

18.04 Midterm 2 Review Session

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1. Harmonic functions

- 1.1. Real and imaginary parts of an analytic function are harmonic.
- 1.2. Viewing a harmonic function on a simply connected region as the real part of an analytic function.
- 1.3. Harmonic conjugates: finding harmonic conjugates; orthogonality of level curves of harmonic conjugates.
- 1.4. Mean value property.
- 1.5. Maximum and minimum principles.
- 1.6. Finding harmonic functions on wedges etc. with prescribed boundary conditions by “pulling back” a simpler harmonic function by an analytic map (Problem 4(a) on Homework 5, Problem 2 on Recitation 6).

2. 2D hydrodynamics

- 2.1. Stationary flows; incompressible (divergence free) flows; irrotational (curl free) flows. Expressing these assumptions in terms of properties of the velocity vector field.
- 2.2. Velocity fields associated to a complex potential function. Such velocity fields are automatically incompressible and irrotational.
- 2.3. Complex velocity and stream function associated to a complex potential function. The flow is along level curves of the stream function. Stagnation points.
- 2.4. Deriving a complex potential for an incompressible, irrotational flow on a simply connected region.
- 2.5. Examples of flows: uniform flow, linear source, double source, linear vortex, and combinations of these.

3. Taylor series

- 3.1. (Absolute) convergence of power series – radius of convergence; ratio test; root test; by comparison (see Problem 3(b), Problem Fun 4 on Homework 6).
- 3.2. Taylor’s theorem for analytic functions.
- 3.3. Finding Taylor series explicitly for functions, either by directly using the formula, or (whenever possible) by using the known Taylor series for $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$, e^x , $(1+x)^{-1}$ etc.
- 3.4. Analytic functions on connected domains which are not identically 0 have isolated zeroes.
- 3.5. Power series solutions of differential equations by iteratively solving for coefficients.

4. Isolated singularities and Laurent series

- 4.1. Types of isolated singularities – removable singularities, poles (and order of a pole), essential singularities. Holomorphic and meromorphic functions.
- 4.2. Finding examples of functions with some prescribed isolated singularities.
- 4.3. Laurent series for functions which are analytic on an annulus. Analytic (regular) and principal (singular) part of Laurent series.
- 4.4. Finding Laurent series of functions using known series and algebraic manipulations (e.g. partial fractions).
- 4.5. Behavior of isolated singularities under basic algebraic operations like addition/multiplication/division.

5. Residues

- 5.1. Computing residues of functions using known series and algebraic manipulations (similar to 4.4 above).
- 5.2. Computing residues at a simple pole z_0 by multiplying by $(z - z_0)$ and then proceeding, for example, using L'Hopital's rule; computing the residue of $1/g(z)$ at z_0 where $g(z)$ has a simple pole at z_0 .
- 5.3. Computing residues at a pole of order k , either directly from the series, or after multiplying by $(z - z_0)^k$ and then computing the appropriate derivative (suitably normalized).
- 5.4. Poles and residues of $\cot(z)$.
- 5.5. Cauchy's residue theorem.
- 5.6. Residue at ∞ .

6. Computing definite integrals using the residue theorem

- 6.1. Integrals of functions that decay like $\frac{1}{|z|^\alpha}$ for some $\alpha > 1$ using the semicircular contour or possibly using a circular sector (as in Problem 2(c) on Homework 7).
- 6.2. Integrals of functions of the form $f(z)e^{iaz}$, where $f(z)$ decays like $1/|z|$ for large enough values of z using the appropriate box contour.
- 6.3. Evaluating trigonometric integrals from 0 to ∞ etc. by writing $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$ in terms of exponentials or (if appropriate) as the imaginary/real part of e^{ix} .
- 6.4. Trigonometric integrals from 0 to 2π etc. via the unit circle contour and the replacement $z = e^{i\theta}$.
- 6.5. Integrals for functions with branch cuts using keyhole contours. Be careful with signs here.
- 6.6. Integrals over portions of the circle around a pole.
- 6.7. Indented contour and principal values.

7. Fourier transform

- 7.1. Fourier transform and Fourier inversion formula.
- 7.2. Solving differential equations using the Fourier transform.

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