

**Homework #5 Assigned on February 22, 2024  
due February 29, 2024**

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**Problem 1** (*Applications of Cauchy's Inequality and Maximum Modulus Principle – from Stein & Shakarchi, p.105, #15*). Use the Cauchy inequalities or the maximum modulus principle to solve the following problems.

(a) Prove that if  $f(z)$  is an entire function that satisfies

$$\sup_{|z|=R} |f(z)| \leq AR^k + B$$

for all  $R > 0$  and for some  $k \geq 0$  and some constants  $A, B > 0$  then  $f(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq k$ .

(b) Let  $0 < \theta < \varphi < 2\pi$ . Show that if  $f(z)$  is holomorphic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ , is bounded, and converges uniformly to zero in the sector

$$\{\theta < \arg z < \varphi\}$$

as  $|z| \rightarrow 1$ , then  $f \equiv 0$ .

*Hint:* For some appropriate large positive integer  $\ell$  the holomorphic function

$$F(z) = \prod_{k=0}^{\ell-1} f\left(e^{\frac{2\pi ik}{\ell}} z\right)$$

on  $\mathbb{D}$  satisfies

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1^-} |F(z)| = 0.$$

Apply the maximum modulus principle to  $F(z)$ .

(c) Let  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  be points on the unit circle in the complex plane. Prove that there exists a point  $z$  on the unit circle such that the product of the distances from  $z$  to the point  $w_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , is at least 1. Conclude that there exists a point  $w$  on the unit circle such that the product of the distances from  $w$  to the points  $w_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , is exactly equal to 1.

*Hint:* Consider the holomorphic function  $f(z) = \prod_{j=1}^m (z - w_j)$  and its value at  $z = 0$  and apply the maximum modulus principle to  $f(z)$  on the unit disk.

(d) Show that if the real part of an entire function  $f$  is bounded, then  $f$  is constant.

**Problem 2** (*Mean Square Convergence for Holomorphic Functions – from Stein & Shakarchi, p.107, #20*). This problem shows how the *mean square convergence* dominates the uniform convergence of holomorphic functions. If  $U$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  we use the notation

$$\|f\|_{L^2(U)} = \left( \int_U |f(z)|^2 dx dy \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for the *mean square norm*, and

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty(U)} = \sup_{z \in U} |f(z)|$$

for the sup norm.

(a) If  $f$  is holomorphic in a neighborhood of the disk

$$\overline{D_r(z_0)} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - z_0| \leq r\},$$

show that for any  $0 < s < r$  there exists a constant  $C > 0$  (which depends on  $s$  and  $r$ ) such that

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty(D_s(z_0))} \leq C \|f\|_{L^2(D_r(z_0))}.$$

(b) Prove that if  $\{f_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence of holomorphic functions in the mean square norm  $\|\cdot\|_{L^2(U)}$ , then the sequence  $\{f_n\}$  converges uniformly every compact subset of  $U$  to a holomorphic function.

*Hint:* Use the mean value property of holomorphic functions.

**Problem 3** (*Application of Identity Theorem for Holomorphic Functions – from Stein & Shakarchi, p.67, #13*). Suppose  $f(z)$  is a holomorphic function defined everywhere in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that for each  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  at least one coefficient in the expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z - z_0)^n$$

is equal to 0. Prove that  $f$  is a polynomial.

*Hint:* Use  $c_n n! = f^{(n)}(z_0)$  and the fact from the Baire category theorem that as a complete metric space,  $\mathbb{C}$  cannot be the countable union of closed subsets without any interior points.

**Problem 4** (*Application of Schwarz Reflection Principle for Unit Disk – from Stein & Shakarchi, p.67, #15*). Suppose  $f$  is a non-vanishing continuous function on the topological closure  $\mathbb{D}$  of the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$  such that  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Prove that if

$$|f(z)| = 1 \quad \text{for } |z| = 1,$$

then  $f(z)$  is constant.

*Hint:* Extend  $f$  to all of  $\mathbb{C}$  by

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{f\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}}\right)}$$

whenever  $|z| > 1$  and use the argument from the Schwarz reflection principle.

**Problem 5** (*Example of Holomorphic Function on Unit Disk Non Continuable Across Any Point on Unit Circle – from Stein & Shakarchi, p.67, #1(a)*). Let  $f$  be a holomorphic function on the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $C$  be the unit circle  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$ . A point  $w$  of  $C$  is said to be *regular* for  $f$  if there is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $w$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  and there is a holomorphic function  $g$  on  $U$  such that  $f = g$  on  $\mathbb{D} \cap U$ . One says that a holomorphic function  $f$  defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  cannot be *continued holomorphically* past the unit circle  $C$  if no point of  $C$  is regular for  $f$ . Suppose

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{2^n} \quad \text{for } |z| < 1.$$

Notice that the radius of convergence is 1. Show that  $f$  cannot be continued holomorphically past the unit circle  $C$ .

*Hint:* Suppose  $\theta = \frac{2\pi p}{2^k}$ , where  $p$  and  $k$  are positive integers. Let  $z = re^{i\theta}$ . Then  $|f(re^{i\theta})| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ .

**Problem 6** (*Conformality and Orientation-Preserving Property of Holomorphic Function with Nowhere Zero Derivative*). Let  $\Omega$  be a connected open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $f(z)$  be a holomorphic function on  $\Omega$  such that its complex derivative  $f'(z)$  is nowhere zero on  $\Omega$ . Prove that  $f$  is orientation preserving and is conformal

in the sense that the angle between two curves in  $\Omega$  at their intersection point is equal to the angle of the images of the two curves under the map defined by  $f$ . Here the preservation of orientation by the map defined by  $f$  means that the Jacobian determinant of the map from  $(x, y)$  to  $(u, v)$  is strictly positive when  $u + iv = f(x + iy)$ .

*Hint:* For the conformality property, consider a curve  $t \mapsto \varphi(t) \in \Omega$  (with  $-1 < t < 1$  and nonzero derivative of  $\varphi$  at  $t = 0$ ), and compare

$$\arg \left( \frac{d\varphi}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \arg \left( \frac{d(f \circ \varphi)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \right).$$