

Math 509  
Problem set 3, due February 12, 2019  
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Your solutions to these problems should be written in English: Use complete sentences and paragraphs.

For this week, read Chapter 7.4, Chapter 8 and Chapter 9.1.3 in **The Way of Analysis**.

You should do the following problems, but you do not need to hand in your solutions:

1. Do the following complex arithmetic problems
  - (a)  $(1 + 3i)(4 - 2i) = ?$
  - (b)  $1/(3 - 8i) = ?$
  - (c) Find all complex numbers  $z$  so that  $z^2 = i$ .
2. Prove that  $e^{xy} = (e^x)^y$ . Using this, for  $x > 0$ , define the function  $x^x = e^{x \log x}$ . Show that  $x^x$  is differentiable in  $(0, \infty)$ , and compute its derivative. What is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x$ ?

The following problems should be carefully written up and handed in.

1. Define the map  $T : C^0([0, 1]) \rightarrow C^0([0, 1])$  by

$$Tf(x) = x + \int_0^x tf(t)dt.$$

- (a) Show that there is a radius  $0 < r$  so that  $T : B_r(0) \rightarrow B_r(0)$ , and that  $T$  is a contraction on this ball. We use the sup-norm on  $C^0([0, 1])$ .
  - (b) Show that  $T(B_r(0))$  is, in fact, a precompact subset of  $C^0([0, 1])$ , that is its closure is a compact set.
  - (c) Explain why  $T$  has a fixed point in this ball, even though  $\dim C^0([0, 1]) = \infty$ . Prove this directly, do not simply quote the theorem in the book.
  - (d) Show that a fixed point of  $T$  actually belongs to  $C^1([0, 1])$ .
  - (e) Find the fixed point. Hint: Differentiate! The final answer is expressed as an indefinite integral, which cannot be done explicitly.
2. Recall that the Hermitian inner product on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  is defined by

$$(1) \quad \langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n z_j \bar{w}_j.$$

Prove the polarization identity

$$(2) \quad \langle \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = \frac{1}{4} [\|\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{w}\|^2 - \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{w}\|^2 + i\|\mathbf{z} + i\mathbf{w}\|^2 - i\|\mathbf{z} - i\mathbf{w}\|^2].$$

3. For  $a$  a positive real number, prove that the power series

$$(3) \quad f(x) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{a \cdots (a + 1 - j)}{j!} x^j$$

converges in  $(-1, 1)$ . Prove that it converges to the function  $(1 + x)^a$ .

4. For each of the following power series describe the exact subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  where it converges.

(a)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} z^j$ .

(b)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{j}$ .

(c)  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{j^2}$ .

5. Suppose that  $f(x)$  is a function represented by a convergent power series in the interval  $(-1, 1)$ .

(a) Prove: If there is a sequence of distinct points,  $\langle x_j \rangle$ , in  $(-1, 1)$  such that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_j = 0$ , and  $f(x_j) = 0$ , then  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (-1, 1)$ . Hint: Show  $f(0) = 0$ , consider  $f(x)/x$ , and repeat.

(b) Show that if  $f^{[k]}(0) = 0$ , for all non-negative integers  $k$ , then  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in (-1, 1)$ .

6. Let

$$(4) \quad f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z^j$$

be a convergent power series with real coefficients. Prove that

$$(5) \quad \overline{f(z)} = f(\bar{z}).$$

If (5) holds does it imply that the coefficient in the power series expansion are real?