determine the region of convergence of the series

$$1 + \frac{2z}{1+z} + \frac{3z^2}{(1+z)^2} + \dots + \frac{(n+1)z^n}{(1+z)^n} + \dots$$

- B. By summing the series show that the series actually represents a polynomial in its region of convergence.

7. Let Ω be a bounded domain. Let \mathcal{F} be the family of functions which are analytic in Ω and map Ω into itself.

A. Show that \mathcal{F} has locally bounded derivatives.

B. Is \mathcal{F} closed in the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets of Ω ?

Justify your answer.

8. Let $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x(x^2 + 1)} dx$.

A. Explain why I is absolutely convergent.

B. Incorporate the semicircle and the result from Problem 4 in a contour integration argument to evaluate I .