

Exercises with a  $\star$  are eligible for bonus points. Exactly one answer to each MC question is correct.

### 8.1. MC Questions

(a) Consider the real integral  $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$ . This can be computed using Cauchy's Residue Theorem. Which of the following is false?

- A) Let  $\gamma(R)$  be a closed semicircle of radius  $R > 1$  (centered at the origin) in the lower half of the complex plane, which is traced counterclockwise. Then  $I = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_{\gamma(R)} \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz$ .
- B) Let  $\gamma(R)$  be a closed semicircle of radius  $R > 1$  (centered at the origin) in the lower half of the complex plane, traced clockwise. Then  $I = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_{\gamma(R)} \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz$ .
- C)  $I = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}\left(\frac{1}{1+z^2}, z = i\right)$
- D)  $I = -2\pi i \operatorname{Res}\left(\frac{1}{1+z^2}, z = -i\right)$

(b) Let  $f(z) = \frac{e^z}{(z-1)^3}$ . What is the order of the pole of  $f(z)$  at  $z = 1$ ?

- A) 0 (no pole)
- B) 1
- C) 2
- D) 3

**8.2. Poles at infinity** Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic. We say that  $f$  has a pole at infinity of order  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  if the function  $g(z) := f(1/z)$  has a pole of order  $N$  at the origin in the usual sense. Prove that if  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  has a pole of order  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  at infinity, then it has to be a polynomial of degree  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**8.3. Meromorphic functions** For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\sin(z) \neq 0$  define the map

$$\cotan(z) = \frac{\cos(z)}{\sin(z)}.$$

(a) Show that  $\cotan$  is meromorphic in  $\mathbb{C}$ , determine its poles and their residues.

(b) Let  $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  and define

$$f(z) = \frac{\pi \cotan(\pi z)}{(z + w)^2}.$$

Show that  $f$  is meromorphic in  $\mathbb{C}$ , determine its poles and their residues.

(c) Compute for every integer  $n \geq 1$  such that  $|w| < n$  the line integral

$$\int_{\gamma_n} f dz,$$

where  $\gamma_n$  is the circle of radius  $n + 1/2$  centered at the origin and positively oriented.

(d) Deduce that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=-n}^n \frac{1}{(w + k)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin(\pi w)^2}.$$

**8.4. ★ Real integrals** Compute the following real integrals taking advantage of the Residue Theorem<sup>1</sup>.

(a)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{1 + \sin^2(t)} dt$$

(b)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x^2}}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

**8.5. Quotient of holomorphic functions** Let  $f, g$  be two non-constant holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Show that if  $|f(z)| \leq |g(z)|$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , then there exists  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(z) = cg(z)$ .

**8.6. ★** Let  $P(z)$  be a complex polynomial of degree  $n$  and  $R > 0$  so large that  $P(z)$  does not vanish in  $\{z : |z| \geq R\}$ . Let  $\gamma$  be the path with  $\gamma(t) = Re^{it}$ , with  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . Show that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{P'(z)}{P(z)} dz = n.$$

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<sup>1</sup>Recall:  $\{z_1, \dots, z_N\} \subset \Omega$  poles and  $f : \Omega \setminus \{z_1, \dots, z_N\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  holomorphic. Then if  $\{z_1, \dots, z_N\}$  are inside a simple closed curve  $\gamma$  in  $\Omega$ , then  $\int_{\gamma} f dz = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^N \text{res}_{z_j}(f)$ .