246A Homework 2

Due Oct. 19.

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

$$\Delta f = 4\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} f = 0,$$

where  $\Delta$  is the Laplacian.

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

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

(c) 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.

*Remark:* The parts are related by the appearance of  $\partial_{\bar{z}}$ ; they don't build on one another. Be explicit about how you parameterize the curve  $\partial T$ . Weyl's lemma (which we will prove in due course) says that distributionally harmonic functions are  $C^{\infty}$ . It then follows that continuous functions that are distribution solutions of  $\partial_{\bar{z}} f = 0$  are actually holomorphic in the usual sense.

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). This n = 0 result is known as *Riemann's removable singularity theorem*. For general n consider  $f(z) = z^n g(z)$ .

4. For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$ , let us define

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{z-1} dt$$

(as an improper Riemann integral).

- (a) Prove that  $\Gamma$  is holomorphic on this region.
- (b) Show that  $z\Gamma(z) = \Gamma(z+1)$  when  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$ .
- (c) Deduce that  $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$  when  $n \ge 0$  is an integer.

(d) Argue that there is a (unique) extension of  $\Gamma$  to a holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, ...\}$  that obeys  $z\Gamma(z) = \Gamma(z+1)$ . Show that the omitted points are polar singularities and determine their principal part.

5. (a) Show that

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}$$

defines a holomorphic function on  $\{s \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re}(s) > 1\}$ . (b) Show that

$$\zeta(s) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}$$

You may take the fundamental theorem of arithmetic for granted, but you must address the issue of convergence.

(c) Identify a function  $g: [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \to \mathbb{R}$  so that

$$f(n) = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} f(n+x) \, dx + \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} f''(n+x)g(x) \, dx$$

for all  $C^{\infty}$  functions f defined in a neighbourhood of  $[n - \frac{1}{2}, n + \frac{1}{2}]$ . [*Remark:* one may view this formula as giving the error made when using the midpoint rule of numerical integration.]

(d) Use part (c) to show that we can extend the definition of  $\zeta$  to make it meromorphic in the region  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > -1$ . Identify the (single) pole and its residue.