

**METU - Mathematics Department  
Graduate Preliminary Exam**

**Complex Analysis**

**Duration : 3 hours**

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1. Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i)}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{for } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & \text{at } (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Show that

- a)  $f(x, y)$  is a continuous function of the variables  $x$  and  $y$ .
- b) The functions  $u(x, y) = \operatorname{Re}(f(x, y))$  and  $v(x, y) = \operatorname{Im}(f(x, y))$  satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations at  $z = 0$ .
- c)  $f'(z)$  does not exist at  $z = 0$ .

Why does the conclusion in (c) not contradict part (b) ?

2. Let  $f(z)$  be a continuous function on the unit circle  $S^1 = \{z : |z| = 1\}$ . Show that the function

$$F(z) = \int_{S^1} \frac{f(\xi)}{(\xi - z)} d\xi$$

is analytic on  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and that

$$F'(z) = \int_{S^1} \frac{f(\xi)}{(\xi - z)^2} d\xi.$$

3. Explain how to choose a branch of  $f(z) = \sqrt{z^2 - 1}$  which is analytic in  $\mathbb{C} - [-1, 1]$ .

- a) Using this branch and the residue at infinity, compute  $\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz$  where  $\Gamma$  is the circle  $|z| = \rho > 1$ .

- b) Compute the improper integral  $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$  using the complex integral

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{dz}{f(z)}$$

where  $\Gamma$  is given as

(Hints :

- 1) Residue at infinity is defined by  $\operatorname{res}(g(z), \infty) = -\operatorname{res}(g(1/t)/t^2, 0)$ .

- 2) The binomial series is given by  $(1+z)^\alpha = \sum c_n z^n$  where  $c_n = \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)\dots(\alpha-n+1)}{n!}$ .)

4. Let  $f(z)$  be an analytic function in the unit disk  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and suppose that  $|f(z)| \leq 1$  in  $D$ . Prove that if  $f(z)$  has at least two fixed points, then  $f(z) = z$  for all  $z \in D$ .

(Hint : Using a suitable automorphism of the disk reduce to the case where one of the fixed points is  $0 \in D$  so that  $g(z) = f(z)/z$  defines an analytic function on  $D$ .)