

**Math 213a Homework #5 Assigned October 8, 2024  
due October 15, 2024**

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**Problem 1.** (*Derivation of Double Periodicity of Weierstrass  $\wp$  Function without Using its Derivative – from #4 on p.279 of Stein-Shakarchi's Complex Analysis*). Let  $L = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2$ , where  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  are two complex numbers which are  $\mathbb{R}$ -linearly independent. By rearranging the series

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\omega \in L - \{0\}} \left( \frac{1}{(z + \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right),$$

show directly, without differentiation, that  $\wp(z + \omega) = \wp(z)$  whenever  $\omega \in L$ .

*Hint:* For  $R$  sufficiently large, note that

$$\wp(z) = \wp^R(z) + O\left(\frac{1}{R}\right)$$

as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , where

$$\wp^R(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\substack{\omega \in L, \\ 0 < |\omega| < R}} \left( \frac{1}{(z + \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right).$$

Next, for any  $c > 0$  observe that

$$\wp^R(z + \omega) - \wp^R(z) = O\left( \sum_{\substack{\omega \in L, \\ R - c < |\omega| < R + c}} \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right) = O\left(\frac{1}{R}\right)$$

as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Problem 2.** (*Symmetric Form of Addition Theorem for Weierstrass  $\wp$  Function*). Prove that, if  $u, v, w \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  such that  $u + v + w = 0$ , then

$$\begin{vmatrix} \wp(u) & \wp'(u) & 1 \\ \wp(v) & \wp'(v) & 1 \\ \wp(w) & \wp'(w) & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

*Hint:* Choose complex constants  $A, B, C$  not all zero such that  $A\wp(z) + B\wp'(z) + C$  vanishes at  $u$  and  $v$ .

**Problem 3.** (*Identities of Elliptic Functions from Elimination of Principal Parts*). For any pair of distinct complex numbers  $a, b$ , show by Liouville's theorem that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dz} (\wp(z-a)\wp(z-b)) \\ &= \wp(a-b) (\wp'(z-a) + \wp'(z-b)) - \wp'(a-b) (\wp(z-a) - \wp(z-b)). \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 4.** (*Alternative Proof of the Addition Theorem of the Weierstrass  $\wp$  Function by Using its Principal Part at 0*). Let  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  be complex numbers which are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\wp(z)$  be the Weierstrass  $\wp$  whose period lattice is  $L$ . Use

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + 3s_4z^2 + \dots,$$

where

$$s_4 = \sum_{\ell \in L - \{0\}} \frac{1}{\ell^4},$$

to prove the addition theorem

$$\wp(z_1 + z_2) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\wp'(z_1) - \wp'(z_2)}{\wp(z_1) - \wp(z_2)} \right)^2 - \wp(z_1) - \wp(z_2)$$

by verifying that for fixed  $z_2$  the doubly periodic function

$$\varphi(z) := \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\wp'(z) - \wp'(z_2)}{\wp(z) - \wp(z_2)} \right)^2 - \wp(z) - \wp(z_2) - \wp(z + z_2)$$

of  $z$  is entire on  $\mathbb{C}$  and vanishes at 0.

*Hint:* Treat  $s_4$  simply as a constant and ignore its relation to the lattice.

**Problem 5.** (*Equation involving  $\wp(z)$ ,  $\wp'(z)$  and  $\sigma(z)$  obtained by Checking Double Periodicity and Location of Zeros and Poles*). For a period lattice  $L = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2$  (where  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  are two complex numbers which are  $\mathbb{R}$ -linearly

independent), the *Weierstrass sigma function*  $\sigma(z)$  for the lattice  $L$  is defined by

$$\sigma(z) = z \prod_{\ell \in L - \{0\}} \left(1 - \frac{z}{\ell}\right) e^{\frac{z}{\ell} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{z}{\ell}\right)^2},$$

which is a *theta function* in the sense that

$$\sigma(z + \omega_\nu) = -e^{\eta_\nu(z + \frac{1}{2}\omega_\nu)} \sigma(z) \quad \text{for } \nu = 1, 2$$

for some complex constants  $\eta_1, \eta_2$ .

(a) For  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}$ , prove that

$$\wp(u) - \wp(v) = -\frac{\sigma(u+v)\sigma(u-v)}{\sigma(u)^2\sigma(v)^2}.$$

(b) For  $u, v, w \in \mathbb{C}$ , prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} \wp(u) & \wp'(u) & 1 \\ \wp(v) & \wp'(v) & 1 \\ \wp(w) & \wp'(w) & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{2\sigma(u+v+w)\sigma(u-v)\sigma(v-w)\sigma(w-u)}{\sigma(u)^3\sigma(v)^3\sigma(w)^3}.$$