

MIDTERM COMPLEX ANALYSIS,  
December 9th, 2019, 9:00am–11:00am,  
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Please provide complete arguments and/or calculations for each of your answers. The exam consists of 3 questions. You can score up to 6 points for each question, and you obtain 2 points for free.

In this way you will score in total between 2 and 20 points.

- (1) For any  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  let  $f_a: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be the function given by  $f(z) = z^3 + 3z + a$ .
  - (a) (2 points.) Show that for  $a \neq \pm 2i$  all zeros of  $f(z)$  have multiplicity one.
  - (b) (2 points.) In terms of  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $z = x + iy$ , find the real part  $u(x, y)$  of  $f_a(z)$  and show by explicit calculation that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
  - (c) (2 points.) Now generalize the above as follows: assume  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic; you may assume that its real part  $u(x, y)$  and its imaginary part  $v(x, y)$  are sufficiently often differentiable with respect to both  $x$  and  $y$ . Show that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
  
- (2) Consider  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by  $f(z) = |z|^2$ .
  - (a) (2 points.) What is the range of the function  $f$ ?
  - (b) (2 points.) Prove that  $f$  is not differentiable in  $z \neq 0$ .
  - (c) (2 points.) Prove that  $f$  is differentiable in  $z = 0$ .
  
- (3) Let  $D = \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$ . We consider  $\text{Log}: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  defined by  $\text{Log}(z) = \log(|z|) + i \arg(z)$ .
  - (a) (2 points.) Let  $\gamma$  be the semi-circle parametrized by  $2e^{it}$ , with  $-\pi/2 \leq t \leq \pi/2$ . Determine  $\int_{\gamma} \text{Log}(z) dz$ .
  - (b) (2 points.) For  $\epsilon > 0$  (and  $< 2$ ) let  $\ell$  be the vertical line segment from  $i\epsilon$  to  $2i$ . Determine  $\int_{\ell} \text{Log}(z) dz$ .
  - (c) (2 points.) Note that  $(z\text{Log}(z) - z)' = \text{Log}(z)$ . What is  $\int_{\Gamma} \text{Log}(z) dz$  if  $\Gamma$  is the closed loop consisting of  $\gamma$ ,  $\ell$ , the line segment from  $-2i$  to  $-i\epsilon$ , and the semicircle in  $D$  from  $-i\epsilon$  to  $i\epsilon$ ?