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Examination for the Module MATH–2021

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COMPLEX ANALYSIS

Time allowed : 2 hours

Do not answer more than four questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. State what is meant by the *radius of convergence* of a complex power series $\sum a_n z^n$, and calculate the radii of convergence of the following series:

$$(a) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{2^n}; \quad (b) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n! z^n; \quad (c) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^n z^n; \quad (d) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n-1)(n!)}.$$

A power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ has radius of convergence $R > 0$ and defines a function $f(z)$ on $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\}$. Write down the power series for the functions $f'(z)$ and $f(2z)$, and state without proof their radii of convergence.

Show that there is an entire function $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, expressible as the sum of a power series, such that

$$f(0) = 0, \quad f'(0) = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad f''(z) = \exp(z^2) \quad \text{for all} \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

2. (a) Let U be an open set in \mathbb{C} and let $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an analytic function. Suppose that $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, where $z = x + iy$, and u and v are real-valued functions. Prove that u and v satisfy the Cauchy–Riemann equations.

(b) Given also that u and v are C^2 functions, deduce that they are harmonic.

(c) For each of the following functions determine whether it is the real part of an analytic function defined on \mathbb{C} . If it is, determine a corresponding imaginary part.

(i) $u(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + 2xy;$

(ii) $u(x, y) = x^3 - y^3 + 3x^2y.$

3. (a) State Liouville's Theorem on entire functions and the Maximum Modulus Principle.

Let $p(z) = z^n + a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1z + a_0$ be a nonconstant polynomial. Show that there is a number $R > 0$ such that

$$|p(z)| \geq \frac{|z|^n}{2} \quad \text{for } |z| \geq R.$$

By considering $f(z) = \frac{1}{p(z)}$ and using the results above, deduce that p has a zero in \mathbb{C} .

- (b) Write down entire functions $g(z)$, $h(z)$ such that:

- (i) $g(z)$ has no zeroes in \mathbb{C} ;
- (ii) $h(z)$ has infinitely many zeroes in \mathbb{C} .

Briefly justify your answers.

4. (a) Explain what a *contour* in \mathbb{C} is, and define its *length*.

Give the definition of $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$ for a continuous function f on a contour γ .

- (b) Evaluate the following integrals, where in each case γ is the unit circle taken once anticlockwise. (Standard results may be quoted without proof.)

(i) $\int_{\gamma} \frac{\cos(1/z)}{z^2} dz;$

(ii) $\int_{\gamma} |z + 2|^2 dz;$

(iii) $\int_{\gamma} \tan z dz;$

(iv) $\int_{\gamma} \frac{\exp(z^2)}{z(z + 3)} dz.$

5. Calculate the following integrals using complex variable techniques.

(a) $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 + 8 \cos^2 \theta};$

(b) $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x dx}{2x^4 + 5x^2 + 2}.$

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