

1.  $C$  is the circle  $|z| = 2$ , positively oriented. Compute

$$\int_C \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} dz$$

**Solution:** Let  $C_1$  be the circle  $|z + i| = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $C_2$  be the circle  $|z - i| = \frac{1}{2}$ , both positively oriented. The function  $f(z)$  is analytic on and in between  $C$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_C \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \left( \int_C \frac{1}{z - i} dz - \int_C \frac{1}{z + i} dz \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \left( \int_{C_1} \frac{1}{z - i} dz + \int_{C_2} \frac{1}{z - i} dz - \int_{C_1} \frac{1}{z + i} dz - \int_{C_2} \frac{1}{z + i} dz \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} (0 + 2\pi i - 2\pi i - 0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2.  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is entire. If there exists  $u_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $u(x, y) \leq u_0$  for all  $x, y$ , prove  $u(x, y)$  is a constant function. [Hint: consider  $e^{f(z)}$ ]

**Solution:** Since  $f(z)$  is entire,  $e^{f(z)}$  is also entire.

$|e^{f(z)}| = |e^{u(x,y)+iv(x,y)}| = e^{u(x,y)} \leq e^{u_0}$ , so  $e^{f(z)}$  is bounded, by Liouville's Theorem, we get  $e^{f(z)} \equiv C$  for some constant  $C$ .

We therefore have  $f(z) \in \{\text{Log}C + 2\pi ki \in \mathbb{C} | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Note  $f(z)$  is continuous function on the connected domain  $\mathbb{C}$ , and the set  $\{\text{Log}C + 2\pi ki \in \mathbb{C} | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is discrete, so  $f(z)$  has to be a constant function.

3.  $p(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z]$  is a non-constant polynomial.  $c$  is a root of  $p(z)$ . Prove:

(i).  $z^k - c^k = (z - c)(z^{k-1} + z^{k-2}c + \dots + zc^{k-2} + c^{k-1})$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
& (z-c)(z^{k-1} + z^{k-2}c + \dots + zc^{k-2} + c^{k-1}) \\
&= (z-c)z^{k-1} + (z-c)z^{k-2}c + \dots + (z-c)c^{k-1} \\
&= z^k - z^{k-1}c + z^{k-1}c - z^{k-2}c^2 + \dots + zc^{k-1} - c^k \\
&= z^k - c^k
\end{aligned}$$

(ii). Making use of (i) to prove there exists a polynomial  $q(z)$  such that

$$p(z) - p(c) = (z-c)q(z)$$

**Solution:**

Let  $p(z) = a_n z^n + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$ . ( $n > 0$ ,  $a_n \neq 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
p(z) - p(c) &= a_n(z^n - c^n) + \dots + a_1(z - c) \\
&= a_n(z-c) \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} z^{n-1-i} c^i \right) + \dots + a_1(z-c) \\
&= (z-c) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} z^{k-1-i} c^i \right)
\end{aligned}$$

4. (i).  $C$  is the circle  $|z| = 1$ . Prove  $g(z) = \frac{z-1}{z+1}$  maps  $U = \{x + iy \in \mathbb{C} | x > 0\}$  to the interior of  $C$ .

**Solution:** If  $z = x + iy$  with  $x > 0$ , then

$$|z-1| = |x-1+iy| = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2} < \sqrt{(x+1)^2 + y^2} = |x+1+iy| = |z+1|$$

So  $|g(z)| = \left| \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right| < 1$ , we see  $g(z)$  is inside  $C$ .

(ii).  $f$  is an entire function.  $L$  is a straight line on  $\mathbb{C}$ . If the image of  $f$  all lie on the same side of  $L$ , prove  $f$  is a constant function.

**Solution:** We can find a translation  $T$  and a rotation  $R$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $R \circ T$  sends  $L$  to the  $y$ -axis and the image of  $R \circ T \circ f$  is to the right of  $y$ -axis.

Consider  $g \circ R \circ T \circ f$ , which is entire and by (i), its image is inside  $C$ , so it is bounded. We conclude  $g \circ R \circ T \circ f$  is constant, and  $g, R, T$  are all injective, we conclude  $f$  is constant.

(iii). Prove Question (2) again using Question 4(ii).

**Solution:** If  $u(x, y) \leq u_0$ , then the image of  $f$  all lies to the left of the straight line  $x = u_0$ , so by (ii),  $f$  is a constant.