Math 407-500

Exam 2 Complex Variables

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Instructions Solve any **seven** of the following eight problems. Please write your solutions on your own paper. Explain your reasoning in complete sentences to maximize credit.

1. Explain why
$$\int_{|z|=1} \frac{\sin(z)}{z} dz = 0.$$

- 2. State **two** of the following four theorems:
 - Morera's theorem
 - Liouville's theorem
 - Rouché's theorem
 - Schwarz's lemma.
- 3. Give an example of a function that is analytic in the punctured plane (meaning the set $\{z : z \neq 0\}$) and that has a simple pole when z = 0, a double zero when z = 1, and no other zeroes or poles.
- 4. The function $\frac{1}{\sin(z)}$ has a Laurent series expansion in powers of z and z^{-1} valid when $0 < |z| < \pi$. Determine the first two nonzero terms of this expansion.
- 5. The function $\frac{\cos(z)}{z^3}$ has a pole of order 3 when z = 0. Determine the residue of this function at the pole.
- 6. The TI-89 calculator says that $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1+x^6} dx = \frac{\pi}{3}$. Prove this formula. Suggestion: integrate over a "piece of pie" of angle $\pi/3$.
- 7. The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra implies that the polynomial $3z^{28} 2z^8 + 7z^5 + 1$ has 28 zeroes in the complex plane (counting multiplicities). How many of these 28 zeroes lie in the unit disc (the set where |z| < 1)? Explain how you know.
- 8. Student Max conjectures that if f and g are entire functions such that $|f(z)| \leq |g(z)|$ when |z| = 1, then $|f(z)| \leq |g(z)|$ when $|z| \leq 1$. If Max's conjecture is correct, then prove it; otherwise, supply a counterexample showing that Max is wrong.

