

Assignment 3:  
Power Series  
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**Problem 1** (*Antiholomorphic Functions*) Remember that given a function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $f = u + iv$  and  $u, v \in C^1(U)$ , we say  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  if

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + i \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) \right] = 0.$$

This condition is equivalent to the existence of the limit(s)

$$\lim_{\mathbb{C} \ni h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} \in \mathbb{C}$$

for every  $z \in \Omega$ .

Given  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $g = \tilde{u} + i\tilde{v}$  and  $\tilde{u}, \tilde{v} \in C^1(U)$ , we say  $g$  is **antiholomorphic** on  $\Omega$  if

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial y} + i \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{v}}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} \right) \right] = 0 \quad \text{on } \Omega.$$

- (a) Give a condition for  $g$  to be antiholomorphic in terms of the existence of the limit of a “difference quotient.”
- (b) Given an antiholomorphic function  $g = \tilde{u} + i\tilde{v}$  as above, compute the value of the limit of the “difference quotient” you defined in the previous part.

**Problem 2** (*Daniel's Antiholomorphic Functions*) Recall that the function  $h : \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $h(z) = 1/z$  is holomorphic on the punctured plane and has values that can be written in the form

$$h(z) = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}.$$

Let  $g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be given by  $g(z) = \bar{z}$ .

- (a) Find another antiholomorphic function  $f$  for which  $h = f \circ g = g \circ f$ .
- (b) Choose a point  $z_0 \in \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(z), \operatorname{Im}(z) > 0\}$  and consider the curves  $\gamma_1(t) = z_0 + t$  and  $\gamma_2(t) = z_0 + it$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  along with the square  $C = \{z_0 + s + it : 0 \leq s \leq 1\}$ . Draw the following:
  - (i) The images of  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  and the square  $C$ .
  - (ii) The images of  $f \circ \gamma_1$ ,  $f \circ \gamma_2$ , and  $f(C)$ .
  - (iii) The images of  $g \circ \gamma_1$ ,  $g \circ \gamma_2$ , and  $g(C)$ .
  - (iv) The images of  $h \circ \gamma_1$ ,  $h \circ \gamma_2$ , and  $h(C)$ .

You may wish to use mathematical software (Something like Matlab, Mathematica, Maple, Octave, ...) in order to get a very accurate picture.

**Problem 3** (*Linear Mappings of  $\mathbb{R}^2$* ) Let  $L : U = \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $L(x, y) = (u(x, y), v(x, y))$  be linear. Consider  $f : \Omega = \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $f = u + iv$ .

- (a) Classify all linear maps  $L$  for which  $f$  is holomorphic.
- (b) Classify all linear maps  $L$  for which  $f$  is antiholomorphic.

**Problem 4** (*S&S Exercise 1.12*) Consider  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  by  $f(x + iy) = \sqrt{|xy|}$ . Show that  $f$  satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations at  $z = x + iy = 0$ , but  $f$  is not (complex) differentiable at  $z = 0$ .

**Problem 5** (*S&S Exercise 1.13*) Show that the following are equivalent for a holomorphic function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with  $f = u + iv$  and  $u, v \in C^1(U)$ :

- (i)  $f$  is constant on the open set  $\Omega$ .
- (ii)  $f(\Omega) = \{f(z) : z \in \Omega\}$  is a subset of a line.
- (iii)  $f(\Omega) = \{f(z) : z \in \Omega\}$  is a subset of a circle.

*Hint: Consider the case where  $f(\Omega)$  lies in a vertical line.*

**Problem 6** (S&S Exercise 1.16) Find the radius of convergence of the following series:

(a)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\log n)^2 z^n.$$

(b)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! z^n.$$

(c)

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{4^n + 3n} z^n.$$

**Problem 7** (S&S Exercise 1.17) Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}$ . If

$$R = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_n|}{|a_{n+1}|}$$

exists as a real number in  $(0, \infty)$ , then (show) this is the Hadamard radius. Note: the quantity  $R$  here is the reciprocal of the quantity one would get from the ratio test. *Hint: Stackexchange.*

**Problem 8** (S&S Exercise 1.16) Find the radius of convergence of the hypergeometric series:

$$F(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{n!} z^n$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)\cdots(\alpha+n-1)\beta(\beta+1)\cdots(\beta+n-1)}{\gamma(\gamma+1)\cdots(\gamma+n-1)}.$$

*Hint: Use the ratio test.*

**Problem 9** (*S&S Exercise 1.18*) Consider a power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

with radius of convergence  $R > 0$ . Show that  $f$  has a (convergent) power series expansion

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

with center  $z_0$  for any  $z_0 \in D_R(0)$ .

**Problem 10** (*S&S Exercise 1.20, Ahlfors Exercise 2.4.1*) For each positive integer  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , find the power series expansion for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(1 - z)^m}$$

with center at the origin, and find the radius of convergence.