

M2PM3 EXAMINATION SOLUTIONS 2010

Q1. (i) [9]

(a) By de Moivre's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta &= e^{in\theta} = (e^{i\theta})^n = (c + is)^n \\ &= c^n + i \binom{n}{1} c^{n-1} s - \binom{n}{2} c^{n-2} s^2 - i \binom{n}{3} c^{n-3} s^3 + \binom{n}{4} c^{n-4} s^4 \dots\end{aligned}$$

Taking real and imaginary parts:

$$\cos n\theta = c^n - \binom{n}{2} c^{n-2} s^2 + \binom{n}{4} c^{n-4} s^4 \dots, \quad [3]$$

$$\sin n\theta = \binom{n}{1} c^{n-1} s - \binom{n}{3} c^{n-3} s^3 \dots \quad [3]$$

(b) Divide (by c^n top and bottom on the right):

$$\tan n\theta = \frac{\binom{n}{1}t - \binom{n}{3}t^3 + \binom{n}{5}t^5 \dots}{1 - \binom{n}{2}t^2 + \binom{n}{4}t^4 \dots}. \quad [3]$$

(ii) [4]

Take $n = 7$: $\tan 7\theta = 0$ iff $\sin 7\theta = 0$ iff

$$t[7 - \binom{7}{3}t^2 + \binom{7}{5}t^4 - t^6] = 0. \quad [1]$$

Now $\tan 7\theta = 0$ iff $7\theta = n\pi$, n integer, $\theta = n\pi/7$. There are 7 roots ($\tan 7\theta = 0$ iff $\sin 7\theta = 0$; by (i), this is a polynomial equation of degree 7; by the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, this has 7 roots). [1]

Taking $n = 0$ gives $t = 0$, $\theta = 0$. Taking $n = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ gives the other 6 roots as the roots of the polynomial of degree 6 above in [.]. [2]

(iii) [7]

With γ the ellipse $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 = 1$ parametrized by $x = a \cos \theta$, $y = b \sin \theta$, $\int_{\gamma} dz/z = 2\pi i$ by Cauchy's Residue Theorem, since $1/z$ has residue 1 at 0. [2]
So as $z = a \cos \theta + ib \sin \theta$ gives $dz = (-a \sin \theta + ib \cos \theta)d\theta$,

$$\begin{aligned}2\pi i &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{-a \sin \theta + ib \cos \theta}{a \cos \theta + ib \sin \theta} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(-a \sin \theta + ib \cos \theta)(a \cos \theta - ib \sin \theta)}{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(b^2 - a^2) \sin \theta \cos \theta + iab(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)}{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta} d\theta.\end{aligned} \quad [2]$$

Equating imaginary parts,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ab}{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta} d\theta = 2\pi,$$

whence the result on dividing by ab . [3]

Parts (i), (ii) unseen; (iii) seen.

Q2. *Laurent's theorem*: If f is holomorphic in the annular region $r < |z-a| < R$, then f possesses an expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n (z-a)^n \quad (r < |z-a| < R), \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z) dz}{(z-a)^{n+1}}, \quad [\mathbf{2} + \mathbf{2}]$$

where γ is any positively oriented contour in the annulus with winding number 1 about a .

(i) [6]. Take γ the unit circle. Write the generating function as $f(t) = \exp(z(t - 1/t)/2)$, for fixed z . Then Laurent's formula for c_n gives

$$J_n(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \exp\{z(w - 1/w)/2\} dw / w^{n+1}. \quad [\mathbf{2}]$$

With $w = e^{i\theta}$,

$$\begin{aligned} J_n(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp\{z(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})/2\} \cdot e^{-(n+1)i\theta} \cdot e^{i\theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp\{iz(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})/2i\} \cdot e^{-ni\theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \exp\{-ni\theta + iz \sin \theta\} d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad [\mathbf{2}]$$

The RHS is $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} = \int_{-\pi}^0 + \int_0^{\pi}$. In the first, replace θ by $-\theta$:

$$\begin{aligned} J_n(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\int_0^{\pi} \exp\{in\theta - iz \sin \theta\} d\theta + \int_0^{\pi} \exp\{-in\theta + iz \sin \theta\} d\theta \right] : \\ J_n(z) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[\int_0^{\pi} \cos\{n\theta - z \sin \theta\} d\theta \right]. \end{aligned} \quad [\mathbf{2}]$$

(ii) [3]

$$\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}z(t-1/t)\right) = \left(\sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (z/2)^r t^r / r!\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} (-)^s (z/2)^s t^{-s} / s!\right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} t^n \sum_{r-s=n} (-)^s (z/2)^{r+s} / r!s!,$$

the rearrangements being justified by the absolute convergence of the exponential series. By uniqueness of Laurent expansions, the coefficient of t^n on RHS is $J_n(z)$. The result follows on replacing s by m , r by $s+n = m+n$.

(iii) [3] $\exp(\frac{1}{2}(y+z)(t-1/t))$ is both $\sum_n t^n J_n(y+z)$ and $\exp(\frac{1}{2}y(t-1/t)) \cdot \exp(\frac{1}{2}z(t-1/t)) = \sum_r t^r J_r(y) \cdot \sum_s t^s J_s(z)$, which is $\sum_n t^n \sum_{r+s=n} J_r(y) J_s(z)$. Write r, s as $m, n-m$ and equate coefficients: $J_n(y+z) = \sum_m J_m(y) J_{n-m}(z)$.

(iv) [2] This follows from the defining generating function on replacing t by $-t$.

(v) [2] This follows from (i) and $|\cos \cdot| \leq 1$ for real arguments.

Laurent's theorem: seen, lectures. Problem (Bessel coefficients): (ii) seen, Problems.

Q3 (*The Gamma function*). (i) [5] For $0 < x < 1$, the integrals for both $\Gamma(x)$ and $\Gamma(1-x)$ converge, and $\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1}e^{-t}dt \cdot \int_0^\infty u^{-x}e^{-u}du$. Substituting $u = tv$, the second integral on the right is $t^{1-x} \int_0^\infty v^{-x}e^{-tv}dv$. Cancelling powers of t and changing the order of integration, the RHS becomes

$$\int_0^\infty v^{-x}dv \cdot \int_0^\infty e^{-(1+v)t}dt = \int_0^\infty v^{-x} \cdot \frac{1}{1+v}dv \cdot \int_0^\infty e^{-w}dw \quad (w := (1+v)t).$$

The w -integral is 1. Interchanging x and $1-x$ (which preserves the LHS, and so the RHS also) gives

$$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{v^{x-1}}{1+v}dv. \quad [5]$$

(ii) [5] *Cut* the plane along the positive real axis. Take $f(z) := z^{a-1}/((1+z)$; this is now holomorphic, except for a simple pole at $z = -1 = e^{i\pi}$, with residue (by the cover-up rule) $e^{i\pi(a-1)}$. Take γ the keyhole contour consisting of:

γ_1 , the top of the x -axis between ϵ and R ;

γ_2 , a large circle radius R , +ve sense [avoiding the cut];

γ_3 , the bottom of the x -axis from R to ϵ ;

γ_4 , a small circle around the origin of radius ϵ , -ve sense [avoiding the cut].

$$\int_\gamma f = \sum_1^4 \int_{\gamma_i} f = \sum_1^4 I_i, \text{ say.}$$

$I_1 \rightarrow I$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$, $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$.

By ML, $I_2 = O((R^{a-1}/R) \cdot R) = O(R^{a-1}) \rightarrow 0$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$, as $a < 1$.

On γ_3 , $z = xe^{2\pi i}$, $z^{a-1} = x^{a-1}e^{2\pi i(a-1)}$, so $I_3 \rightarrow -e^{2\pi i(a-1)} \cdot I = -e^{2\pi ia} I$.

By ML, $I_4 = O(\epsilon^{a-1} \cdot \epsilon) = O(\epsilon^a) \rightarrow 0$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, as $a > 0$.

By Cauchy's Residue Theorem, this gives

$$I(1 - e^{2\pi i(a-1)}) = 2\pi i \cdot e^{\pi i(a-1)} = -2\pi i e^{i\pi a} :$$

$$I = -2\pi i e^{i\pi a} / (1 - e^{2\pi ia}) = -\pi \cdot 2i / (e^{-\pi ia} - e^{\pi ia}) = -\pi / -\sin \pi a = \pi / \sin \pi a.$$

(iii) [3] Changing a, x in (ii) to x, v and combining with (i) gives

$$\Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = \pi / \sin \pi x \quad (0 < x < 1).$$

(iv) [3] Since $\Gamma(z)\Gamma(1-z) - \pi / \sin \pi z$ vanishes on the interval $(0, 1)$, by above, and this set has a limit point in the region (the plane less the integers) in which the function is holomorphic, it vanishes identically by *analytic continuation*. So for all complex z ,

$$\Gamma(z)\Gamma(1-z) = \pi / \sin \pi z, \quad \frac{1}{\Gamma(z)} \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-z)} = \frac{\sin \pi z}{\pi}.$$

(v) [4] The Gamma function $\Gamma(z)$ has poles at 0 and the negative integers. So $\Gamma(1-z)$ has poles at the positive integers, and $\Gamma(z)\Gamma(1-z)$ has poles at the integers. So too does $\pi / \sin \pi z$. But $\Gamma(z)$ has no zeros (or $\sin \pi z$ would have a pole). So: $\Gamma(z)$, $\Gamma(1-z)$, $\pi / \sin \pi z$ have poles but no zeros; $1/\Gamma(z)$, $1/\Gamma(1-z)$, $(\sin \pi z)/\pi$ are *entire* – they have (integer) zeros but no poles.

All seen – (v) re analytic continuation in Ch. II, (ii) re integration in Ch. III.

Q4. (i) [10] Write $\cos \theta = (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})/2$, and then $z := e^{i\theta}$, γ for the unit circle. Then $dz = ie^{i\theta} d\theta$, $d\theta = dz/(iz)$,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{iz[1 - a(z + 1/z) + a^2]} = i \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{[az^2 - a^2z - z + a]} \\ &= i \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{(az - 1)(z - a)} = \frac{i}{a} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{(z - 1/a)(z - a)}. \end{aligned} \quad [4]$$

So the integrand has simple poles at a , $1/a$, only the first being inside γ . The residue at a of $1/((z - a)(z - 1/a))$ is $1/(a - 1/a) = a/(a^2 - 1) = -a/(1 - a^2)$, by the Cover-Up Rule. So by Cauchy's Residue Theorem,

$$I = \frac{i}{a} \cdot 2\pi i \cdot \frac{-a}{1 - a^2} : \quad I = \frac{2\pi}{1 - a^2}. \quad [4]$$

For $|a| > 1$, the pole inside γ is now $1/a$, with residue $1/(1/a - a) = a/(1 - a^2) = -a/(a^2 - 1)$. The argument above now gives

$$I = \frac{2\pi}{a^2 - 1}. \quad [2]$$

(ii) [10] Take $f(z) := e^{iz}/(a^2 + z^2)^2$ and γ the semicircle γ_1 in the upper half-plane with base $\gamma_2 := [-R, R]$. [2]

On $|z| = R$, $y = \text{Im } z \geq 0$, $f(z) = e^{ix} \cdot e^{-y}/(a^2 + z^2)^2$, $|f| = O(1/R^4)$, so by ML $\int_{\gamma_1} f = O(R/R^4) = O(1/R^3) \rightarrow 0$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$, [1]
while

$$\int_{\gamma_2} f \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ix}}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} dx = 2I. \quad [1]$$

f has double poles at $\pm ia$, of which only ia is inside γ . [1]

For $z = ia + \zeta$, ζ small,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{e^{i(ia+\zeta)}}{(a^2 + (-a^2 + 2ia\zeta + \zeta^2))^2} = e^{-a} \cdot e^{i\zeta} \cdot \zeta^{-2} \cdot (2ia)^{-2} \cdot (1 + \zeta/2ia)^{-2} \\ &= \frac{e^{-a}}{-4a^2} \cdot \zeta^{-2} \cdot (1 + i\zeta + \dots)(1 - \zeta/ia \dots) = \frac{e^{-a}}{-4a^2} \cdot \zeta^{-2} \cdot (1 + i\zeta(1 + 1/a) + \dots). \end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of $1/\zeta$ on RHS is $\text{Res}_{ia} f = -i(1 + 1/a) \cdot e^{-a}/(4a^2)$. [3]

So by Cauchy's Residue Theorem, $2I = 2\pi i \cdot [-i(1 + 1/a) \cdot e^{-a}/(4a^2)]$:

$$I = \frac{\pi(1 + 1/a)}{4a^2 e^a}. \quad [2]$$

Both parts are unseen in this form, but are variants or extensions of examples done in lectures.

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