

MTH 317/617

Homework #4

Due Date: October 6, 2023

1 Problems for Everyone

1. Show that each of the following functions is nowhere differentiable using the definition of the derivative, i.e. do not use the Cauchy Riemann equations.

(a) $f(z) = \operatorname{Re}(z)$

(b) $f(z) = \operatorname{Im}(z)$

2. Let $P(z) = (z - z_1)(z - z_2) \cdots (z - z_n)$. Prove that

$$\frac{P'(z)}{P(z)} = \frac{1}{z - z_1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{z - z_n}$$

3. Find real constants a, b, c, d so that the given function is analytic

(a) $f(z) = 3x - y + 5 + i(ax + by - 3)$.

(b) $f(z) = x^2 + axy + by^2 + i(cx^2 + dxy + y^2)$.

4. Prove that if $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic then

$$|f'(z)|^2 = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}\right)^2.$$

5. Verify that each given function u is harmonic (in the region where it is defined) and then find the function v such that $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic.

(a) $u = e^x \sin(y)$

(b) $u = xy - x + y$

(c) $u = \sin(x) \cosh(y)$

(d) $u = \operatorname{Im}(\exp(z^2))$

2 Graduate Problems

1. A set A is said to be an ordered set provided it contains a subset P with the following two properties

- For any $x \in A$, either $x \in P$ or $-x \in P$ (but not both).
- If $x, y \in P$ then both $xy \in P$ and $x + y \in P$.

In \mathbb{R} the set P is the set of positive numbers. In \mathbb{R} we say $x > y$, if and only if $x - y \in P$.

Prove that \mathbb{C} is not an ordered set.