

Problem Set

- I. Let Ω be the union of all open polydiscs $\Delta(0;r)$ on which $f(z) = \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} z^{\alpha}$ converges.
- (A) Prove that z belongs to Ω if and only if $f(z)$ converges absolutely on a neighborhood of z .
- (B) Prove that $f(z)$ converges uniformly on compact subsets of Ω .
- (C) What can you say about the geometry of Ω ? Is it star-shaped? Convex? Circled?
- (D) What can you say about the convergence of the series $D^{\alpha}f$.
- II. Proof the best identity theorem you can.
- III. Suppose f is analytic on $\Delta(0;1)$ and continuous on $\bar{\Delta}(0;1)$ and suppose $|z_n| = 1$ is fixed. Let $g(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{n-1}) = f(z)$. Prove that g is analytic on $\Delta(0;1)$ in $C^{(n-1)}$.
- IV. (A) Prove that a pluriharmonic function on a polydisc is the real part of an analytic function.
- (B) Find an analytic function whose real part is $e^x(x \cos y - y \sin y) + x^3 - 3xy^2$.
- ~~TEXT:~~ 10-7
- V. Use the Weirstrass preparation theorem to prove the implicit function theorem for the simple case $f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = 0$ near a point where $f(z) = 0$ but $\partial f / \partial z_n \neq 0$.

I. Consider the function $T(z) = (z-a)/(z-\bar{a})$, where a is not real. If z is real, prove that $|T(z)| = 1$. If the imaginary parts of z and a are both positive, what can you say about $|T(z)|$? Prove it.

II. (A) Suppose $a = re^{i\theta}$ is a non-zero complex number. Find a formal power series $f(X)$ for which $g(z) = f(z-a)$ is a branch of $\log z$ in the disc $|z-a| < r$. [Hint: Recall that you need only show that $g'(z) \equiv 1/z$ and that $\exp(g(a)) = a$.]

(B) Prove that there is an analytic branch of $\log z$ in the right half-plane, $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$. Prove that there is a branch of $\log z$ in the complement of any closed half-line through the origin, but that there is no branch of $\log z$ in the complement of the origin.

III. (A) Let $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\}$ be two sequences of numbers with the following properties:

(i) there is a constant $M > 0$ such that

$$|\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n| \leq M \text{ for all } n \geq 1,$$

(ii) the β_n are real ≥ 0 and $\beta_1 \geq \beta_2 \geq \cdots \geq \beta_n \geq \cdots$.

Show that, for all $n \geq 1$,

$$|\alpha_1\beta_1 + \alpha_2\beta_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n\beta_n| \leq M\beta_1.$$

(Hint: Introduce $s_n = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n$ and write

$$\alpha_1\beta_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n\beta_n = (\beta_1 - \beta_2)s_1 + \cdots + (\beta_{n-1} - \beta_n)s_{n-1} + \beta_n s_n.)$$

(B) For which values of z does the series $\sum z^n/n$ converge? Pay particular attention to $|z| = 1$.

IV. If $\{a_n\}$ is a sequence of positive numbers, prove that

$$\underline{\lim} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \leq \underline{\lim} (a_n)^{1/n} \leq \overline{\lim} (a_n)^{1/n} \leq \overline{\lim} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}.$$

V. (A) Prove that $f(z) = \cos z$ is the unique analytic function for which $f''(z) = -f(z)$ and $f(0) = 1, f(1) = 0$. State and prove similar theorems for $\cos z$ and e^z .

(B) Use (A) to prove $\cos z = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$ and $e^{\lambda+z} = e^\lambda e^z$.

VI. If $f = \sum_0^{\infty} a_n X^n$, let $N(f) = \sum_0^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{1+|a_n|}$.

(A) Prove that $C[[X]]$ becomes a complete metric space if we define the distance between f and g as $N(f-g)$. This topology on $C[[X]]$ is called the *Fréchet* topology.

(B) Prove that a sequence, $\{f_k\}$, of formal power series converges to g in the Fréchet topology if and only if the n 'th coefficient of f_k converges to the n 'th coefficient of g , for all n . [Remark: this is just another way of saying that the Fréchet topology on $C[[X]]$ is the same as the product topology when $C[[X]]$ is considered as a product of countably many copies of the complex numbers.]

(C) Prove that the polynomials are dense in the Fréchet topology on $C[[X]]$.

(D) Suppose that $\{S_k(X)\}$ is a summable family of power series with $S(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} S_k(X)$. [See Cartan, p. 11, for the definition of summable and of $S(X)$.] Prove that $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^m S_k(X)$ is $S(X)$ in the Fréchet topology. Find a series of elements in $C[[X]]$ which is *not summable* in Cartan's sense, but which converges in the Fréchet topology. [Remark: for a topology in which convergence and summability are identical, see problem 1, p. 43, in Cartan.]

VII. (A) Prove that $C[[X]]$ is a topological algebra in the Fréchet topology (i.e., prove that addition, multiplication, and scalar multiplication are all continuous). [Hint: *Never* use the metric to prove continuity; use VI(B) instead.]

(B) Let g be a power series with zero constant term and define $\phi(f) = f \circ g$. Prove that ϕ is continuous. Use the continuity to prove that ϕ is an algebra homomorphism of $C[[X]]$.

(C) Suppose that ψ is a continuous algebra homomorphism of $C[[X]]$ and that $\psi(z) = g$. Prove that g has zero constant term. [Hint: $\lim X^n = 0$], and that $\psi(f) = f \circ g$, for all f . Use these results to prove the associativity of formal power series composition (i.e., to prove proposition 4.1, p. 13, in Cartan).

DO THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS FROM AHLFORS *Complex Analysis*:

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" 11	" 1
" 16	" 2,3,4,5
" 41	" 1,2,3,5,6
" 45	" 1,2,3
" 48	" 3,4,6
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I. Discuss symmetry with respect to circles and lines and reflections of meromorphic functions. You may assume Theorem 11.17, but fill in the details of other proofs sketched in class.

II. I claim if $dy = h d\theta$ $h \in L^\infty$
then I could let $g \in L^1$

Prove if $h \in L^\infty$ and if $f_r(\theta) = P(h) \cdot e^{i\theta}$
then $f_r \rightarrow h$ weak* on $L^\infty = (L^1)^*$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \int f_r(\theta) g(\theta) d\theta \rightarrow \int h(\theta) g(\theta) d\theta \quad \forall g \in L^1$$

Case $|z|=1 \Rightarrow |f(z)|=1$

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$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

$$a_n = \int e^{i\theta} e^{-in\theta} d\theta$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n = 1$$

$$e^{i\theta} \rightarrow e^{i\phi}$$

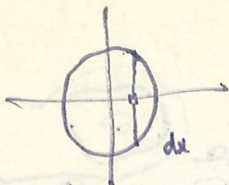
$$S^1 \rightarrow S^1$$

$$f(z) \rightarrow c^{i\theta} \text{ for some } \theta$$

$$f(z) \rightarrow e^{i\theta} z^n \text{ for some } \theta$$

$$f(z) \rightarrow e^{i\theta} z^n \text{ for some } \theta$$

$$\text{some } n \geq 0$$



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$$u_x = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \iint_{D(a,r)} u_x dx dy$$

$$u = \int_0^x u_x dx$$

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$$u(x,y) = \int_0^x u_x(x,y) dy$$

$$u_x(0) = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \iint_{D(0,r)} u_x dx dy$$

TEXT: \checkmark 11-3, \checkmark 11-6, \checkmark 11-7 (Hint: It will be enough to consider discs),
 \checkmark 11-18 (Hint: Consider discs first and use 11-6 (b)).

$u_x(r)$

I. A function is said to be locally constant if every point contains a neighborhood on which the function is constant. Prove that a locally constant function with connected domain is constant. If f and g are analytic functions with identical real parts, prove that $f-g$ is locally constant.

II. Prove that if u is real harmonic in the entire plane and is either bounded below or above, then u is constant.

III. Show that a continuous function satisfies the formula of Problem 11-5 if, and only if, it is harmonic.

IV. A) Derive the polar form of Laplace's Equation.

B) Suppose that u is harmonic in an annulus about the origin and that

$$f(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(r,\theta) d\theta$$

Prove that $\frac{d}{dr}(r f'(r)) = 0$. What is $f(r)$?

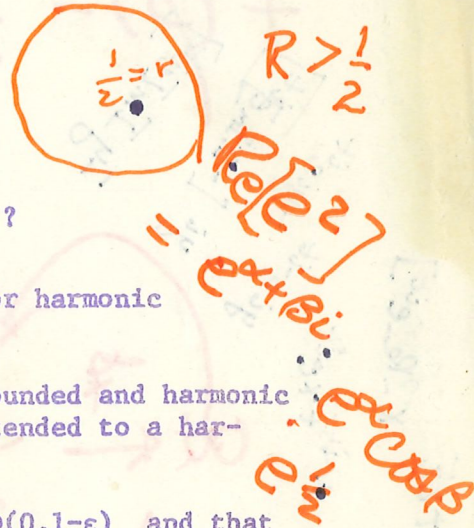
C) Use Part B) to prove the mean value property for harmonic functions.

* D) Use Part B) to show that a function which is bounded and harmonic in a deleted neighborhood of a point can be extended to a harmonic function in the entire neighborhood.

V. Suppose that u is harmonic in the complement of $D(0,1-\epsilon)$ and that $u(\infty) = 0$. Find a Poisson integral type formula for u .

$$\frac{R-r}{R+r} u(a) \leq u(a + re^{i\theta}) \leq \frac{R+r}{R-r} u(a)$$

$\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{\epsilon}{1+\epsilon}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2} < R$ $u(0 + \frac{1}{2}e^{i\theta}) \leq \frac{1+\epsilon}{\epsilon}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$



XIV. (A) Suppose that $g(z,t) = g(x+iy,t)$ is a function from an open subset of $C^1 \times R = R^3$ to C^1 . Suppose that $\partial g/\partial z$ and $\partial g/\partial t$ are continuous.

Assuming the theorem about real differentiation under integral signs, prove that

$$F(z) = \int_a^b g(z,t) dt \text{ has complex derivative } F'(z) = \int_a^b \frac{\partial g}{\partial z}(z,t) dt.$$

(B) If Ω is an open subset of C^1 which is star-shaped about z_0 and $f(z)$ has a continuous derivative throughout Ω , prove that $f(z)dz$ is exact in Ω . [Hint: For each z in Ω , let γ_z be the straight line from z_0 to z ; and define:

$$F(z) = \int_{\gamma_z} f(z) dz = \int_0^1 f(z_0 + t(z-z_0))(z-z_0) dt.$$

Show by (A) that $F'(z) \equiv f(z)$ in Ω .]

XV. Suppose $f(z)$ has a continuous derivative on the annulus $r < |z-a| < R$. Let C_1 and C_2 be positively oriented circles centered at a and with radii between r and R . Prove that

$$\int_{C_1} f(z) dz = \int_{C_2} f(z) dz$$

[Hint: Partition the annulus into a finite collection of star-shaped sectors.]

XVI. A differential form $\omega = P(x,y)dx + Q(x,y)dy = g(z)dz + h(z)d\bar{z}$ is said to be closed in an open set Ω if P and Q have continuous partial derivatives

$$\text{and } \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}.$$

(A) Find conditions on g and h which are equivalent to ω being closed.

(B) Show that $f(z)dz$ is closed if and only if $f'(z)$ exists and is continuous.

(C) If ω is closed in a star-shaped region Ω , prove that it is exact.

[Notice that this generalizes XIV(B).]

(D) Find a statement of some form of Green's Theorem in the plane. Rewrite this theorem, translating the formulas involving P, Q and their x, y derivatives to formulas involving g, h and their z, \bar{z} "derivatives".

DO THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS IN AHLFORS:

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| P. 108 | Problems 2,3,4,5,6,7 |
| P. 117f | Problems 2,3 |
| P. 120 | Problems 1,2,3 |

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$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\left(\frac{1+z}{1-\bar{z}} \right)^p \right] d\theta$$

$|z|=r$

$$\int_{C_r} \frac{1+re^{i\theta}}{1-\bar{r}e^{-i\theta}} = 1$$

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For H^p spaces always assume $1 \leq p \leq \infty$; and for $p=1$ you may use Theorem 17.13.

$$f = P(f^*) \quad f^* = Re^+ f - Re^- f + Im^+ f - Im^- f$$

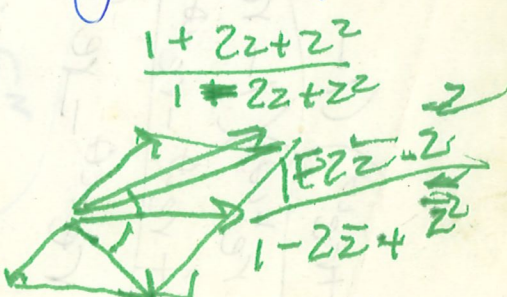
I. If $f \in H(U)$, prove that $f \in H^1(U)$ if and only if f is a linear combination of positive harmonic functions.

started Find a measure μ for which $P_\mu(z) = R(z)$. Do Problem 11-8. (Hint: First do 11-10 as a lemma; you may assume Theorem 8.9.)

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Let K be compact V one component of $S^2 - K$ and suppose $\alpha = \infty \in V$ ($\alpha \neq \infty$ $\frac{1}{z-\alpha}$) cannot be uniformly approximate on K by rational function with poles off $K \cup V$.

$$\frac{1-r^2 + r(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})}{1-2r \cos \theta + r^2} \left(\frac{1+re^{i\theta}}{1-re^{i\theta}} \right) \left(\frac{1-re^{i\theta}}{1-re^{-i\theta}} \right)$$



$$\left[\frac{1-r^2 + ir \sin \theta}{1-2r \cos \theta + r^2} \right]^{1/p} \frac{re^{i\theta}}{re^{-i\theta}} = re^{i2\theta}$$

$$z \in D \Rightarrow f_n(z) - f_m(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f_n(\xi) - f_m(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi$$

$\leq M$

$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial r}$

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$$|f_n(z) - f_m(z)| \leq \frac{K}{2\pi} \int |f_n(\xi) - f_m(\xi)| d\xi$$

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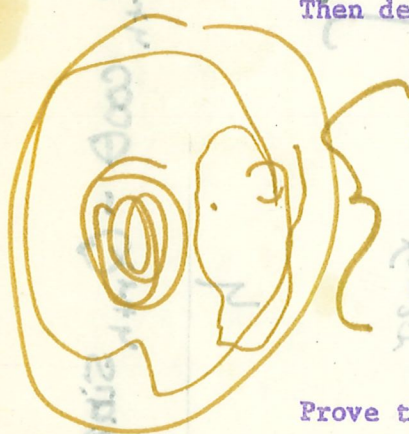
I. Prove Green's theorem for the annulus bounded by $|z| = a$ and $|z| = b$. HINT: Let C_r be the circle of radius r and A_r the annulus bounded by $|z| = a$ and $|z| = r$. Then define:

$$f(r) = \int_{C_r} Pdx + Qdy - \int_{C_a} Pdx + Qdy$$

$$g(r) = \iint_{A_r} \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right)$$

Prove that $f'(r) = g'(r)$ and $f(a) = g(a) = 0$.

Let $F(z) = z + 1/z$. Prove that $1/F$ belongs to S and find the range of F . For which numbers a does $1/(F-a)$ belong to S ? Use F and $1/(F-a)$ to show that Bieberbach's conjecture and the estimates of sections 14.10 through 14.15 are optimal. What is the analytic capacity of a line segment of length r ?



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