

Math 185 Lecture 4  
Midterm 1  
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- Complete the following problems. In order to receive full credit, please provide rigorous proofs and show all of your work and justify your answers. Unless stated otherwise, you may use any result proved in class, the text, or in homeworks, but be sure to clearly state the result before using it and to verify that all hypotheses are satisfied.
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1. (15 points) Determine, using the definition of differentiability, whether  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by  $f(z) = |z - z_0|$  is differentiable or not differentiable at  $z = z_0$ . Prove your answer.

**Solution:** We claim that  $f(z)$  is not differentiable. To see this, we will find the limit  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$  along the real and imaginary directions.

First, we let  $z = z_0 + \epsilon$ , so that we approach  $z_0$  along the real direction. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|z_0 + \epsilon - z_0| - |z_0 - z_0|}{z_0 + \epsilon - z_0} \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\epsilon|}{\epsilon} \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon} \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we let  $z = z_0 + i\epsilon$ , so that we approach  $z_0$  along the imaginary direction, then,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|z_0 + i\epsilon - z_0| - |z_0 - z_0|}{z_0 + i\epsilon - z_0} \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{|i\epsilon|}{i\epsilon} \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\epsilon}{i\epsilon} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} = -i. \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit differs depending on the direction, then  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$  does not exist, so  $f$  is not differentiable at  $z_0$ .

2. Determine whether the following statements are true or false. No justification is required.

(a) (4 points) Every Cauchy sequence  $\{z_n\}$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  converges to some  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**TRUE**    false

(b) (4 points) Under stereographic projection, circles on the sphere project to either circles or straight lines in the plane.

**TRUE**    false

(c) (4 points) The image of the annulus  $1 < |z| < e$  under the principal branch of the logarithm ( $= \text{Log}$ ) is an open rectangle with vertices  $i\pi$ ,  $-i\pi$ ,  $1 + i\pi$ , and  $1 - i\pi$ .

**TRUE**    false

(d) (4 points) Every analytic function has an analytic inverse.

true    **FALSE**

(e) (4 points) The image of the disk  $|z - i| < 2$  under the fractional linear transformation taking  $2 + i$  to  $-1$ ,  $-i$  to  $1$ , and  $3i$  to  $\infty$  is the upper half plane  $\text{Im } z > 0$ .

true    **FALSE**

3. (a) (10 points) Show that  $u(x, y) = e^x \cos y$  is harmonic.

**Solution:** We first compute  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x \cos y$ , so that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = e^x \cos y$ .

Also,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -e^x \sin y$ , and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -e^x \cos y$ .

Hence,

$$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = e^x \cos y + (-e^x \cos y) = 0,$$

so  $u$  is harmonic.

- (b) (10 points) Find the general form of the harmonic conjugate  $v(x, y)$  of  $u(x, y)$ .

**Solution:** From the Cauchy-Riemann equations,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x \cos y$ . Hence, by integrating with respect to  $y$ ,  $v = e^x \sin y + h(x)$ , where  $x$  is some function of  $x$ .

Now, we use the second Cauchy-Riemann equation:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = e^x \sin y + h'(x) = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -(-e^x \sin y).$$

Hence,  $h'(x) = 0$ , so  $h(x) = C$ . So  $v(x, y) = e^x \sin y + C$ .

- (c) (10 points) Find an analytic function  $f(z)$ , written solely in terms of  $z$  (i.e. there should be no  $x$ 's and  $y$ 's in your formula), such that  $u(x, y) = \operatorname{Re} f(z)$ .

**Solution:** From the previous parts, we have that  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) = e^x \cos y + ie^x \sin y$  is one possible solution. Using the Euler formula, we can see that

$$f(z) = e^x(\cos y + i \sin y) = e^x e^{iy} = e^{x+iy} = e^z.$$

Hence,  $f(z) = e^z$  satisfies that  $\operatorname{Re} f(z) = u(x, y)$ .

4. (15 points) Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic on  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $g(z)$  be a fractional linear transformation. Show that if  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$  and if  $g(f(z_0)) \neq \infty$ , then  $g \circ f$  is conformal at  $z = z_0$ .

**Solution:** We will use the fact that an analytic function  $h$  is conformal at  $z_0$  if  $h'(z_0) \neq 0$ . We first note that  $g \circ f$  is a composition of analytic functions, with  $f$  analytic at  $z_0$  and  $g$  analytic at  $f(z_0)$  (since  $g$  is analytic on all of  $\mathbb{C}$ ), so  $g \circ f$  is analytic at  $z_0$ . Next, we note that by the chain rule,

$$(g \circ f)'(z) = g'(f(z))f'(z).$$

Since  $g(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  where  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , then

$$g'(z) = \frac{a(cz+d) - c(az+b)}{(cz+d)^2} = \frac{ad-bc}{(cz+d)^2}.$$

In particular, since  $ad - bc \neq 0$ , then  $g'(z) \neq 0$  as long as  $(cz+d)^2 \neq 0$  (in which case  $g'(z)$  is undefined). Notice that  $g'(z)$  is undefined if and only if  $g(z)$  is undefined. We are told that  $g(f(z_0)) \neq \infty$ , so that  $g'(f(z_0)) \neq 0$ .

In addition, we are given that  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ . Hence,  $(g \circ f)'(z_0) = g'(f(z_0))f'(z_0) \neq 0$ . By the theorem we quoted at the beginning, then  $g \circ f$  is conformal at  $z_0$ .

5. (20 points) Suppose  $f$  is analytic on a domain  $D$  and  $|f|$  is constant on  $D$ . Show that  $f$  is constant on  $D$ .

**Solution:** Since  $|f| = \text{constant}$ , then we have that  $|f|^2 = c$  for some  $c$ . We will write  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ , so that  $|f|^2 = (u(x, y))^2 + (v(x, y))^2$ .

Now, if we differentiate with respect to  $x$ ,

$$0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}|f|^2 = 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}. \quad (1)$$

Differentiating with respect to  $y$  yields

$$0 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}|f|^2 = 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 2v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}. \quad (2)$$

Since  $f$  is analytic,  $u, v$  satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ .

Then, substituting and dividing by 2, Equations 1 and 2 become

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \\ 0 &= u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, multiply the first equation by  $u$ , and add it to  $v$  times the second equation, to yield

$$0 = u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - uv \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + uv \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + v^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = (u^2 + v^2) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}.$$

Note  $u^2 + v^2 = |f|^2 = c$  is constant. If  $c = 0$ , the  $|f|^2 = 0$  implies that  $f(z) = 0$  for all  $z$ , so  $f$  is constant. Otherwise, the above equation implies that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$ . By the Cauchy-Riemann equations, we also have that

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0.$$

Similarly, we can take  $-v$  times the first equation and add it to  $u$  times the second equation to yields  $0 = (u^2 + v^2) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  so that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$ . Hence,  $u = \text{constant}$ . Again, by the Cauchy-Riemann equations, we also have that

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0.$$

Hence,  $v = \text{constant}$  as well. Hence,  $f = u + iv = \text{constant}$ .

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