Homework 2

1. (a) Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be open. Suppose  $f : \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$  is smooth; show that

$$\Delta f = 4\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} f,$$

where  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian.

(b) Let  $f: \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$  be continuous and a distributional solution of  $\partial_{\bar{z}} f = 0$ . Show that f is distributionally harmonic:

$$\int_{\mathbb{C}} f(x+iy)[\Delta\phi](x+iy) \, dx \, dy = 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad \phi \in C_c^{\infty}(\Omega)$$

(c) Show that a smooth function  $f : \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$  is harmonic (i.e.  $\Delta f \equiv 0$ ) if and only if it is distributionally harmonic.

2. (a) Using just the one-variable Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (and the equality of double Riemann integrals with iterated integrals), prove Green's theorem in the following form:

$$2i \iint_{T} [\partial_{\bar{z}} f](x+iy) \, dx \, dy = \int_{\partial T} f(z) \, dz$$

where  $f : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  is  $C^1$  and T is the triangle with vertices 0 + i0, a + i0, and 0 + ib, where a, b > 0. Be explicit about how you parameterize (and orient) the curve  $\partial T$ . (b) Extend part (a) to all triangles.

(c) Show further that if  $\bar{\partial} f \equiv 0$ , then  $\int_{\gamma} f \, dz = 0$  for any rectifiable closed curve  $\gamma$ .

(d) Explain where your solution of (c) used that f is defined (and satisfies  $\bar{\partial} f \equiv 0$ ) globally on  $\mathbb{C}$ , rather than merely near  $\gamma$ .

(e) Exhibit an example of a smooth function  $f : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  that satisfies  $\bar{\partial}f(z) = 0$  for all  $\frac{1}{2} < |z| < 2$  but for which the line integral around the unit circle does not vanish.

2. Let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be open and let  $f_n : \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic. Suppose that for each compact set  $K \subset \Omega$  the functions  $f_n$  converge uniformly to some  $f : \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$ . Show that f must me holomorphic. Further, show that  $f'_n(z) \to f'(z)$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $\Omega$ .

3. (a) Prove Liouville's Theorem: Suppose  $f : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic and

$$|f(z)| \le C(1+|z|)^n$$

for some C > 0 and integer  $n \ge 0$ , then f is a polynomial of degree not exceeding n. (b) Let  $\Omega$  be an open neighbourhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Suppose g is holomorphic on  $\Omega \setminus \{0\}$  and obeys

$$|g(z)| \le C|z|^{-n}$$

there (with n and C as before). Show that there is a holomorphic function  $h: \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$ and coefficients  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  so that

$$g(z) = h(z) + \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_k z^{-k}.$$

The sum here is called the *principal part* of g at the point 0.

*Hint:* First treat the case n = 0, for which the sum is empty (and so zero). The n = 0

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result is known as Riemann's removable singularity theorem. For general n consider  $f(z) = z^n g(z)$ .

4. Prove the following stronger versions of the classical Liouville/Riemann Theorems: (a) If  $f : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic and

$$f(z) = o(|z|)$$
 as  $z \to \infty$ ,

then f is constant.

(b) Let  $\Omega$  be an open neighbourhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Suppose g is holomorphic on  $\Omega \setminus \{0\}$  and obeys

$$g(z) = o(|z|^{-1})$$
 as  $z \to 0$ ,

then g can be extended (uniquely) to a holomorphic function on  $\Omega$ . (c) If g is holomorphic on  $\Omega \setminus \{0\}$  and obeys

$$\liminf_{r \searrow 0} \iint_{r < |x+iy| < 2r} \frac{|g(x+iy)|}{r} \, dx \, dy = 0,$$

then g can be extended (uniquely) to a holomorphic function on  $\Omega$ .