

## SOME OLD EXAM PROBLEMS, MARCH 15, 2023

1.(a) Find all complex zeros of  $\cos z - \sin z$ .

(b) What is the radius of convergence of the power series of

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\cos z - \sin z}$$

around  $z = 0$ ? Justify your answer. (Hint: **DO NOT** expand this into a power series. You should be able to see the radius without any computation.)

2. Show that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \pi.$$

3. Find all zeros of the rational function

$$\frac{z^3 - 7z^2 + 15z - 9}{z^2 + 3z - 4}$$

and determine their orders.

4. Show that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{\pi \log a}{2a} \text{ when } a > 0.$$

5. Identify all zeros, poles, removable singularities, and/or essential singularities. For zeros and poles, give the orders. Be sure to consider the point at  $\infty$ . You do not need to compute residues.

$$f(z) := \frac{1}{z} \sin \left( \frac{\pi z}{1 - z} \right)$$

6. Determine all possible values of

(a)  $\log(i)$

(b)  $\sqrt{i}$

(c)  $(3i)^i$

(d)  $5^i$

6. Let  $p_n$  be the degree  $n$  Taylor polynomial of  $e^z$ , i.e.,  $p_n(z) := \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{z^k}{k!}$ .

- (a) For any  $n \geq 1$  and any  $k$  between 1 and  $n$ , show that

$$\frac{|z|^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \leq \frac{|z|^n}{n!} \left( \frac{n}{|z|} \right)^k.$$

Conclude that  $p_n(z)$  has  $n$  zeros on the disk  $|z| \leq 2n$  for each positive integer  $n$ .

- (b) Show that for any  $n \geq 1$

$$\frac{|z|^n}{n!} < \delta^n e^{\delta^{-1}|z|} \text{ for any } \delta > 0.$$

Prove that there is a  $\delta_0 > 0$  such that, for all  $n \geq 1$ , none of the zeros of  $p_n$  lie in the disk  $|z| \leq \delta_0 n$ .

Hint: Don't worry about the exact value of  $\delta_0$ —just prove the statement for  $\delta_0$  sufficiently small.

7. Suppose the Taylor series for  $\tan z$  is given by  $\tan z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$  for some constants  $c_n$ .

- (a) Prove that

$$\frac{1}{z - \frac{\pi}{2}} + \frac{1}{z + \frac{\pi}{2}} + \tan z$$

is holomorphic on the disk  $|z| < \frac{3\pi}{2}$  (in particular, show that the apparent singularities are removable).

- (b) Conclude that for any  $\delta > \frac{2}{3\pi}$ , there is a finite constant  $C_\delta$  such that

$$\left| c_n - \frac{2^{n+2}}{\pi^{n+1}} \right| \leq C_\delta \delta^n$$

whenever  $n$  is odd. This means that the odd coefficients in the Taylor series for  $\tan z$  are equal to  $2^{n+2}\pi^{-n-1}$  up to an error which is proportionally much smaller than this as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hint: Use the Cauchy inequalities.

8. For each of the following statements, mark whether they are true or false.

- (a) The winding number is always an integer.
- (b) A non-zero holomorphic function  $f(z)$  can have a distinct sequence  $z_n \rightarrow z_0$  and  $f(z_n) = 0$ .
- (c) A bounded entire function must be constant.
- (d) Nearby an essential singularity  $z_0$ , a holomorphic function (except at  $z_0$ ) takes on every value in the complex plane.
- (e) A meromorphic function can have only isolated zeroes and poles.