Answers

- 1. Give an example (with explanaition) of
  - (a) simple closed non-differentiable curve;

A triange or a square: no self-intersections, closed, not differentible at the corners.

(b) differentiable but not smooth arc;

An arc given by  $z(t) = 1 + i \sin t$ ,  $0 \le t \le \pi$ . Then  $z'(\pi/2) = 0$  so is not smooth.

(c) Jordan curve.

This is a simple closed curve, for example a circle.

2. Let

$$z_1(t) = R_0 e^{it}, \quad z_2(s) = \sqrt{R_0^2 - s^2} + is, \quad z_3(q) = q + i\sqrt{R_0^2 - q^2}$$

where  $R_0 > 0$  is a constant and t, s, q are real parameters. When the interval for t is given,  $z_1(t)$  describes a curve in the complex plane. Give an alternative description of the same curve in terms of either  $z_2(s)$  or  $z_3(q)$  (or both) and find corresponding interval(s) for s and q if

(a)  $\pi/4 < t < 2\pi/3$ .

An alternative description is  $z_3(-q)$ , where  $q \in [-R_0/\sqrt{2}, R_0/2]$ .

(b)  $-\pi < t < -\pi/3$ 

An alternative description is  $\bar{z}_3(q)$ , where  $q \in [-R_0, R_0/2]$ .

- (c)  $3\pi/4 < t < 5\pi/4$ An alternative description is  $-z_2(s)$ , where  $s \in [-R_0/\sqrt{2}, R_0/\sqrt{2}]$ .
- (d)  $-\pi/2 < t < \pi$ An alternative description is the union of  $z_2(s)$ , where  $s \in [-R_0, R_0]$  and  $z_3(-q)$ , where  $q \in [0, R_0]$ .

3. Evaluate contour integral along curve  $C = \{z(t), a \leq t \leq b\}.$ 

- (a)  $\int_C z^{-2} dz, \ z(t) = 5e^{2it}, \ 0 \le t \le \pi/4.$ Answer: (1+i)/5.
- (b)  $\int_C \bar{z}^2 dz, \ z(t) = e^{-it}, \ 0 \le t \le 2\pi.$ Answer: 0.
- (c)  $\int_C \bar{z}^{-n} dz$ ,  $z(t) = e^{ikt}$ ,  $0 \le t \le 2\pi/k$ , where *n* and  $k \ne 0$  are integers. Answer: 0 for all  $n \ne -1$  and  $2\pi i$  for n = -1.
- (d)  $\int_C \frac{3+z}{z} dz$ ,  $z(t) = \sqrt{9-t^2} + it$ ,  $0 \le t \le 3$ Here you may want to change the contour description to  $z(s) = 3e^{is}$ , where  $0 \le s \le \pi/2$ .

Then contour integration gives  $3i(\pi + 2)/2 - 3$ .

(e)  $\int 2xy + i(y^2 - x^2)dz$  with respect to triangular contour with vertices at points  $z = \pm i$  and z = -1.

Integrals with respect to each side of the triangle are : -3/2, (1 + i)/3 and (1 - i)/3, which sums up to zero.

The answer also follows from the Cauchy-Goursat theorem because the integrant is  $iz^2$  which is analytic.

- 4. Do the following without evaluating the integral.
  - (a) Let  $C = \{2e^{it}, 0 \le t \le \pi/2\}$ . Show that  $|\int_C (z^4 1)^{-1} dz| \le \pi/7$ . Here  $L = \pi$  and  $M = (2^4 - 1)^{-1} = 15$ . Thus  $|\int_C (z^4 - 1)^{-1} dz| \le \pi/15 < \pi/7$ .
  - (b) Let C be a line segment from z = -i to z = 1. Show that  $|\int_C z^{-6} dz| \le 8\sqrt{2}$ Note that point  $(1/\sqrt{2}, -1/\sqrt{2})$  is the closest point to the origin among all point from the segment of integration. Thus the max value of the integrant is reached there and is M = 8. The length  $L = \sqrt{2}$ . This gives the estimate.
  - (c) Let C be a circle of radius R. Show that

$$\left|\int_{C} \frac{\log z}{z^4} \, dz\right| \le 2\pi \frac{\ln R + \pi}{R^3}$$

By definition,  $Log z = \ln |z| + i\Theta$ ,  $-\pi < \Theta \le \pi$ . Thus  $M = \frac{\ln R + \pi}{R^4}$  and  $L = 2\pi R$ . This gives the estimate.

5. Extra Points Problem Show that condition

$$\frac{\partial f(z,\bar{z})}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$$

is equivalent to the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

Solution. Let f(x,y) = u(x,y) + iv(x,y). Using  $x = (z + \overline{z})/2$  and  $y = i(\overline{z} - z)/2$  and the chain rule we obtain

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}(u_x + iv_x) + \frac{i}{2}(u_y + iv_y) = \frac{u_x - v_y}{2} + i\frac{v_x + u_y}{2}.$$

Recall the Cauchy-Riemann condition  $u_x = v_y$  and  $v_x = -u_y$ , so it gives desired statement.