

Complex Analysis

Previous year Questions from
2016 to 1992

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2017

2016

1. Is $v(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy^2 + 2y$ a harmonic function? Prove your claim, if yes find its conjugate harmonic function and hence obtain the analytic function $u(x, y)$ whose real and imaginary parts are u and v respectively **(10 marks)**
2. Let $\gamma; [0, 1] \rightarrow C$ be the curve $\gamma(t) = e^{2\pi it}$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$ find giving justification the values of the contour integral $\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{4z^2 - 1}$ **(15 marks)**
3. Prove that every power series represents an analytic function inside its circle of convergence **(20 marks)**

2015

4. Show that the function $v(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2) + x + y$ is harmonic. Find its conjugate harmonic function $u(x, y)$. Also, find the corresponding analytic function $f(z) = u + iv$ in terms of z **(10 Marks)**
5. Find all possible Taylor's and Laurent's series expansions of the function $f(z) = \frac{2z - 3}{z^2 - 3z + 2}$ about the point $z = 0$ **(20 Marks)**
6. State Cauchy's residue theorem. Using it, evaluate the integral $\int_C \frac{e^z + 1}{z(z+1)(z-i)^2} dz$; $C: |z| = 2$ **(15 Marks)**

2014

7. Prove that the function $f(z) = u + iv$, where $f(z) = \frac{x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i)}{x^2 + y^2}$, $z \neq 0$; $f(0) = 0$ satisfies Cauchy-Riemann equations at the origin, but the derivative of f at $z = 0$ does not exist. **(10 Marks)**
8. Expand in Laurent series the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2(z-1)}$ about $z = 0$ and $z = 1$. **(10 Marks)**
9. Evaluate the integral $\int_0^{\pi} \frac{d\theta}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta\right)^2}$ using residues. **(20 Marks)**

2013

10. Prove that if $be^{a+1} < 1$ where a and b are positive and real, then the function $z^n e^{-a} - be^z$ has n zeros in the unit circle. **(10 Marks)**
11. Using Cauchy's residue theorem, evaluate the integral $I = \int_0^{\pi} \sin^4 \theta d\theta$ **(15 Marks)**

2012

12. Show that the function defined by $f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 y^5 (x + iy)}{x^6 + y^{10}}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$ is not analytic at the origin though it satisfies Cauchy-Riemann equations at the origin. **(12 Marks)**
13. Use Cauchy integral formula to evaluate $\int_c \frac{e^{3z}}{(z+1)^4} dz$ where c is the circle $|z| = 2$ **(15 Marks)**
14. Expand the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)}$ in Laurent series valid for
- $1 < |z| < 3$
 - $|z| > 3$
 - $0 < |z+1| < 2$
 - $|z| < 1$
- (15 Marks)**
15. Evaluate by contour integration $I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2}$ $a^2 < 1$ **(15 Marks)**

2011

16. If $f(z) = u + iv$ is an analytic function of $z = x + iy$ and $u - v = \frac{e^y - \cos x + \sin x}{\cosh y - \cos x}$, find $f(z)$ subject to the condition, $f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{3-i}{2}$ **(12 Marks)**
17. If the function $f(z)$ is analytic and one valued in $|z - a| < R$, prove that for $0 < r < R$, $f'(a) = \frac{1}{\pi r} \int_0^{2\pi} P(\theta) e^{-i\theta} d\theta$, where $P(\theta)$ is the real part of $f(a + re^{i\theta})$ **(15 Marks)**
18. Evaluate by Contour integration, $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(x^2 - x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}}$ **(15 Marks)**
19. Find the Laurent series for the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^2}$ with centre $z = 1$ **(15 Marks)**

2010

20. Show that $u(x, y) = 2x - x^3 + 3xy^2$ is a harmonic function. Find a harmonic conjugate of $u(x, y)$. Hence find the analytic function f for which $u(x, y)$ is the real part. **(12 Marks)**
21. (i) Evaluate the line integral $\oint_C f(z) dz$ where $f(z) = z^2$, C is the boundary of the triangle with vertices $A(0, 0), B(1, 0), C(1, 2)$ in that order.
- (ii) Find the image of the finite vertical strip $R: x = 5$ to $x = 9$, $-\pi \leq y \leq \pi$ of z -plane under exponential function **(15 Marks)**
22. Find the Laurent series of the function

$f(z) = \exp\left[\frac{\lambda}{2}\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)\right]$ as $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n z^n$ for $0, |z| < \infty$ where $C_n = \int_0^{\pi} \cos(n\phi - \lambda \sin \phi) d\phi$,
 $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ with λ a given complex number and taking the unit circle C given by
 $z = e^{i\phi}$ ($-\pi \leq \phi \leq \pi$) as contour in this region. (15 Marks)

2009

23. Let $f(z) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_{n-1} z^{n-1}}{b_0 + b_1 z + \dots + b_n z^n}$, $b_n \neq 0$. Assume that the zeros of the denominator are simple.
 Show that the sum of the residues of $f(z)$ at its poles is equal to $\frac{a_n - 1}{b_n}$. (12 Marks)
24. If α, β, γ are real numbers such that $\alpha^2 > \beta^2 + \gamma^2$ show that :

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{\alpha + \beta \cos \theta + \gamma \sin \theta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \gamma^2}}$$
 (30 Marks)

2008

25. Find the residue of $\frac{\cot z \coth z}{z^3}$ at $z = 0$ (12 Marks)
26. Evaluate $\int_C \left[\frac{e^{2z}}{z^2(z^2 + 2z + 2)} + \log(z-6) + \frac{1}{(z-4)^2} \right] dz$ where C is the circle $|z| = 3$. State the theorems you use in evaluating above integral (15 Marks)

2007

27. Prove that the function f defined by

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{z^5}{|z|^4} & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \end{cases}$$
 is not differentiable at $z = 0$ (12 Marks)
28. Evaluate (by using residue theorem) $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 + 8 \cos^2 \theta}$ (15 Marks)
29. Show that the transformation $w = z^2$ is conformal at point $z = 1 + i$ by finding the images of the lines $y = x$ and $x = 1$ which intersect at $z = 1 + i$ (15 Marks)

2006

30. Determine all bilinear transformation which map the half plane $\text{Im}(z) \geq 0$ into the unit circle $|w| \leq 1$ (12 Marks)
31. With the aid of residues, evaluate $\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos 2\theta}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2} d\theta$, $-1 < a < 1$ (15 Marks)

32. Prove that all the roots of $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12 = 0$ lie between the circles $|z| = 1$ and $|z| = 2$ (15 Marks)

2005

33. If $f(z) = u + i v$ is an analytic function of the complex variable z and $u - v = e^x (\cos y - \sin y)$, determine $f(z)$ in terms of z . (12 Marks)
34. Expand $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)}$ in Laurent's series which is valid for
- (i) $1 < |z| < 3$
 - (ii) $|z| < 3$ and
 - (iii) $|z| < 1$
- (30 Marks)

2004

35. Find the image of the line $y = x$ under the mapping $w = \frac{4}{z^2 + 1}$ and draw the same. Find the points where this transformation ceases to be conformal. (12 Marks)
36. If all zeros of a polynomial $P(z)$ lies in a half plane then show that zeros of the derivatives $P'(z)$ also lie in the same half plane. (15 Marks)
37. Using contour integration evaluate $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos^2 3\theta}{1 - 2p \cos 2\theta + p^2} d\theta$, $0 < p < 1$ (15 Marks)

2003

38. Determine all the bilinear transformations which transform the unit circle $|z| \leq 1$ into the unit circle $|w| \leq 1$ (12 Marks)
39. Discuss the transformation $W = \left(\frac{z - ic}{z + ic} \right)^2$ (c real) showing that the upper half of the W -plane corresponds to the interior of the semi circle lying to the right of imaginary axis in the z -plane. (15 Marks)
40. Use the method of contour integration to prove that $\int_0^{\pi} \frac{a d\theta}{a^2 + \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{1+a^2}}$ ($a > 0$) (15 Marks)

2002

41. Suppose that f and g are two analytic functions on the set ϕ of all complex numbers with $f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = g\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Then show that $f(z) = g(z)$ for each z in ϕ (12 Marks)

42. (i) Show that, when $0 < |z-1| < 2$, that function $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(z-3)}$ has the Laurent series expansion in powers of $(z-1)$ as $\frac{-1}{2(z-1)} - 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z-1)^n}{2^{n+2}}$ (15 Marks)
43. Establish, by contour integration, $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos(ax)}{x^2+1} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-a}$ where $a \geq 0$. (15 Marks)

2001

44. Prove that the Riemann zeta function ζ defined by $\zeta(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-z}$ converges for $\text{Re } z > 1$ and converges uniformly for $\text{Re } z \geq 1 + \varepsilon$ where $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary small. (12 Marks)
45. (i) Find the Laurent series for the function $e^{1/z}$ in $0 < z < \infty$. Using this expansion, show that $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \exp(\cos \theta) \cos(\sin \theta - n\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{n!}$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ (15 Marks)
- (ii) Show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^4} dx = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$ (15 Marks)

2000

46. Show that any four given points of the complex plane can be carried by a bilinear transformation to positions 1, -1, k and -k where the value of k depends on the given points. (12 Marks)
47. Suppose $f(\zeta)$ is continuous on a circle C . Show that $\int_C \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{f(\zeta-x)}$, as z varies inside of C , is differentiable under the integral sign. Find the derivative. Hence or otherwise, derive an integral representation for $f'(z)$ if $f(z)$ is analytic on and inside C . (30 Marks)

1999

48. Examine the nature of the function $f(z) = \frac{x^2 y^5 (x+iy)}{x^4 + y^{10}}$, $z \neq 0$, $f(0) = 0$. In a region including the origin and hence show that Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied at the origin but $f(z)$ is not analytic there. (20 Marks)
49. For the function $f(z) = \frac{-1}{z^3 - 3z + 2}$ find the Laurent series for the domain
- (i) $1 < |z| < 2$,
- (ii) $|z| > 2$.
- Show further that $\oint_C f(z) dz = 0$ where C is any closed contour enclosing that points $z = 1$ and $z = 2$. (20 Marks)

50. Show that the transformation $w = \frac{2z+3}{z-4}$ transforms the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 4x = 0$ into the straight line $4u + 3 = 0$, where $w = u + iv$. (20 Marks)
51. Use Residue theorem show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x \sin ax}{x^4 + 4} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-a} \sin a$, ($a > 0$) (20 Marks)
52. The function $f(z)$ has a double pole at $z = 0$ with residue 2, a simple pole at $z = 1$ with residue 2, is analytic at all other finite points of the plane and is bounded as $|z| \rightarrow \infty$. If $f(2) = 5$ and $f(-1) = 2$ find $f(z)$. (20 Marks)
53. What kind of singularities the following functions have?
- (i) $\frac{1}{1 - e^z}$ at $z = 2\pi i$
- (ii) $\frac{1}{\sin z - \cos z}$ at $z = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- (iii) $\frac{\cot \pi z}{(z - a)^2}$ at $z = a$ and $z = \infty$.
- In case (iii) above what happens when a is an integer (including $a = 0$)? (20 Marks)

1998

54. Show that the function $f(z) = \frac{x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i)}{x^2 + y^2}$, $z \neq 0$
 $f(0) = 0$
 is continuous and $C - R$ conditions are satisfied at $z = 0$, but $f'(z)$ does not exist at $z = 0$ (20 Marks)
55. Find the Laurent expansion of $\frac{z}{(z+1)(z+2)}$ about the singularity $z = -2$. Specify the region of convergence and the nature of singularity at $z = -2$ (20 Marks)
56. By using the integral representation of $f^n(0)$, prove that $\frac{x^n}{n!} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{x^n e^{xz}}{nz^{n+1}} dz$, where C is any closed contour surrounding the origin. Hence show that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^n}{n!}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{2x \cos \theta} d\theta$ (20 Marks)
57. Prove that all roots of $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12 = 0$ lie between the circles $|z| = 1$ and $|z| = 2$. (20 Marks)
58. By integrating round a suitable contour show that $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \sin mx}{x^4 + a^4} dx = \frac{\pi}{4b^2} e^{-mb} \sin mb$, where $b = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$ (20 Marks)
59. Using residue theorem, evaluate $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{3 - 2\cos \theta + \sin \theta}$ (20 Marks)

1997

60. Prove that $u = e^x(x \cos y - y \sin y)$ is harmonic and find the analytic function whose real part is u (20 Marks)

61. Evaluate $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z+2}$ where C is the unit circle. Deduce that $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1+2\cos\theta}{5+4\cos\theta} d\theta = 0$ (20 Marks)
62. If $f(z) = \frac{A_1}{z-a} + \frac{A_2}{(z-a)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{(z-a)^n}$ find residue at a for $\frac{f(z)}{z-b}$ where A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, a and b are constants. What is the residue at infinity? (20 Marks)
63. Find the Laurent series for the function $e^{1/z}$ in $0 < |z| < \infty$. Deduce that $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \exp(\cos\theta) \cdot \cos(\sin\theta - n\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{n!}$, ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) (20 Marks)
64. Integrating e^{-z^2} along a suitable rectangular contour show that $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} \cos 2bx dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} e^{-b^2}$ (20 Marks)
65. Find the function $f(z)$ analytic within the unit circle, which takes the values $\frac{a - \cos\theta + i \sin\theta}{a^2 - 2a \cos\theta + 1}$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ on the circle. (20 Marks)

1996

66. Sketchy the ellipse C described in the complex plane by $Z = A \cos \lambda t + iB \sin \lambda t$, $A > B$, where t is real variable and A, B, λ are positive constants. If C is the trajectory of a particle with $z(t)$ as the position vector of the particle at time t , identify with justification
- The two positions where the acceleration is maximum, and
 - The tow positions were the velocity in minimum
- (20 Marks)
67. Evaluate $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos z}{\sin(z^2)}$ (20 Marks)
68. Show that $z = 0$ is not a branch point for the function $f(z) = \frac{\sin \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{z}}$. Is it a removable singularity? (20 Marks)
69. Prove that every polynomial equation $a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n = 0$, $a_n \neq 0$, $n \geq 1$ has exactly n roots (20 Marks)
70. By using residue theorem, evaluate $\int_0^\infty \frac{\log_e(x^2+1)}{x^2+1} dx$ (20 Marks)
71. About the singularity $z = -2$, find the Laurent expansion of $(z-3) \sin\left(\frac{1}{z+2}\right)$. Specify the region of convergence and the nature of singularity at $z = -2$ (20 Marks)

1995

72. Let $u(x, y) = 3x^2 y + 2x^2 - y^3 - 2y^2$. Prove that u is a harmonic function. Find a harmonic function v such that $u + iv$ is an analytic function of z . (20 Marks)
73. Find the Taylor series expansion of the function $f(z) = \frac{z}{z^2+9}$ around $z = 0$. Find also the radius of convergence of the obtained series. (20 Marks)
74. Let C be the circle $|z| = 2$ described counter clockwise. Evaluate the integral $\int_C \frac{\cosh \pi z}{z(z^2+1)} dz$ (20 Marks)

75. Let $\alpha \geq 0$. Evaluate the integral $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos \alpha x}{x^2 + 1} dx$ with the aid of residues **(20 Marks)**
76. Let f be analytic in the entire complex plane. Suppose that there exist a constant $A > 0$ such that $|f(z)| \leq A|z|$ for all z . Prove that there exists a complex number a such that $f(z) = az$ for all z **(20 Marks)**
77. Suppose a power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ convergent at a point $z_0 \neq 0$. Let z_1 be such that $|z_1| < |z_0|$ and $z_1 \neq 0$. Show that the series converges uniformly in the disc $\{z : |z| \leq |z_1|\}$ **(20 Marks)**

1994

78. Suppose that z is the position vector of a particles moving on the ellipse $C : z = a \cos at + ib \sin at$. Where a, b, ω are positive constants, $a > b$ and t is the time. Determine where
 (i) The velocity has the greatest magnitude.
 (ii) The acceleration has the least magnitude. **(20 Marks)**
79. How many zeros does the polynomial $p(z) = z^4 + 2z^3 + 3z + 4$ possess in (i) the first quadrant, (ii) the fourth quadrant **(20 Marks)**
80. Test of uniform convergence in the region $|z| \leq 1$ the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nz}{n^3}$ **(20 Marks)**
81. Find Laurent series for
 (i) $\frac{e^{2z}}{(z-1)^3}$ about $z = 1$,
 (ii) $\frac{1}{z^2(z-3)^2}$ about $z = 3$ **(20 Marks)**
82. Find the residue of $f(z) = e^z \cos e^2 z$ at all its poles in the finite plane. **(20 Marks)**
83. By means of contour integration, evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\log_e u)^2}{u^2 + 1} du$ **(20 Marks)**

1993

84. In the finite z -plane, show that the function $f(z) = \sec\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$ has infinitely many isolated singularities in a finite intervals which includes 0. **(20 Marks)**
85. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves in the xy -plane defined by $e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y) = \alpha$ where α is real function **(20 Marks)**
86. Prove that (by applying Cauchy Integral formula or otherwise) $\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^{2n} \theta d\theta = \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{2.4.6 \dots 2n} 2\pi$ where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ **(20 Marks)**
87. If c is the curve $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x - 1$ joining the points (1, 1) and (2, 3) find the value of $\int_c (12z^2 - 4iz) dz$ **(20 Marks)**
88. Prove that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n(n+1)}$ converges absolutely for $|z| \leq 1$ **(20 Marks)**

89. Evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6 + 1}$ by choosing an appropriate contour (20 Marks)

1992

90. If $u = e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y)$, find v such that $f(z) = u + iv$ is analytic. Also find $f(z)$ explicitly as function of z (20 Marks)
91. Let $f(z)$ be analytic inside and on the circle C defined by $|z| = R$ and let $z = er^{i\theta}$ be any point inside C .
Prove that $f(er^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(R^2 - r^2)f(Re^{i\phi})}{R^2 - 2Rr \cos(\theta + \phi) + r^2} d\phi$ (20 Marks)
92. Prove that all the roots of $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12 = 0$ lie between the circle $|z| = 1$ and $|z| = 2$. (20 Marks)
93. Find the region of convergence of the series whose n th term is $\frac{(-1)^{n-1} z^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$ (20 Marks)
94. Expand $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)}$ in a Laurent series valid for
(i) $|z| > 3$
(ii) $1 < |z| < 3$
(iii) $|z| < 1$ (20 Marks)
95. By integrating along a suitable contour evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos mx}{x^2 + 1} dx$ (20 Marks)