Homework 2

- 1. Let $S \subset \mathbb{C}$ be the set $S = \{z = -it \mid t \geq 0\}$. Define explicitly a continuous branch of $\log(z)$ on $\mathbb{C} \setminus S$; that is, the complex plane slit along the negative imaginary axis. (Hint: Recall that $\operatorname{Log}(z)$, the principal branch of $\log(z)$, is explicitly defined as $\operatorname{Log}(z) = \log |z| + i\theta$, with $-\pi < \theta < \pi$. Be sure to explain why the strict inequalities are required for continuity.)
- 2. Determine the value(s) of log $\left[(1+i)^{2i} \right]$.
- 3. (a) Set $w = \cos(z)$ and $\zeta = e^{iz}$. Show that $\zeta = w + \sqrt{w^2 1}$, where $\sqrt{w^2 1} = \{\xi \mid \xi^2 = w^2 1\}$. How many elements are in $\sqrt{w^2 - 1}$ and how are they related?
 - (b) Show that

$$\cos^{-1}(w) = -i \log \left[w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1} \right],$$

where both sides of the identity are to be interpreted as subsets of \mathbb{C} .

4. Let $h: [0,1] \to \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous complex-valued function h(t) on the unit interval. Define

$$H(z) := \int_0^1 \frac{h(t)}{t-z} dt, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0,1]$$

Show that H(z) is analytic on $\mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 1]$ and compute its derivative. (Hint: Differentiate 'by hand;' that is, by using the limit definition of the complex derivative.)

- 5. Given an analytic function f(z) = u(z) + iv(z) (with u, v real-valued), we can write z in polar form $z = re^{i\theta}$ and define $u(r, \theta) := u(re^{i\theta})$ and $v(r, \theta) := v(re^{i\theta})$.
 - (a) Derive the polar form of the Cauchy-Riemann equations for u and v:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \theta}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} = -r \frac{\partial v}{\partial r}.$$

(If you are studying a physical science, you should check that this definition yields consistent units across both equations.)

- (b) Check that for any integer m, the functions $u(r, \theta) = r^m \cos(m\theta)$ and $v(r, \theta) = r^m \sin(m\theta)$ satisfy (the polar form of) the Cauchy-Riemann equations.
- 6. Recall that $\cos^{-1}(z) = -i \log \left[z + \sqrt{z^2 1} \right]$ (with $\sqrt{z^2 1} = \{ w \mid w^2 = z^2 1 \}$). Suppose g(z) is an analytic branch of $\cos^{-1}(z)$, defined on a domain D.
 - (a) Determine g'(z).
 - (b) Do different branches of $\cos^{-1}(z)$ have the same derivative?
- 7. Let f(z) be a bounded analytic function, defined on a bounded domain D in the complex plane, and suppose that f(z) is one-to-one. Show that the area of f(D) is given by

Area
$$(f(D)) = \iint_D |f'(z)|^2 dx dy$$

(Hint: Review the change of variables theorem from your vector calculus course.)

8. Show that Laplace's equation in polar coordinates is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0.$$

(If you are studying a physical science, you should check that this definition yields consistent units for each term in the equation.)

- 9. (a) Using Laplace's equation in polar coordinates, show that $u(r, \theta) = \theta \log(r)$ is harmonic. (Remember that r > 0.)
 - (b) Using polar form of the Cauchy-Riemann equations, find a harmonic conjugate $v(r, \theta)$ for $u(r, \theta)$. What is the corresponding analytic function f(z) = u(z) + iv(z)?
- 10. Given a positive number B with $0 < B < \pi$. Find a conformal map of the wedge $\{z \mid -B < \arg(z) < B\}$ onto the right half-plane $\{w \mid \operatorname{Re}(w) > 0\}$.
- 11. The inversion mapping $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$ is defined on the extended complex plane $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ by defining $f(0) = \infty$, $f(\infty) = 0$, and f(1) = 1. (Remember that this does **not** mean that ∞ is a complex number.)
 - (a) Show that the image of a straight line under f is a circle or a straight line, depending on whether or not the line passes through the origin.
 - (b) Show that the image of a circle under f is a straight line or a circle, depending on whether or not the circle passes through the origin.

Notice that both circles and straight lines in the complex plane \mathbb{C} correspond to circles on the Riemann sphere S.

12. Let P(x, y) and Q(x, y) be continuous complex-valued functions on a curve γ , and define a function F(w) on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma$ by

$$F(w) := \int_{\gamma} \frac{P(x,y)}{z-w} \, dx + \int_{\gamma} \frac{Q(x,y)}{z-w} \, dy, \quad \text{where } z = x + iy.$$

- (a) Show that F(w) is analytic for $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma$.
- (b) Express F'(w) as a line integral over γ .