

# Midterm Exam I

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No books. No notes. No calculators. No electronic devices of any kind.

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**Problem 1. (3 points)**

Find all solutions in  $\mathbb{C}$  of the equation

$$z^2 - (i+1)z + i = 0.$$

Write your answers in the form  $z = x + yi$ , with  $x$  and  $y$  real.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Quadratic formula: } z &= \frac{i+1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(i+1)^2 - 4i} \\ &= \frac{i+1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-1 + 2i + 1 - 4i} \\ &= \frac{i+1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-2i} \end{aligned}$$

Any square root of  $-2i$  will do; the other solution comes from the " $\pm$ " in the formula.  $-2i = 2e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}}$  so a square root is  $\sqrt{2} e^{-i\pi/4}$   
 $= \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right) = 1 - i$ . Plug in:

$$z = \frac{i+1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}(1-i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i+1}{2} + \frac{1-i}{2} = 1 \\ \frac{i+1}{2} - \frac{1-i}{2} = i \end{cases}$$

So the two solutions are  $z_1 = 1$

$$z_2 = i$$

1	2	3	4	5	6	total/25

**Problem 2.** (3 points)Find all solutions in  $\mathbb{C}$  of the equation

$$z^5 = -32.$$

Write your solutions in the form  $z = re^{i\theta}$ , with  $r$  and  $\theta$  real,  $r \geq 0$ .

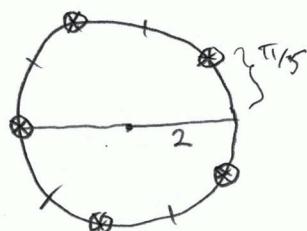
$$z^5 = -32 = 2^5 (-1) = 2^5 e^{i\pi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } z &= 2 e^{i\pi/5} \sqrt[5]{1} \\ &= 2 e^{i\pi/5} e^{i2\pi k/5} \quad k=0,1,2,3,4. \\ &= 2 e^{i\frac{\pi}{5}(1+2k)} \quad k=0,1,2,3,4. \end{aligned}$$

The solutions are

$$2e^{i\pi/5}, 2e^{i3\pi/5}, 2e^{i\pi}, 2e^{i7\pi/5}, 2e^{i9\pi/5}$$

Sketch:



Another way to write the solutions:  $-2, e^{\pm i3\pi/5}, e^{\pm i\pi/5}$ .

**Problem 3.** (5 points)

True or false? (No reasons necessary.)

- (a) The function  $f(z) = \operatorname{Im}(z) - i\operatorname{Re}(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- (b) For every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , the real number  $\operatorname{Im}(z)$  is a possible value for  $\arg(e^z)$ .
- (c) The complex exponential function maps vertical lines to rays emanating from (but not containing) the origin, and it maps horizontal lines to circles centred at the origin. *defined in the domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$*
- (d) If an analytic function takes only pure imaginary values, it is necessarily constant. *in  $D$* .
- (e) The derivative of  $f(z) = e^{i\pi z}$  is  $f'(z) = \pi e^{i\pi(z+\frac{1}{2})}$ .

$$(a) f(z) = \frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i} - i \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(-iz + i\bar{z} - iz - i\bar{z}) = -iz \text{ is analytic } \text{TRUE}$$

$$(b) e^z = e^{\operatorname{Re}(z) + i\operatorname{Im}(z)} = \underbrace{e^{\operatorname{Re}(z)}}_{|e^z|} \underbrace{e^{i\operatorname{Im}(z)}}_{\arg(e^z)} \text{ TRUE}$$

(c) vertical lines:  $a+ti \rightsquigarrow e^{a+ti} = e^a(\cos t + i \sin t)$  circle of radius  $e^a$   
 horizontal lines:  $t+bi \rightsquigarrow e^{t+bi} = e^t(\cos b + i \sin b)$  ray at angle  $b$  from origin.

So it's just the other way around. FALSE

$$(d) f = u + iv. \quad u = 0 \text{ implies } \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ by the Cauchy-Riemann equations.}$$

This implies that  $v$  (hence  $f$ ) is constant if  $D$  is a domain. TRUE

$$(e) f(z) = e^{i\pi z}$$

$$f'(z) = i\pi e^{i\pi z} \text{ by the chain rule}$$

$$= e^{i\pi/2} \pi e^{i\pi z} = \pi e^{i\pi(z + 1/2)} \text{ TRUE.}$$

**Problem 4.** (4 points)

Does the following limit exist? If so, compute it.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right)^n$$

Justify your answer.

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} < 1$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right|^n \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right)^n - 0 \right| \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right)^n = 0$$

Saying that  $\left| \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right| < 1$  is the important part.

**Problem 5.** (5 points)

- (a) Find all points  $x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  where the function

$$f(x + iy) = (y^2 - x^2) + \frac{2i}{xy}$$

is complex differentiable.

- (b) Find the largest open <sup>set</sup>~~region~~ where  $f$  is analytic.

Try the Cauchy-Riemann Equations:  $u = y^2 - x^2$        $v = \frac{2}{xy} = 2(xy)^{-1}$

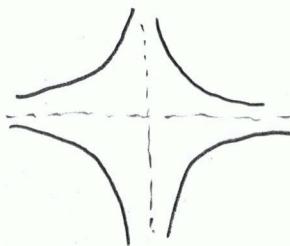
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -2x \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -2(xy)^{-2} x = \frac{-2}{x^2 y^2} \quad \textcircled{1} \quad -2x = \frac{-2}{x^2 y^2} \quad x^2 y^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 2y \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -2(xy)^{-2} y = \frac{-2}{x^2 y} \quad \textcircled{2} \quad 2y = \frac{2}{x^2 y} \quad x^2 y^2 = 1$$

both CR equations give  $x^2 y^2 = 1$  so  $xy = 1$  or  $xy = -1$

At all points  $(xy)$  such that  $xy = 1$  or  $xy = -1$  all partials of  $u, v$  are continuous, so  $f$  is complex differentiable at all  $(xy)$  where  $xy = 1$  or  $xy = -1$ .

Sketch:



These 4 hyperbolic branches do not contain any open discs (no interior points)

so  $f$  is nowhere analytic. The largest open region where  $f$  is analytic is empty!

**Problem 6.** (5 points)

- (a) Find a function  $v(x, y)$ , such that  $f = u + iv$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}$ , where  $u$  is given as

$$u(x+iy) = x^2 + 2y - y^2.$$

- (b) Express  $f$  in terms of  $z$ .

$[u$  is harmonic b/c  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 2 \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -2 \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0]$

We need to satisfy the Cauchy Riemann equations: One of the CRE:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -(2-2y) = 2y-2 \quad \text{integrate wrt. } x:$$

$$v = 2xy - 2x + f(y) \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 2x + f'(y) \quad (*)$$

the other CRE:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x \quad (**)$$

(\*) = (\*\*) we get  $f'(y) = 0$  so  $f(y) = \text{const.}$  We can take  $f = 0$ .

(a) Then  $v(x, y) = 2xy - 2x$ .

$$(b) f = x^2 + 2y - y^2 + i(2xy - 2x) \\ = \left(\frac{z+\bar{z}}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{2(z-\bar{z})}{2i} - \left(\frac{(z-\bar{z})}{2i}\right)^2 + i\left(2\frac{z+\bar{z}}{2} \frac{z-\bar{z}}{2i} - 2\frac{z+\bar{z}}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{z^2}{4} + \frac{z\bar{z}}{2} + \frac{\bar{z}^2}{4} - iz + i\bar{z} + \frac{z^2}{4} - \frac{z\bar{z}}{2} + \frac{\bar{z}^2}{4} + \frac{z^2}{2} - \frac{z\bar{z}}{2} - iz - i\bar{z}$$

$$= z^2 - 2iz$$

$$= z(z-2i)$$

Overflow space.

Another way to do this:  $u = \operatorname{Re}(f) = \frac{1}{2}(f + \bar{f})$

so

$$\frac{1}{2}(f + \bar{f}) = x^2 + 2y - y^2 = \left(\frac{z + \bar{z}}{2}\right)^2 + 2\frac{\bar{z} - \bar{\bar{z}}}{2i} - \left(\frac{z - \bar{z}}{2i}\right)^2$$

$$f + \bar{f} = \frac{\bar{z}^2}{2} + z\bar{z} + \frac{z\bar{z}}{2} - 2iz + 2i\bar{z} + \frac{z^2}{2} - z\bar{z} + \frac{\bar{z}^2}{2}$$

$$f + \bar{f} = z^2 - 2iz + \bar{z}^2 + 2i\bar{z}$$

$$f + \bar{f} = z^2 - 2iz + \overline{z^2 - 2iz}$$

$$\underbrace{f - (z^2 - 2iz)}_{\text{analytic, by assumption.}} = -\overline{f - (z^2 - 2iz)}$$

If an analytic function  $g$  satisfies  $g = -\bar{g}$  or  $g + \bar{g} = 0$   
 or  $\operatorname{Re}(g) = 0$ , so  $g$  takes only pure imaginary values, it is constant.

$$\text{so } f - (z^2 - 2iz) = ic \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \text{ const.}$$

$$\boxed{f = z^2 - 2iz + ic} \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$