

Math 561, Fall 2018  
Assignment 11, due Wednesday, November 21

**Hand in solutions to the following exercises:**

1. (a) Prove that if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  is not an integer on the real axis, then

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k + \alpha)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi \alpha}$$

- (b) Manipulate the identity in part (a) and take limits as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  to give a proof that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

2. Suppose  $f$  is holomorphic on an open set  $U$  containing  $\{z : |z| > R\}$  for some  $R > 0$  so that  $f$  is given by a convergent Laurent series  $f(z) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a_j z^j$  on  $\{z : |z| > R\}$ . Define the *residue at infinity* of  $f$  as  $\text{Res}_f(\infty) = -a_{-1}$ , where  $a_{-1}$  is the coefficient of  $z^{-1}$  in the Laurent expansion.

- (a) Since  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\{z : |z| > R\}$ , the function  $H(z) = z^{-2}f(1/z)$  is holomorphic on  $D^*(0, 1/R)$ . Prove that  $\text{Res}_f(\infty) = -\text{Res}_H(0)$ .

- (b) Suppose  $s > R$ . Apply Proposition 4.2.4 to the function  $H$  and perform a change of variables to show that

$$\text{Res}_f(\infty) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=s} f(z) dz.$$

where the line integral is oriented *clockwise*.

Note: Be careful with the change of variables, limit yourself to the change of variables theorem for functions of a single variable (“ $u$ -substitution”).

3. Suppose that  $f$  is an entire function for which there exists  $M, R > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|f(z)| \geq M|z|^n$ . Prove that  $f$  is a polynomial of degree at least  $n$ .
4. Greene & Krantz, Chapter 5, Exercise 2.

Note: You should be able to express your answer in terms of  $g(P_1), \dots, g(P_k)$ . There is nothing special about taking the disc to be centered at 0 with radius 1, so treat this only as a convenience and convince yourself that this works more broadly.

5. Greene & Krantz, Chapter 5, Exercise 3.

**On your own:** Greene & Krantz: Ch. 4, Exercises 18, 28, 59, 60, 61, 65. Ch. 5, Exercises 1, 4, 8. Also, the following exercises:

1. Prove that if  $w \in \mathbb{C}$  is not an integer on the real axis, then  $\pi \cot \pi w = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^N \frac{1}{n+w}$ .
2. (a) Suppose  $f$  is bounded and holomorphic except at a finite number of isolated singularities in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Prove that  $f$  is constant.
- (b) Let  $f$  be holomorphic except at a finite number of poles and suppose that for some  $M, R > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|f(z)| \leq M|z|^n$  whenever  $|z| > R$ . Prove that  $f$  must be a rational function.

**Reading:** Greene & Krantz: finish Chapter 4, start Chapter 5, namely §5.1.