Homework 3, due 9/16

1. Suppose that $a, b \in \mathbf{C}$, and |a| < r < |b|. Show that

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{(z-a)(z-b)} = \frac{2\pi i}{a-b},$$

where $\gamma(t) = re^{2\pi i t}, t \in [0, 1].$

- 2. Suppose that $f : \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{C}$ is holomorphic, and there are constants A, B, n > 0 such that $|f(z)| \leq A|z|^n + B$ for all $z \in \mathbf{C}$. Prove that f is a polynomial.
- 3. Prove that if N > 0 is an integer and f is holomorphic on D(0,2) with

$$|f^{(N)}(0)| = N! \sup\{|f(z)| : |z| = 1\},\$$

then $f(z) = cz^N$ for some $c \in \mathbf{C}$.

- 4. Suppose that $f, g : \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{C}$ are holomorphic, and $|f(z)| \leq |g(z)|$ for all $z \in \mathbf{C}$. Prove that f = cg for some $c \in \mathbf{C}$.
- 5. Suppose that f is holomorphic on the disk D(0,2). In this problem we will give two different proofs of Cauchy's inequality in the form that there is a constant C > 0 such that

$$|f'(0)| \le C \sup\{|f(z)| : |z| = 1\}.$$

(a) Prove the inequality using the maximum principle, by showing that for a suitable cutoff function $\eta: D(0,1) \to \mathbf{R}$ vanishing on the boundary, and a suitable constant D > 0 we have

$$\Delta(\eta^2 |f'|^2 + D|f|^2) \ge 0.$$

- (b) Prove the inequality using Liouville's theorem and an argument by contradiction: if no suitable C were to exist, then we would have a sequence of holomorphic functions f_k on D(0,2) with $\sup\{|f_k(z)| : |z| = 1\} \le 1$ and $|f'_k(0)| = k$. Use these f_k to construct a bounded, non-constant holomorphic function on \mathbf{C} .
- 6. Suppose that $f_n : \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{C}$ are holomorphic functions with only real zeros, and that $f_n \to f$ locally uniformly on \mathbf{C} . Show that f has only real zeros, unless f is identically zero.
- 7. Suppose that $f(z) = \sum_{n \ge 0} c_n z^n$ defines a holomorphic function on D(0, 1), such that $f(z) \in \mathbf{R}$ for all $z \in D(0, 1) \cap \mathbf{R}$. Show that $c_n \in \mathbf{R}$ for all n.