

and since the sum converges uniformly for  $z \in K$ , the approximation by partial sums proves our claim.

This result allows us to travel from  $z_0$  to  $z_1$  through the finite sequence  $\{w_j\}$  to find that  $1/(z - z_0)$  can be approximated uniformly on  $K$  by polynomials in  $1/(z - z_1)$ . This concludes the proof of the lemma, and also that of the theorem.

## 6 Exercises

1. Prove that

$$\int_0^\infty \sin(x^2) dx = \int_0^\infty \cos(x^2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{4}.$$

These are the **Fresnel integrals**. Here,  $\int_0^\infty$  is interpreted as  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^R$ .

[Hint: Integrate the function  $e^{-z^2}$  over the path in Figure 14. Recall that  $\int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$ .]

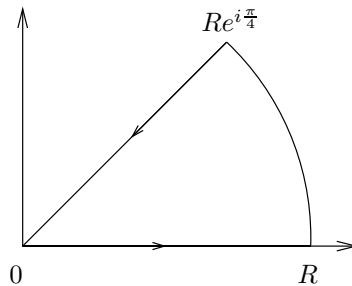


Figure 14. The contour in Exercise 1

2. Show that  $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

[Hint: The integral equals  $\frac{1}{2i} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{ix}-1}{x} dx$ . Use the indented semicircle.]

3. Evaluate the integrals

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-ax} \cos bx dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-ax} \sin bx dx, \quad a > 0$$

by integrating  $e^{-Az}$ ,  $A = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ , over an appropriate sector with angle  $\omega$ , with  $\cos \omega = a/A$ .

4. Prove that for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}$  we have  $e^{-\pi\xi^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} e^{2\pi i x \xi} dx$ .

5. Suppose  $f$  is continuously *complex* differentiable on  $\Omega$ , and  $T \subset \Omega$  is a triangle whose interior is also contained in  $\Omega$ . Apply Green's theorem to show that

$$\int_T f(z) dz = 0.$$

This provides a proof of Goursat's theorem under the additional assumption that  $f'$  is continuous.

[Hint: Green's theorem says that if  $(F, G)$  is a continuously differentiable vector field, then

$$\int_T F dx + G dy = \int_{\text{Interior of } T} \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) dx dy.$$

For appropriate  $F$  and  $G$ , one can then use the Cauchy-Riemann equations.]

6. Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $T \subset \Omega$  be a triangle whose interior is also contained in  $\Omega$ . Suppose that  $f$  is a function holomorphic in  $\Omega$  except possibly at a point  $w$  inside  $T$ . Prove that if  $f$  is bounded near  $w$ , then

$$\int_T f(z) dz = 0.$$

7. Suppose  $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic. Show that the diameter  $d = \sup_{z, w \in \mathbb{D}} |f(z) - f(w)|$  of the image of  $f$  satisfies

$$2|f'(0)| \leq d.$$

Moreover, it can be shown that equality holds precisely when  $f$  is linear,  $f(z) = a_0 + a_1 z$ .

**Note.** In connection with this result, see the relationship between the diameter of a curve and Fourier series described in Problem 1, Chapter 4, Book I.

[Hint:  $2f'(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta|=r} \frac{f(\zeta) - f(-\zeta)}{\zeta^2} d\zeta$  whenever  $0 < r < 1$ .]

8. If  $f$  is a holomorphic function on the strip  $-1 < y < 1$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with

$$|f(z)| \leq A(1 + |z|)^\eta, \quad \eta \text{ a fixed real number}$$

for all  $z$  in that strip, show that for each integer  $n \geq 0$  there exists  $A_n \geq 0$  so that

$$|f^{(n)}(x)| \leq A_n(1 + |x|)^\eta, \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

[Hint: Use the Cauchy inequalities.]

**9.** Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  a holomorphic function. Prove that if there exists a point  $z_0 \in \Omega$  such that

$$\varphi(z_0) = z_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi'(z_0) = 1$$

then  $\varphi$  is linear.

[Hint: Why can one assume that  $z_0 = 0$ ? Write  $\varphi(z) = z + a_n z^n + O(z^{n+1})$  near 0, and prove that if  $\varphi_k = \varphi \circ \cdots \circ \varphi$  (where  $\varphi$  appears  $k$  times), then  $\varphi_k(z) = z + k a_n z^n + O(z^{n+1})$ . Apply the Cauchy inequalities and let  $k \rightarrow \infty$  to conclude the proof. Here we use the standard  $O$  notation, where  $f(z) = O(g(z))$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$  means that  $|f(z)| \leq C|g(z)|$  for some constant  $C$  as  $|z| \rightarrow 0$ .]

**10.** Weierstrass's theorem states that a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$  can be uniformly approximated by polynomials. Can every continuous function on the closed unit disc be approximated uniformly by polynomials in the variable  $z$ ?

**11.** Let  $f$  be a holomorphic function on the disc  $D_{R_0}$  centered at the origin and of radius  $R_0$ .

(a) Prove that whenever  $0 < R < R_0$  and  $|z| < R$ , then

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(Re^{i\varphi}) \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{Re^{i\varphi} + z}{Re^{i\varphi} - z} \right) d\varphi.$$

(b) Show that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{Re^{i\gamma} + r}{Re^{i\gamma} - r} \right) = \frac{R^2 - r^2}{R^2 - 2Rr \cos \gamma + r^2}.$$

[Hint: For the first part, note that if  $w = R^2/\bar{z}$ , then the integral of  $f(\zeta)/(\zeta - w)$  around the circle of radius  $R$  centered at the origin is zero. Use this, together with the usual Cauchy integral formula, to deduce the desired identity.]

**12.** Let  $u$  be a real-valued function defined on the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$ . Suppose that  $u$  is twice continuously differentiable and harmonic, that is,

$$\Delta u(x, y) = 0$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{D}$ .

(a) Prove that there exists a holomorphic function  $f$  on the unit disc such that

$$\operatorname{Re}(f) = u.$$

Also show that the imaginary part of  $f$  is uniquely defined up to an additive (real) constant. [Hint: From the previous chapter we would have  $f'(z) = 2\partial u/\partial z$ . Therefore, let  $g(z) = 2\partial u/\partial z$  and prove that  $g$  is holomorphic. Why can one find  $F$  with  $F' = g$ ? Prove that  $\operatorname{Re}(F)$  differs from  $u$  by a real constant.]

- (b) Deduce from this result, and from Exercise 11, the Poisson integral representation formula from the Cauchy integral formula: If  $u$  is harmonic in the unit disc and continuous on its closure, then if  $z = re^{i\theta}$  one has

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} P_r(\theta - \varphi) u(\varphi) d\varphi$$

where  $P_r(\gamma)$  is the Poisson kernel for the unit disc given by

$$P_r(\gamma) = \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos \gamma + r^2}.$$

- 13.** Suppose  $f$  is an analytic function defined everywhere in  $\mathbb{C}$  and such that for each  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  at least one coefficient in the expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z - z_0)^n$$

is equal to 0. Prove that  $f$  is a polynomial.

[Hint: Use the fact that  $c_n n! = f^{(n)}(z_0)$  and use a countability argument.]

- 14.** Suppose that  $f$  is holomorphic in an open set containing the closed unit disc, except for a pole at  $z_0$  on the unit circle. Show that if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

denotes the power series expansion of  $f$  in the open unit disc, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = z_0.$$

- 15.** Suppose  $f$  is a non-vanishing continuous function on  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$  that is holomorphic in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Prove that if

$$|f(z)| = 1 \quad \text{whenever } |z| = 1,$$

then  $f$  is constant.

[Hint: Extend  $f$  to all of  $\mathbb{C}$  by  $f(z) = 1/\overline{f(1/\bar{z})}$  whenever  $|z| > 1$ , and argue as in the Schwarz reflection principle.]

## 7 Problems

- 1.** Here are some examples of analytic functions on the unit disc that cannot be extended analytically past the unit circle. The following definition is needed. Let

$f$  be a function defined in the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$ , with boundary circle  $C$ . A point  $w$  on  $C$  is said to be *regular* for  $f$  if there is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $w$  and an analytic function  $g$  on  $U$ , so that  $f = g$  on  $\mathbb{D} \cap U$ . A function  $f$  defined on  $\mathbb{D}$  cannot be continued analytically past the unit circle if no point of  $C$  is regular for  $f$ .

(a) Let

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{2^n} \quad \text{for } |z| < 1.$$

Notice that the radius of convergence of the above series is 1. Show that  $f$  cannot be continued analytically past the unit disc. [Hint: Suppose  $\theta = 2\pi p/2^k$ , where  $p$  and  $k$  are positive integers. Let  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ; then  $|f(re^{i\theta})| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 1$ .]

(b) \* Fix  $0 < \alpha < \infty$ . Show that the analytic function  $f$  defined by

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 2^{-n\alpha} z^{2^n} \quad \text{for } |z| < 1$$

extends continuously to the unit circle, but cannot be analytically continued past the unit circle. [Hint: There is a nowhere differentiable function lurking in the background. See Chapter 4 in Book I.]

2.\* Let

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n)z^n \quad \text{for } |z| < 1$$

where  $d(n)$  denotes the number of divisors of  $n$ . Observe that the radius of convergence of this series is 1. Verify the identity

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d(n)z^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{1-z^n}.$$

Using this identity, show that if  $z = r$  with  $0 < r < 1$ , then

$$|F(r)| \geq c \frac{1}{1-r} \log(1/(1-r))$$

as  $r \rightarrow 1$ . Similarly, if  $\theta = 2\pi p/q$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are positive integers and  $z = re^{i\theta}$ , then

$$|F(re^{i\theta})| \geq c_{p/q} \frac{1}{1-r} \log(1/(1-r))$$

as  $r \rightarrow 1$ . Conclude that  $F$  cannot be continued analytically past the unit disc.

3. Morera's theorem states that if  $f$  is continuous in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $\int_T f(z) dz = 0$  for all triangles  $T$ , then  $f$  is holomorphic in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Naturally, we may ask if the conclusion still holds if we replace triangles by other sets.

(a) Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{C}$ , and

$$(16) \quad \int_C f(z) dz = 0$$

for every circle  $C$ . Prove that  $f$  is holomorphic.

(b) More generally, let  $\Gamma$  be any toy contour, and  $\mathcal{F}$  the collection of all translates and dilates of  $\Gamma$ . Show that if  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{C}$ , and

$$\int_\gamma f(z) dz = 0 \quad \text{for all } \gamma \in \mathcal{F}$$

then  $f$  is holomorphic. In particular, Morera's theorem holds under the weaker assumption that  $\int_T f(z) dz = 0$  for all equilateral triangles.

[Hint: As a first step, assume that  $f$  is twice real differentiable, and write  $f(z) = f(z_0) + a(z - z_0) + b(\overline{z - z_0}) + O(|z - z_0|^2)$  for  $z$  near  $z_0$ . Integrating this expansion over small circles around  $z_0$  yields  $\partial f / \partial \overline{z} = b = 0$  at  $z_0$ . Alternatively, suppose only that  $f$  is differentiable and apply Green's theorem to conclude that the real and imaginary parts of  $f$  satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

In general, let  $\varphi(w) = \varphi(x, y)$  (when  $w = x + iy$ ) denote a smooth function with  $0 \leq \varphi(w) \leq 1$ , and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \varphi(w) dV(w) = 1$ , where  $dV(w) = dx dy$ , and  $\int$  denotes the usual integral of a function of two variables in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . For each  $\epsilon > 0$ , let  $\varphi_\epsilon(z) = \epsilon^{-2} \varphi(\epsilon^{-1}z)$ , as well as

$$f_\epsilon(z) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(z - w) \varphi_\epsilon(w) dV(w),$$

where the integral denotes the usual integral of functions of two variables, with  $dV(w)$  the area element of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Then  $f_\epsilon$  is smooth, satisfies condition (16), and  $f_\epsilon \rightarrow f$  uniformly on any compact subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .]

4. Prove the converse to Runge's theorem: if  $K$  is a compact set whose complement is not connected, then there exists a function  $f$  holomorphic in a neighborhood of  $K$  which cannot be approximated uniformly by polynomial on  $K$ .

[Hint: Pick a point  $z_0$  in a bounded component of  $K^c$ , and let  $f(z) = 1/(z - z_0)$ . If  $f$  can be approximated uniformly by polynomials on  $K$ , show that there exists a polynomial  $p$  such that  $|(z - z_0)p(z) - 1| < 1$ . Use the maximum modulus principle (Chapter 3) to show that this inequality continues to hold for all  $z$  in the component of  $K^c$  that contains  $z_0$ .]

5.\* There exists an entire function  $F$  with the following "universal" property: given any entire function  $h$ , there is an increasing sequence  $\{N_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of positive integers, so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(z + N_k) = h(z)$$

uniformly on every compact subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- (a) Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots$  denote an enumeration of the collection of polynomials whose coefficients have rational real and imaginary parts. Show that it suffices to find an entire function  $F$  and an increasing sequence  $\{M_n\}$  of positive integers, such that

$$(17) \quad |F(z) - p_n(z - M_n)| < \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{whenever } z \in D_n,$$

where  $D_n$  denotes the disc centered at  $M_n$  and of radius  $n$ . [Hint: Given  $h$  entire, there exists a sequence  $\{n_k\}$  such that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p_{n_k}(z) = h(z)$  uniformly on every compact subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .]

- (b) Construct  $F$  satisfying (17) as an infinite series

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(z)$$

where  $u_n(z) = p_n(z - M_n)e^{-c_n(z - M_n)^2}$ , and the quantities  $c_n > 0$  and  $M_n > 0$  are chosen appropriately with  $c_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $M_n \rightarrow \infty$ . [Hint: The function  $e^{-z^2}$  vanishes rapidly as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$  in the sectors  $\{|\arg z| < \pi/4 - \delta\}$  and  $\{|\pi - \arg z| < \pi/4 - \delta\}$ .]

In the same spirit, there exists an alternate “universal” entire function  $G$  with the following property: given any entire function  $h$ , there is an increasing sequence  $\{N_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  of positive integers, so that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} D^{N_k} G(z) = h(z)$$

uniformly on every compact subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Here  $D^j G$  denotes the  $j^{\text{th}}$  (complex) derivative of  $G$ .