

## M642 Assignment 8, due Friday April 5

**Note.** This is a double assignment, since there is no class Friday March 29.

1. [10 pts] (**Keener Problem 6.1.1.**) Solve the following.

a. The function  $f(z) = \sqrt{z(z-1)(z-4)}$  is defined to have branch cuts given by  $z = \rho e^{-i\pi/2}$ ,  $z = 1 + \rho e^{i\pi/2}$ , and  $z = 4 + \rho e^{-i\pi/2}$ ,  $0 \leq \rho < \infty$ , and with  $f(2) = -2i$ . Evaluate  $f(-3)$ ,  $f(1/2)$ , and  $f(5)$ .

b. Determine the branch cut structure of

$$f(z) = \ln \left( 5 + \sqrt{\frac{z+1}{z-1}} \right).$$

Make a plot in the  $f$  complex plane of the different branches of this function.

2. [10 pts] Consider the function

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{z^5}{|z|^4} & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0. \end{cases}$$

Show that the Cauchy-Riemann equations hold at  $z = 0$ , but that  $f$  is not differentiable at  $z = 0$ .

3. [10 pts] (**Keener Problem 6.1.3.**) Find all values of  $z$  for which

(a)  $\sin z = 2$

(b)  $\sin z = i$

(c)  $\tan^2 z = -1$

4. [10 pts] Let  $r > 0$  and let  $\gamma(t) = re^{it}$  for  $t \in [0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$ . Show that

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} e^{iz^2} dz \right| \leq \frac{\pi(1 - e^{-r^2})}{4r}.$$

**Note.** Although we may not have time to prove it in class, this problem assumes students are familiar with the inequality

$$\left| \int_C f(z) dz \right| \leq \int_C |f(z)| |dz|.$$

5. [10 pts] In M641 we reviewed the integral formula

$$\int_U u_{x_i} d\vec{x} = \int_{\partial U} u \nu^i dS,$$

where  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) is an open set with  $C^1$  boundary (piecewise  $C^1$  is okay for  $n = 2$ ) and  $\nu^i$  denotes the  $i^{\text{th}}$  component of the outward unit normal vector. Use this to prove Green's Theorem

$$\int_C P dx + Q dy = \int_D \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dx dy,$$

under the assumptions stated in class.

6. [10 pts] (**Keener Problem 6.2.1.**) The function  $f(z)$  is analytic in the entire  $z$  plane including  $z = \infty$  except at  $z = i/2$ , where it has a simple pole, and at  $z = 2$  where it has a pole of order 2. It is known that

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{|z|=1} f(z)dz &= 2\pi i \\ \int_{|z|=3} f(z)dz &= 0 \\ \int_{|z|=3} f(z)(z-2)dz &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Find  $f(z)$  (unique up to an arbitrary additive constant).

7. [10 pts] Suppose  $f(z) = u + iv$  is analytic in an open set  $U$ .

a. Show that if  $f'(z) = 0$  for all  $z \in U$  then  $f$  is constant in  $U$ .

b. Show that if one of the functions  $u$ ,  $v$ , or  $|f|$  is constant in  $U$  then  $f$  is constant in  $U$ .

8. [10 pts] Evaluate each of the following integrals.

a. (**Keener Problem 6.2.6.**)

$$\int_{|z|=1/2} \frac{z+1}{z^2+z+1} dz.$$

b. (**Keener Problem 6.2.7.**)

$$\int_{|z|=1/2} e^{z^2 \ln(1+z)} dz.$$

c. (**Keener Problem 6.2.8.**)

$$\int_{|z|=1/2} \arcsin z dz.$$

d. (**Keener Problem 6.2.9.**)

$$\int_{|z|=1} \frac{\sin z}{2z+i} dz.$$

e. (**Keener Problem 6.2.10.**)

$$\int_{|z|=1} \frac{\ln(z+2)}{z+2} dz.$$

f. (**Keener Problem 6.2.11.**)

$$\int_{|z|=1} \cot z dz.$$

9. [10 pts] (**Keener Problem 6.2.12.**) Show that, if  $f(z)$  is analytic and nonzero on the interior of some region, then  $|f(z)|$  cannot attain a (strict) local minimum on the interior of the domain.

10. [10 pts] In this problem we'll define the concept of a winding number and determine one of its properties.

**Definition.** Suppose  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a closed, piecewise smooth path and that  $z$  is any point not on  $\gamma$ . The winding number  $n(\gamma, z)$  of  $\gamma$  about  $z$  (also called the index of  $\gamma$  with respect to  $z$ ) is defined as

$$n(\gamma, z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta - z}.$$

Show that  $n(\gamma, z)$  is always integer-valued.

**Note.** Although we won't prove it, the following characterization can be made precise:  $n(\gamma, z)$  counts the number of times  $\gamma$  winds around  $z$ . If  $\gamma$  is such that the bounded region surrounded by  $\gamma$  is kept to the left, then  $n(\gamma, z)$  is positive.