

The University of British Columbia  
Midterm Examinations - November 2011

Mathematics 305

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Closed book examination. No notes, texts, or calculators allowed. Time: 55 minutes

Marks

- [20] 1. For each of the following, calculate the integral  $I$  over the given path  $C$ . You must give justification for your results to receive credit. (Hint: very little calculation is needed to evaluate these).
- (i)  $I = \int_C \sqrt{z} dz$ , where  $\sqrt{z}$  denotes the principal branch of the square root and  $C$  is the straight line from  $z = \sqrt{2}$  to  $z = -1 + i$ .
  - (ii)  $I = \int_C \frac{1}{z^4 - (4+3i)} dz$ , where  $C$  is the circle  $|z| = 1$  counter-clockwise.
  - (iii)  $I = \int_C \frac{1}{z^4 - 1} dz$ , where  $C$  is the circle  $|z| = 2$  counter-clockwise.
  - (iv)  $I = \int_C \frac{1}{i\sqrt{z+3i+1}} dz$ , where  $\sqrt{z}$  denotes the principal branch of the square root, and  $C$  is the circle  $|z - 8| = 7$  counter-clockwise.
  - (v)  $I = \int_C \text{Log} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z^2}\right) dz$ , where  $\text{Log}$  denotes the principal branch of the multi-valued logarithm function and  $C$  is the circle  $|z - 3i| = 1$  counter-clockwise.
- [10] 2. Let  $C$  be the unit circle  $|z| = 1$  oriented counter-clockwise.
- (i) By using partial fractions, calculate the integral  $I$  defined by

$$I = -i \int_C \frac{dz}{z^2 + 4z + 1}.$$

- (ii) Then, from a direct parametrization of the integral  $I$  over the unit circle show that the following identity emerges:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{2 + \cos \theta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

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- [10] 3. Let  $C$  be the unit circle  $|z| = 1$  oriented counter-clockwise and let  $a$  be any real constant with  $a > 1$ .

(i) Calculate the integral  $I$  defined by

$$I = \int_C \frac{\text{Log}(a - z)}{z} dz,$$

where  $\text{Log}$  denotes the principal branch of the multi-valued logarithm function (Hint: use the Cauchy integral formula)

(ii) From a direct parametrization of the integral derive the identity

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \ln(a^2 + 1 - 2a \cos \theta) d\theta = 4\pi \ln a.$$

- [10] 4. Suppose that  $f(z)$  is analytic inside and on a simple closed curve  $C$ . Assume also that  $|f(z) - 1| < 1$  for  $z$  on  $C$ .

(i) Prove that there is no point  $z_0$  inside  $C$  for which  $f(z_0) = 0$ .

(ii) Using the result in (i) prove that there are no solutions to  $3z^3 - 2iz^2 + iz - 7 = 0$  inside the unit disk  $|z| \leq 1$ .

[50] **Total Marks**

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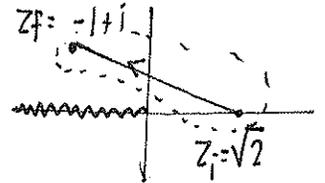
PROBLEM 1

(i)  $I = \int_C \sqrt{z} dz$  WHERE  $C$  IS STRAIGHT LINE FROM  $z = \sqrt{2}$  TO  $z = -1+i$ .

SINCE  $\sqrt{z}$  IS ANALYTIC IN A REGION CONTAINING  $C$ , WE HAVE THE

ANTI-DERIVATIVE  $\hat{f}(z) = \frac{2}{3} z^{3/2}$ , WITH  $z_i = \sqrt{2}$  AND  $z_f = \sqrt{2} e^{3\pi i/4}$

THU  $I = \hat{f}(z_f) - \hat{f}(z_i) = \frac{2}{3} \left[ 2^{3/4} e^{9\pi i/8} - 2^{3/4} \right]$

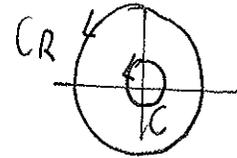


(ii)  $I = \int_C \frac{1}{z^4 - (4+3i)} dz$   $C: |z|=1$  COUNTER-CLOCKWISE.

THE SINGULAR POINTS SATISFY  $z^4 = 4+3i$  SO  $|z|^4 = |4+3i| = 5 \rightarrow |z| = 5^{1/4} > 1$ .

SINCE ALL SINGULAR POINTS ARE OUTSIDE  $|z|=1$ , THEN  $I=0$  BY CAUCHY INTEGRAL THEOREM.

(iii)  $I = \int_C \frac{1}{z^4-1} dz$   $C: |z|=2$  COUNTERCLOCKWISE.



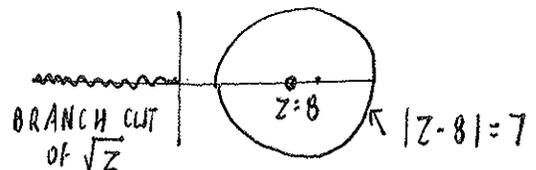
NOTICE THAT ALL SINGULAR POINTS ARE INSIDE  $C$ . THU, WE CAN DEFORM

$C$  TO  $C_R$ , DEFINED BY  $|z|=R > 2$ , TO GET  $I = \int_C \frac{1}{z^4-1} dz = \int_{C_R} \frac{1}{z^4-1} dz$

NOW LET  $R \rightarrow \infty$  AND ESTIMATE INTEGRAL AS  $\left| \int_{C_R} \frac{1}{z^4-1} dz \right| \leq \frac{2\pi R}{R^4-1} \rightarrow 0$  AS  $R \rightarrow \infty$ .

THU  $I = 0$ .

(iv)  $I = \int_C \frac{dz}{i\sqrt{z+3i}+1}$  WITH  $C: |z-8|=7$ .



NOTICE PRINCIPAL BRANCH OF  $\sqrt{z}$  SATISFIES

$\text{RE}(\sqrt{z}) = |z|^{1/2} \cos(\varphi/2) \geq 0$  SINCE  $-\pi < \varphi \leq \pi$  WITH  $\varphi = \text{ARG } z$ .

THE ONLY POINT OF NON-ANALYTICITY WOULD BE IF  $i\sqrt{z+3i}+1=0 \rightarrow \sqrt{z+3i} = -i$ .

BUT THU GIVES  $\text{RE}(\sqrt{z})+3=0 \rightarrow \text{RE}(\sqrt{z})=-3$  WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE

WITH PRINCIPAL BRANCH OF  $\sqrt{z}$ , THUS INTEGRAND IS ANALYTIC IN  $|z-8|=7 \Rightarrow I=0$ .

NOTE WE CANNOT CALCULATE AS  $(\sqrt{z})^2 = (-3+i)^2 = 8-6i \rightarrow z = 8-6i$  INSIDE DISK BUT ON WRONG BRANCH.

$$(V) \quad I = \int_C \log(1 - 1/z^2) dz \quad C: |z-3i|=1.$$

NOW  $\log(1 - 1/z^2)$  IS NOT ANALYTIC WHEN

$$\text{IM}(1 - 1/z^2) = -\text{IM}(1/z^2) = 0 \quad \text{AND} \quad \text{RE}(1 - 1/z^2) = 1 - \text{RE}(1/z^2) \leq 0.$$

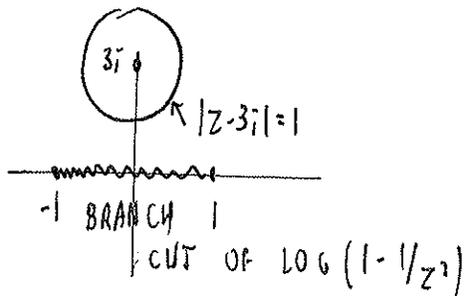
LET  $z = e^{i\varphi} R$

$$\text{IM}(z^{-2}) = 0 \rightarrow \text{IM}(e^{-2i\varphi} R^{-2}) = 0 \rightarrow \sin(2\varphi) = 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad \varphi = 0, \pi/2, \pi, 3\pi/2, 2\pi.$$

$$\text{NOW} \quad \text{RE}(1 - 1/z^2) = 1 - \frac{1}{R^2} \cos(2\varphi) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{1}{R^2} & \text{WHEN } \varphi = 0, \pi, 2\pi \\ 1 + \frac{1}{R^2} & \text{WHEN } \varphi = \pi/2, 3\pi/2. \end{cases}$$

THUS  $\text{RE}(1 - 1/z^2) \leq 0$  WHEN  $\varphi = 0, \pi$  AND  $0 < R < 1$ .

WE CONCLUDE THAT  $\log(1 - 1/z^2)$  IS ANALYTIC OUTSIDE  $|z| \geq 1$ .



HENCE  $I = 0$ .

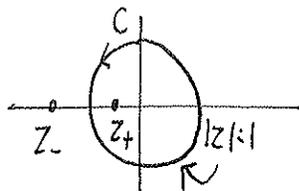
PROBLEM 2

LET  $I = -i \int_C \frac{dz}{z^2 + 4z + 1}$

$C: |z|=1$  COUNTER-CLOCKWISE.

(i) THE SINGULAR POINTS ARE AT  $z^2 + 4z + 1 = 0 \rightarrow z = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16-4}}{2} \rightarrow z_{\pm} = -2 \pm \sqrt{3}$ .

THUS  $|z_+| < 1$  AND  $|z_-| > 1$ . HENCE, WE GET THE PICTURE



USING PARTIAL FRACTION  $\frac{1}{z^2 + 4z + 1} = \frac{A}{z - z_+} + \frac{B}{z - z_-}$  WE NEED ONLY CALCULATE A.

SO  $1 = A(z - z_-) + B(z - z_+) \rightarrow$  EVALUATE AT  $z_+$  TO GET  $A = \frac{1}{z_+ - z_-} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$ .

THUS  $I = -i \int_C \frac{A}{z - z_+} + i \int_C \frac{B}{z - z_-}$

$I = -i A(2\pi i) + 0 = 2\pi A \rightarrow I = \frac{2\pi}{z_+ - z_-} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

(ii) NOW LET  $z = e^{i\varphi}$ , THEN  $dz = ie^{i\varphi} d\varphi$ .

HENCE,  $I = -i \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ie^{i\varphi} d\varphi}{e^{2i\varphi} + 4e^{i\varphi} + 1} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{e^{i\varphi} + e^{-i\varphi} + 4} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{4 + 2\cos\varphi}$

SINCE  $\frac{e^{i\varphi} + e^{-i\varphi}}{2} = \cos\varphi$ , THUS FROM (i) WHERE  $I = \pi/\sqrt{3}$ , WE GET

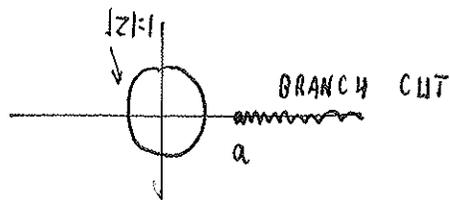
$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{4 + 2\cos\varphi} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$  SO  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{2 + \cos\varphi} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

PROBLEM 3 LET  $I = \int_C \frac{\log(a-z)}{z} dz$  WITH  $a > 1$  REAL AND  $C: |z|=1$

COUNTERCLOCKWISE. HERE  $\log(z)$  IS PRINCIPAL BRANCH OF  $\log z$ .

(i)  $\log(a-z)$  IS ANALYTIC EXCEPT FOR  $\text{IM}(z)=0$  AND  $\text{RE}(z) \geq a > 1$ .

THIS GIVES THE PICTURE:



NOW BY CAUCHY INTEGRAL FORMULA  $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z-z_0} dz$  WITH  $z_0$  INSIDE  $C$  AND  $f$  ANALYTIC INSIDE AND ON  $C$ .

THUS,  $I = 2\pi i \log(a-z) \Big|_{z=0} = 2\pi i \log(a) = 2\pi i \ln a.$

(ii) NOW LET  $z = e^{i\varphi}$ .  $dz = i e^{i\varphi} d\varphi$  SO  $dz/z = i d\varphi$ .

THIS GIVES,  $I = i \int_0^{2\pi} \log(a - e^{i\varphi}) d\varphi = 2\pi i \ln a.$

CANCELLING THE  $i$ , WE GET  $\int_0^{2\pi} \log(a - e^{i\varphi}) d\varphi = 2\pi \ln a. (*)$

NOW SINCE RHS OF (\*) IS REAL, WE GET

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \text{RE}[\log(a - e^{i\varphi})] d\varphi = \int_0^{2\pi} \ln|a - e^{i\varphi}| d\varphi = 2\pi \ln a.$$

HENCE,  $\int_0^{2\pi} \ln[|a - \cos\varphi - i\sin\varphi|] d\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln[(a - \cos\varphi)^2 + \sin^2\varphi] d\varphi = 2\pi \ln a.$

WE SIMPLIFY,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \ln[a^2 - 2a\cos\varphi + \cos^2\varphi + \sin^2\varphi] d\varphi = 4\pi \ln a.$$

SO  $\int_0^{2\pi} \ln[a^2 + 1 - 2a\cos\varphi] d\varphi = 4\pi \ln a.$

#### PROBLEM 4

SUPPOSE THAT  $f(z)$  IS ANALYTIC INSIDE AND ON  $C$ . THEN

$g(z) = f(z) - 1$  IS ANALYTIC IN THE REGION.

(i) BY ASSUMPTION  $|g(z)| < 1$  FOR  $z$  ON  $C$ .

THUS BY THE MAX-MODULUS PRINCIPLE FOR  $z$  INSIDE  $C$  WE HAVE

$$|g(z)| \leq \max_{z \text{ ON } C} |g(z)| < 1.$$

THUS FOR  $z$  INSIDE  $C$ ,  $|g(z)| < 1$ . (\*)

BUT  $g(z) = f(z) - 1$ . IF  $f(z_0) = 0$  FOR  $z_0$  INSIDE  $C$ , THEN  $|g(z_0)| = 1$ , WHICH CONTRADICTS (\*). HENCE  $f$  HAS NO ROOTS INSIDE  $C$ .

(ii) PROVE THAT  $3z^3 - 2iz^2 + iz - 7 = 0$  HAS NO SOLUTIONS IN  $|z| \leq 1$ .

WE WRITE THIS AS FINDING ROOTS OF  $f(z) = 0$  WHERE

$$f(z) = -\frac{3}{7}z^3 + \frac{2i}{7}z^2 - \frac{iz}{7} + 1.$$

$$\text{WE CALCULATE } |f(z) - 1| = \left| -\frac{3}{7}z^3 + \frac{2i}{7}z^2 - \frac{iz}{7} \right| \leq \frac{3}{7}|z|^3 + \frac{2}{7}|z|^2 + \frac{1}{7}|z|$$

BY THE TRIANGLE INEQUALITY.

$$\text{THUS ON } |z| = 1, |f(z) - 1| \leq \frac{3}{7} + \frac{2}{7} + \frac{1}{7} = \frac{6}{7} < 1.$$

IT FOLLOWS BY THE RESULT IN (i) THAT  $f(z) = 0$  HAS NO SOLUTIONS IN  $|z| \leq 1$ .