

1. Let  $\Omega_r := \{z \in \mathbb{D} : |z| > r\}$  so  $\Omega_0$  denotes the punctured disk.
- (a) Solve the Dirichlet problem for  $\Omega_r$  with  $0 < r < 1$  for the following boundary data:  $\phi(z) = 0$  if  $|z| = 1$  and  $\phi(z) = 1$  if  $|z| = r$ . Note the behaviour as  $r \downarrow 0$ .
- (b) Use this and the maximum principle to show that if  $u : \Omega_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded and harmonic then it admits a continuous extension to all of  $\mathbb{D}$  and this extension is harmonic.

2. (a) Find a bounded harmonic function  $u$  on  $\mathbb{C}^+ := \{z : \text{Im } z > 0\}$  so that

$$\lim_{y \downarrow 0} u(x + iy) = \begin{cases} 0 & : x > 0 \\ 1 & : x < 0 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

(b) Fix  $\alpha \in (0, 2\pi)$ . Use this and Problem 1(d) from HW5 to find a harmonic function  $u : \Omega'_\alpha \rightarrow [0, 1]$  which vanishes on (the interior of) the straight edges of the boundary and is equal to one on (the interior of) the arc.

(c) Use this to formulate and prove a sharp form of Phragmén–Lindelöf Principle for the sector  $\Omega_\alpha := \{re^{i\theta} : 0 < r < \infty \text{ and } 0 < \theta < \alpha\}$ .

3. Assuming Stirling's formula:

$$\log[\Gamma(z + 1)] = z \log(z) - z + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi z) + O(|z|^{-1})$$

uniformly as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$  in any sector  $|\arg(z)| < \pi - \delta$ . Use the Phragmén–Lindelöf principle to obtain a bound for the growth of  $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)$  by a fractional power of  $(1 + |t|)$ . [Remark: The (unresolved) Lindelöf Hypothesis is the claim that the truth is  $O(t^\epsilon)$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ . The first result to beat the technique suggested here is  $O(t^{\frac{1}{6} + \epsilon})$  due to Weyl.]

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