

Complex Variables Final Exam (2018) Solution.

(Q1)

a) Note that

$$i+i^2+i^3+i^4 = i-1-i+1=0, \text{ namely for any } k \in \mathbb{N} \quad i^k+i^{k+1}+i^{k+2}+i^{k+3}=0$$

Therefore, we have

$$i+i^2+i^3+i^4+\dots+i^{97}+i^{98}+i^{99}+i^{100}=0 \text{ and}$$

$$i+i^2+i^3+\dots+i^{100}+i^{101}=i$$

$$\Rightarrow (i+i^2+i^3+\dots+i^{101})^5 = i^5$$

By De Moivre formula: for any $z \in \mathbb{C}$: $z^n = |z|^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta)$.

Since $|i|=1$ and $\arg i = \frac{\pi}{2} (+2\pi k)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} i^5 &= 1^5 (\cos(5 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}) + i \sin(5 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2})) = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi) \\ &= \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 + i \cdot 1 = i \end{aligned}$$

b) $z^7 = i$, namely $z = \sqrt[7]{i}$. Write i in polar form:

$$|i|=1, \arg i = \frac{\pi}{2} (+2\pi k), \text{ therefore } i = 1 (\cos(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k) + i \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k))$$

Therefore,

$$\sqrt[7]{i} = 1^{1/7} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k}{7}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k}{7}\right) \right) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 :$$

$$k=0 \quad z_0 = \cos \frac{\pi}{14} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{14}$$

$$k=1 \quad z_1 = \cos \frac{5\pi}{14} + i \sin \frac{5\pi}{14}$$

$$k=2 \quad z_2 = \cos \frac{9\pi}{14} + i \sin \frac{9\pi}{14}$$

$$k=3 \quad z_3 = \cos \frac{13\pi}{14} + i \sin \frac{13\pi}{14}$$

$$k=4 \quad z_4 = \cos \frac{17\pi}{14} + i \sin \frac{17\pi}{14}$$

$$k=5 \quad z_5 = \cos \frac{21\pi}{14} + i \sin \frac{21\pi}{14}$$

$$k=6 \quad z_6 = \cos \frac{25\pi}{14} + i \sin \frac{25\pi}{14}$$

(Q2)

a) Let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$, $a_n \in \mathbb{C}$. Consider the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = L$

- If L exists and $L < 1$, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges absolutely
- If L exists and $L > 1$, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges
- If L does not exist or $L = 1$, then the test is inconclusive.

b) The formula for the radius of convergence is

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_n}{b_{n+1}} \right| \quad \text{where} \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n, \quad b_n \in \mathbb{C}$$

We apply the Ratio Test to check the convergence of this series:

$$a_n = \frac{n!}{n^n} z^n, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} z^{n+1}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! z^{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} : \frac{n! z^n}{n^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(n+1)! z^{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n! z^n} \right| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+1}{(n+1)^{n+1}} n^n z \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^n} z \right| = |z| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = \\ &= |z| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^n = |z| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^n = |z| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$ we obtain $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} = \frac{1}{e}$, therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = |z| \frac{1}{e} \quad \text{and we have}$$

$$|z| \frac{1}{e} < 1 \Leftrightarrow |z| < e,$$

namely, by the Ratio Test, for $|z| < e$ the series converges absolutely.

The radius of convergence: $b_n = \frac{n!}{n^n}$ $b_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}}$

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_n}{b_{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n!}{n^n} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e.$$

(Q3)

a) The given function $f(z) = \frac{2+3z}{z^2+z^4}$ is analytic on the annulus

$0 < |z| < 1$: the denominator vanishes iff $z^2+z^4=0 \Leftrightarrow z^2(1+z^2)=0$
 $\Leftrightarrow z=0$ or $z=\pm i$, which are outside of $0 < |z| < 1$. To obtain the

series we proceed as follows

$$\frac{2+3z}{z^2+z^4} = \frac{2+3z}{z^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1+z^2} = \left(\frac{2}{z^2} + \frac{3}{z} \right) \frac{1}{1-(-z^2)} = \left(\frac{2}{z^2} + \frac{3}{z} \right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-z^2)^n =$$

$\frac{1}{1-(-z^2)}$ is the sum of geometric

series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-z^2)^n$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{z^2} + \frac{3}{z} \right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n z^{2n} = \frac{2}{z^2} + \frac{3}{z} - 2 - 3z + 2z^2 + 3z^3 - \dots$$

(b) $z=0$ is a pole of order 2 since $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \cdot \frac{2+3z}{1+z^2} = \frac{1}{z^2} \cdot \varphi(z)$ and

$\varphi(z)$ is analytic at the neighborhood of $z=0$ and $\varphi(0) = 2 \neq 0$.

We have proved the following proposition:

$z = z_0$ is a pole of order $m > 0$ of $f \Leftrightarrow f$ can be expressed as
 $f(z) = \frac{\varphi(z)}{(z-z_0)^m}$ where $\varphi(z)$ is analytic at a neighborhood of z_0 (and at z_0) and $\varphi(z_0) \neq 0$. Moreover, $\text{Res}(f, z_0) = \frac{\varphi^{(m-1)}(z_0)}{(m-1)!}$.

We apply this proposition with $\varphi(z) = \frac{2+3z}{1+z^2}$ and $m=2$ and get

$$\text{Res}(f, 0) = \frac{\varphi'(0)}{1!}$$

$$\varphi'(z) = \frac{3(1+z^2) - 2z(2+3z)}{(1+z^2)^2} \Rightarrow \varphi'(0) = 3 \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Res}(f, 0) = \frac{3}{1!} = 3.$$

(Q4)

a) The branch point of $\text{Ln}(z-z_0)$ is $z = z_0$. Since (proved in class)

for any $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ $\text{Ln} \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \text{Ln} z_1 - \text{Ln} z_2$ we get

$$f(z) = (z+2) \text{Ln} \left(\frac{z-2}{z+i} \right) + 5 = (z+2) (\text{Ln}(z-2) - \text{Ln}(z+i)) + 5$$

and the branch points are $z=2$ and $z=-i$.

b) Since $\cosh z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!}$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} z^6 \cosh \frac{1}{z} &= z^6 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} z^{-2n} = z^6 \left(1 + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{1}{z^4} + \frac{1}{6!} \frac{1}{z^6} + \frac{1}{8!} \frac{1}{z^8} + \dots \right) \\ &= z^6 + \frac{z^4}{2!} + \frac{z^2}{4!} + \frac{1}{6!} + \frac{1}{8!} \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{10!} \frac{1}{z^4} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we see that there is an isolated singularity at $z=0$. Since the principal part of the series has infinitely many terms, by definition it is an essential singularity.

(Q5)

a) Let f be analytic on and inside the simple, closed, positively oriented contour C , except at a finite number of isolated singularities z_1, \dots, z_n all inside C . Then,

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res}(f, z_k).$$

$$b) \int_{|z-1|=\frac{5}{2}} \frac{dz}{(z-5)(z+1)^4}$$

The singularities are at $z=5$ and $z=-1$, but $z=5$ is outside of $|z-1| \leq \frac{5}{2}$, thus we can ignore it. First, note that $z=-1$ is a pole of order 4, since

$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-5)(z+1)^4} = \frac{1}{(z+1)^4} \varphi(z)$, $\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{z-5}$ and $\varphi(z)$ is analytic at a neighborhood of $z = -1$ (and at $z = -1$), $\varphi(-1) = -\frac{1}{6} \neq 0$.

Therefore, since (for $m=4$)

$$\text{Res}(f, -1) = \frac{\varphi^{(3)}(-1)}{3!}$$

we obtain:

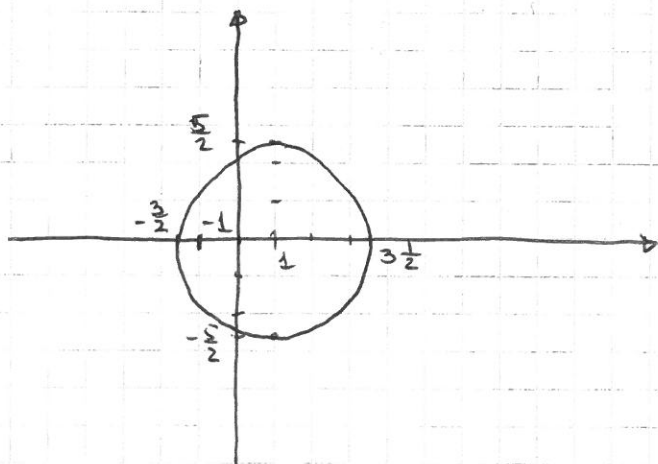
$$\varphi'(z) = -\frac{1}{(z-5)^2}, \quad \varphi''(z) = \frac{2}{(z-5)^3}, \quad \varphi'''(z) = -\frac{6}{(z-5)^4} \Rightarrow \varphi'''(-1) = -\frac{1}{6^3}$$

and we have

$$\text{Res}(f, -1) = -\frac{1}{6^3} \cdot \frac{1}{3!} = -\frac{1}{6^3} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = -\frac{1}{6^4}.$$

Therefore, by the Residue Theorem

$$\int_{|z-1|=\frac{5}{2}} \frac{dz}{(z-5)(z+1)^4} = 2\pi i \text{Res}\left(\frac{1}{(z-5)(z+1)^4}, -1\right) = 2\pi i \left(-\frac{1}{6^4}\right)$$



Alternatively: We have a simple pole at $z=5$ and a pole of order 4 at $z=-1$. By the definition of the contour $z=-1$ lies inside the contour and $z=5$ does not lie inside C . For $\varphi(z) = \frac{1}{z-5}$ by extended Cauchy

Integral formula we have for $n=3$

$$\varphi^{(3)}(-1) = \frac{3!}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-1|=\frac{5}{2}} \frac{\varphi(z)}{(z+1)^4} dz$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{|z-1|=\frac{5}{2}} \frac{\varphi(z)}{(z+1)^4} dz = \frac{2\pi i}{3!} \varphi^{(3)}(-1) = \frac{2\pi i}{3!} \left(-\frac{1}{6^3}\right) = 2\pi i \left(-\frac{1}{6^4}\right).$$