

1. (25) Show that the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$  converges normally to  $e^z$  in the complex plane.

If  $F$  is any compact subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ , then there is an  $R > 0$  such that  $F \subset \{z : |z| \leq R\}$ . We'll show that the series converges uniformly on sets of the form  $\{z : |z| \leq R\}$ , which then implies that the series converges normally in the complex plane. Let  $|z| \leq R$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^z &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta|=2R} \frac{e^\zeta}{\zeta - z} d\zeta = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta|=2R} \frac{e^\zeta}{\zeta} \frac{1}{1 - z/\zeta} d\zeta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta|=2R} \frac{e^\zeta}{\zeta} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{z}{\zeta} \right)^n \right] d\zeta \end{aligned}$$

We know that the geometric series converges normally on the open unit disc. Since  $|z/\zeta| \leq 1/2$  the series converges uniformly to the function  $\frac{1}{1-z/\zeta}$  on the set  $\{z : |z| \leq R\} \times \{\zeta : |\zeta| = 2R\}$ . Moreover, since the series converges uniformly we may interchange the order of integration and summation to get the desired equality.

$$e^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta|=2R} \frac{e^\zeta}{\zeta^{n+1}} d\zeta \right] z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left. \frac{d^n(e^\zeta)}{d\zeta^n} \right|_{\zeta=0}}{n!} z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}.$$

2. (20) Let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^4} (z - \sin z)$ .

- (a) Find the Laurent series expansion of  $f$  about  $z = 0$ . What type of singular point is 0? For which  $z$  does the Laurent series converge?

We know that  $\sin z = z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots$  and the series converges normally in the complex plane. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{z^4} (z - \sin z) &= \frac{z - (z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots)}{z^4} = \frac{\frac{z^3}{3!} - \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots}{z^4} \\ &= \frac{1}{3!z} - \frac{z}{5!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

The series converges for  $|z| > 0$ , and the origin is a pole of order 1.

- (b) Let  $C_2$  denote the positively oriented circle of radius 2 centered at the origin. Calculate  $\int_{C_2} f(z) dz$ .

The function  $f$  is the sum of  $\frac{1}{3!z}$  and an analytic function. The integral of  $f$  over the circular path is then the sum of the integrals of  $\frac{1}{3!z}$  and the analytic function over this path. The integral of the analytic part will be zero. So we'll have

$$\int_{C_2} f(z) dz = \int_{C_2} \frac{1}{3!z} dz = \frac{1}{6} \int_{C_2} \frac{1}{z} dz = \frac{2\pi i}{6} = \frac{\pi i}{3}.$$

3. (25) Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n2^n}$

- (a) Find the radius of convergence of this series.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{z^{n+1}/(n+1)2^{n+1}}{z^n/n2^n} \right| = \frac{|z|}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{|z|}{2}.$$

This limit must be less than 1, which tells us that  $|z| < 2$  and the radius of convergence is 2.

- (b)  $f(1) = ?$  Note: the answer  $f(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n2^n}$  is not sufficient. Hint: find a closed form expression for  $f$ .

If we differentiate the given series we can find a closed form expression for the derivative of  $f$ .

$$f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n-1}}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{1}{2-z}$$

Thus  $f(x) = -\log(2-x) + c$  for some branch of the log function, and  $c$  is a constant.  $f(0) = 0$  implies  $c = \log 2$ , and since  $f(x)$  is positive for  $0 < x < 2$ , we have  $f(x) = \ln 2 - \ln(2-x)$  for  $0 < x < 2$ . Thus,

$$f(1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n2^n} = \ln 2 - \ln(2-1) = \ln 2.$$

4. (15) Assume that  $f_n(z)$  are continuous functions of  $z$  in a domain  $D$ , and assume that the sequence of functions converge normally to  $f$  in  $D$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be a piecewise smooth curve in  $D$ . Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma} f_n(z) dz = \int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz$$

The curve  $\Gamma$  is a compact subset of  $D$ . Thus, the functions  $f_n$  converge uniformly to  $f$  on  $\Gamma$ , and since each  $f_n$  is continuous so is the limit function, which means that the integral of  $f$  over  $\Gamma$  exists. Let  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $L$  denote the length of the curve  $\Gamma$ . Pick  $N$  so that if  $n > N$  we have  $|f_n(z) - f(z)| < \frac{\epsilon}{L}$  for all  $z \in \Gamma$ . Then for  $n > N$  we have

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma} f_n(z) dz - \int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq \int_{\Gamma} |f_n(z) - f(z)| |dz| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{L} L = \epsilon.$$

5. (15) Suppose  $f(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k z^k$ , and the series converges for  $0 < |z| < 1$ .

Let  $g(z) = f(z) - \frac{a_{-1}}{z}$ . Show that  $g(z)$  is the derivative of an analytic function defined on  $0 < |z| < 1$ .

The first thing to note is that the function  $z^k, k \neq -1$ , is the derivative of the function  $\frac{z^{k+1}}{k+1}$ , and this function is entire if  $k \geq 0$  and analytic for  $|z| > 0$  if  $k \leq -2$ . Thus, we have

$$g(z) = f(z) - \frac{a_{-1}}{z} = \sum_{\substack{k=-\infty \\ k \neq -1}}^{\infty} a_k z^k = \sum_{\substack{k=-\infty \\ k \neq -1}}^{\infty} a_k \frac{d}{dz} \frac{z^{k+1}}{k+1} = \frac{d}{dz} \sum_{\substack{k=-\infty \\ k \neq -1}}^{\infty} a_k \frac{z^{k+1}}{k+1}.$$

Moreover, the ratio test shows that the series  $\sum_{\substack{k=-\infty \\ k \neq -1}}^{\infty} a_k \frac{z^{k+1}}{k+1}$ , converges for  $0 < |z| < 1$ .

This follows from the fact that the series  $\sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} a_k z^k$  converges for  $|z| > 0$ , and the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  converges for  $|z| < 1$ .