

# A-problems

## 1 Warm-up

1. Let  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $|z| = 1$ . Prove that

$$\left| \frac{z - w}{1 - z\bar{w}} \right| = 1$$

2. Prove that if *both*  $f(z)$  and  $\overline{f(z)}$  are analytic in a domain,  $G$ , then  $f$  is a constant.

## 2 Some inequalities

1. Let  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ . Prove the inequality

$$||z| - |w|| \leq |z + w| \leq |z| + |w|$$

and interpret it geometrically.

2. Let  $a$  be a complex number with  $|a| < 1$ . Prove that the inequalities

$$|z| \leq 1$$

and

$$\left| \frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z} \right| \leq 1$$

are equivalent. Show that equality is achieved for one and the same values of  $z$ .

3. Let  $a$  and  $z$  be complex numbers, satisfying

$$|a| > 1, \left| \frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z} \right| < 1$$

What can you say about  $|z|$ ?

### 3 Differentiability and Analyticity

1. Let  $f$  be *analytic* in some domain,  $G$ , and suppose that all of its values are contained in one of the following curves:
  - a)  $ax + by + c = 0$ ,  $a, b, c - \text{const.}$
  - b)  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = R^2$ ,  $a, b, R - \text{const.}, R > 0$Prove that  $f$  is a constant function.

*Non-Example:* All of the values of  $f(z) = |z|^2$  are contained in the positive real line, and it is nonconstant. But it is nowhere analytic.

*Hint:* If  $f = u + iv$ , the functions  $u, v$  should satisfy the corresponding equation, e.g.,  $au(x, y) + bv(x, y) + c = 0$  for a). Differentiate it wrt  $x$  and  $y$  and apply the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

*Note:* In general, it can be shown that the values of a non-constant analytic function cannot be contained in any curve, and that it transforms open sets to open sets (i.e., the image of a domain should be a domain).

2. Show that the function  $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u(x, y) = \sqrt{|xy|}$  has partial derivatives at  $(0, 0)$  but is not differentiable there.
3. Prove that the function defined by:

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} + i \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}, & z = x + iy \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations at  $z = 0$  but has no derivative at  $z = 0$ . Why can something like this happen?

### 4 And something else ...

1. Let  $\gamma$  be the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ . Compute the integral  $\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z}$  in two different ways and prove the identity:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dt}{a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2 \sin^2 t} = \frac{2\pi}{ab}$$

2. Suppose the function  $f$  is continuous in the domain  $|z - z_0| > r_0$ . Let  $C_r$  be the circle with radius  $r$ ,  $C_r : |z - z_0| = r > r_0$ . Let  $M(r) = \max|f(r)|$  on  $C_r$ , and suppose  $rM(r) \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . Show that  $\int_{C_r} f(z) dz \rightarrow 0$ , as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .