

# Theory of Functions of a Complex Variable I

**Instructions** Solve **six** of the following seven problems. Please write your solutions on your own paper.

These problems should be treated as essay questions. A problem that says “find” or that asks a question requires an explanation to support the answer. Please explain your reasoning in complete sentences.

1. Find the first two nonzero terms of the Laurent series of  $\frac{1}{z^2(e^z - e^{-z})}$  that is valid in the punctured disk where  $0 < |z| < \pi$ .
2. Classify each isolated singularity of the function  $\frac{1}{z^2(z+1)} + \sin\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$ : is the singularity removable? essential? a pole?
3. Use the residue theorem to prove that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (\sin \theta)^{2n} d\theta = \frac{(2n)!}{(n! 2^n)^2}$$

when  $n$  is a natural number.

4. Suppose that  $f$  is analytic in an open neighborhood of the closed unit disk  $\overline{D}(0, 1)$ , and  $|f(z)| < 1$  when  $|z| \leq 1$ . Brouwer’s fixed-point theorem from topology implies that  $f$  has at least one fixed point in the closed unit disk (that is, there exists a point  $z_0$  such that  $f(z_0) = z_0$ ). Use Rouché’s theorem to show that in this special setting, the function  $f$  has *exactly one* fixed point in the closed unit disk.
5. Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic in an open neighborhood of the closed unit disk  $\overline{D}(0, 1)$ , and  $f$  has no zeroes on the unit circle  $C(0, 1)$ . Let the distinct zeroes of  $f$  in  $D(0, 1)$  be  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ , and suppose that each of these zeroes is simple (that is, first order). Prove that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(0,1)} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} g(z) dz = \sum_{j=1}^n g(a_j).$$

6. Find a linear fractional transformation (a Möbius transformation) that fixes the points 1 and  $-1$  and maps  $i$  to 0.
7. Does there exist a linear fractional transformation (a Möbius transformation) that maps the open half-disk  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1 \text{ and } \text{Im } z > 0\}$  onto the open first quadrant? (See the figure below.) Explain.

