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**Bonus-B**

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**Hola.** This bonus is due at **BoC, Monday, 08Nov2021**. Your essay(s) must be TYPED, and (if possible) Double spaced. Use the **Print/Revise** cycle to produce good, well thought out, essays. Start each essay on a **new** sheet of paper. Print out this Bonus sheet; it is the first page of your stapled write-up.

Use  $\Delta$  for the Laplacian operator. Use *PlexNotes*. notation.

The essays must be Use “ $f(x)$  notation” when writing fncs; in particular, for trig and log fncs. E.g, write “ $\sin(x)$ ” rather than the horrible  $\sin x$  or  $[\sin x]$ .

Write unambiguously e.g,  $1/a+b$  should be *bracketed* either  $[1/a]+b$  or  $1/[a+b]$ , as appropriate. (Be careful with **negative** signs!). Use alignment in displays.

**B0:** Suppose  $f$  has an *isolated singularity* at  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{C}$ ; that is, for some  $r>0$  our  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\text{PBal}_r(\mathbf{q})$ .

The  $\mathcal{A}$  residue of  $f$  at an isolated singularity  $\mathbf{q}$  is a complex number  $\mathcal{R}$  such that function

$$*: \quad z \mapsto f(z) - \frac{\mathcal{R}}{z - \mathbf{q}}$$

has an antiderivative in some punctured ball  $\text{PBal}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{q})$ , with  $\varepsilon>0$ . Prove: *If numbers  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are residues of  $f$  at  $\mathbf{q}$ , then  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$ .*

**Soln.** Let  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{R}}$  denote the  $(*)$  fnc. Since  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{B}}$  have antiderivs, each has the **Zero-loop property**.

Take an  $r>0$  small enough that  $\mathbf{C} := \text{Sph}_r(\mathbf{q})$  is inside both punctured-balls, defining  $\mathcal{A}$  and defining  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} 0 - 0 &= [\oint_{\mathbf{C}} \Gamma_{\mathcal{B}}] - [\oint_{\mathbf{C}} \Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}] = \oint_{\mathbf{C}} [\Gamma_{\mathcal{B}} - \Gamma_{\mathcal{A}}]. \text{ Canceling,} \\ 0 &= \oint_{\mathbf{C}} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{A}}{z - \mathbf{q}} - \frac{\mathcal{B}}{z - \mathbf{q}} \right] dz = [\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{B}] \cdot \oint_{\mathbf{C}} \frac{1}{z - \mathbf{q}} dz \end{aligned}$$

which equals  $[\mathcal{A} - \mathcal{B}] \cdot 2\pi i$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B}$ . ♦

**B1:** On  $\mathbf{P} := \text{PBal}_\infty(0)$ , the Punctured plane, functions  $f(z) := \ln(|z|)$  and  $g(z) := \text{Arg}(z)$  are well-defined.

**a** What is the largest set  $\mathbf{F} \subset \mathbf{P}$  on which  $f$  is harmonic? Give a computational proof. Can you also give an abstract proof that avoids computation?

**b** What is the largest set  $\mathbf{G} \subset \mathbf{P}$  on which  $g$  is harmonic? Give a computational proof. Can you also give an abstract proof that avoids computation?

*Pf  $f, g$ , abstract.* On  $\mathbf{P}$ , fnc  $\text{Log}$  has real and imaginary parts  $\ln(|z|)$  and  $\text{Arg}(z)$ . Locally,  $\text{Log}$  is holomorphic except for the jump-discty of  $\text{Arg}$  on the negative real-axis.

Consequently,  $f$  is harmonic on *all* of  $\mathbf{P}$  [the **Log-Abs lemma**] and  $g$  is harmonic on sLit-plane  $\mathbf{L} := \mathbf{P} \setminus \mathbb{R}_-$ .  $\blacklozenge$

*Pf  $f$ , direct.* Let  $S := x^2 + y^2$ . Then  $f(x, y) = \ln(S^{1/2})$ , giving

$$f_x = \frac{1}{S^{1/2}} \cdot \frac{1/2}{S^{1/2}} \cdot 2x \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \frac{x}{S}. \quad \text{Thus,}$$

$$f_{xx} = \frac{1 \cdot S - x \cdot 2x}{S^2} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{S^2}.$$

Symmetry gives  $f_{yy} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{S^2}$ , so  $f_{xx} + f_{yy} = 0$ .  $\blacklozenge$

*Pf  $g$ , direct.* [Argument is slightly annoying due to the arbitrary choices,  $\arctan()$  on  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $\text{Arg}()$  on  $(-\pi, \pi]$ , in the relevant defns.]

For  $x > 0$ , our  $g(z) = \arctan(y/x)$ . The Chain rule says

$$g_y = \frac{1}{1 + [y/x]^2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \frac{x}{S} \quad \text{and}$$

$$g_x = \frac{1}{1 + [y/x]^2} \cdot \frac{-y}{x^2} \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} -\frac{y}{S}. \quad \text{Diff'ing again,}$$

$$g_{xx} = [-y] \cdot \frac{-1}{S^2} \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \frac{2xy}{S^2}.$$

After negation,  $g_y$  is symmetric with  $g_x$ . Consequently,  $g_{yy} = -\frac{2xy}{S^2}$ , showing  $g$  to be harmonic.

For  $x$  negative,  $g(z) = -\arctan(y/x)$  and the negative of harmonic is harmonic. This leaves the  $x=0$  annoyance.

A MORE ELEGANT APPROACH uses that rotating/scaling a harmonic fnc leaves it harmonic. Evidently,  $\text{Arg}(z) \in (-\pi, 0)$  implies  $\text{Arg}(iz) \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ . Hence

$$\text{Arg}(z) \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \text{Arg}(iz) - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

is harmonic. Using  $\text{Arg}(-iz)$  similarly shows  $\text{Arg}(z)$  harmonic on  $(0, \pi)$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**B2: H-H Lemma.** Consider  $\mathbb{R} \xleftarrow{h} U \xleftarrow{f} V$ , where open sets  $U, V \subset \mathbb{C}$ . If  $h$  is harmonic and  $f$  holomorphic, then  $h \circ f$  is harmonic.

There is an abstract proof; you'll need to argue *carefully*.

There is a tedious computational proof; you'll want the C-R eqns. While not difficult, the computation will require *careful* organization and typesetting.

*Pf abstract.* Locally,  $h$  has a harmonic conjugate,  $\tilde{h}$ , making  $H := h + i\tilde{h}$  holomorphic. Hence  $H \circ f$  is holomorphic (locally). Thus  $\operatorname{Re} \circ H \circ f \stackrel{\text{note}}{=} h \circ f$  is harmonic.  $\blacklozenge$

*Pf computation.* Let  $f := u + iv$  and  $G := h \circ f$ , i.e.,

$$G(x, y) := h(u(x, y), v(x, y)).$$

Then

$$G_x = h_u \cdot u_x + h_v \cdot v_x. \quad \text{Thus}$$

$$G_{xx} = [h_{uu}u_x + h_{uv}v_x] \cdot u_x + h_u \cdot u_{xx} \\ + [h_{vu}u_x + h_{vv}v_x] \cdot v_x + h_v \cdot v_{xx}. \quad \text{Similarly,}$$

$$G_{yy} = [h_{uu}u_y + h_{uv}v_y] \cdot u_y + h_u \cdot u_{yy} \\ + [h_{vu}u_y + h_{vv}v_y] \cdot v_y + h_v \cdot v_{yy}.$$

Sum  $h_u \cdot u_{xx} + h_u \cdot u_{yy} = h_u \cdot [u_{yy} + u_{xx}] = 0$ , since  $u$  is harmonic. And  $v$  is harmonic, so  $G_{xx} + G_{yy}$  equals

$$h_{uu}u_xu_x + h_{uv}v_xu_x + h_{vu}u_xv_x + h_{vv}v_xv_x \\ + h_{uu}u_yu_y + h_{uv}v_yu_y + h_{vu}u_yv_y + h_{vv}v_yv_y.$$

Our C-R eqns permit replacing each  $v_y$  by  $u_x$ , and each  $v_x$  by  $[-u_y]$ . The rewritten  $\Delta G$  is

$$h_{uu}u_xu_x + h_{uv}[-u_y]u_x + h_{vu}u_x[-u_y] + h_{vv}[-u_y][-u_y] \\ + h_{uu}u_yu_y + h_{uv}u_xu_y + h_{vu}u_yu_x + h_{vv}u_xu_x \\ = h_{uu}u_xu_x + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} + h_{vv}u_yu_y \\ + h_{uu}u_yu_y + \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0} + h_{vv}u_xu_x \\ = [h_{uu} + h_{vv}] \cdot [u_x]^2 + [v_x]^2.$$

The first (leftmost) bracket is zero, since  $h$  is harmonic.  $\blacklozenge$

**B3: H-H-H failure.** Produce three harmonic functions,  $h, u, v: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , such that

$$G(x, y) := h(u(x, y), v(x, y))$$

*fails* to be harmonic.

**Soln.** Function  $h(u, v) := u^2 - v^2$  is harmonic, as are  $u := x$  and  $v := 2y$ . Yet  $G(x, y) = x^2 - 4y^2$  fails, as Laplacian  $\Delta(G) = 2 - 8 \neq 0$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**B4:** Fnc  $\varphi$  is holomorphic and never zero on  $\mathbb{B} := \text{Bal}_1(0)$ .

Prove that

$$\dagger: \quad \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln(|\varphi(re^{i\theta})|) d\theta\right) = |\varphi(0)|,$$

for each positive  $r < 1$ . [Hint: Eventually apply Gauss/Harmonic-fnc MVT. You may use previous results on this Bonus.]

**Soln.** Integrating around circle  $\mathbf{C}_r := \text{Sph}_r(0)$ , the above integral,  $J$ , rewrites as

$$\oint_{\mathbf{C}_r} \ln(|f(z)|) \cdot \overbrace{\frac{|dz|}{r}}^{d\theta} = \frac{1}{r} \oint_{\mathbf{C}_r} \ln(|f(z)|) |dz|.$$

Our Log-Abs lemma says that  $h(w) := \ln(|w|)$  is harmonic on  $\text{PBal}_\infty(0)$ . So  $(\dagger)$  restates as

$$\ddagger: \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \oint_{\mathbf{C}_r} h(f(z)) |dz| \stackrel{?}{=} h(f(0)).$$

Our H-H Lemma asserts that  $h \circ f$  is harmonic. Since  $\text{Len}(\mathbf{C}_r) = 2\pi r$ , the Harmonic Mean-Value thm applies to  $h \circ f$ , yielding  $(\ddagger)$ .  $\blacklozenge$

**B5:** Consider an entire  $f$  which is *not* bounded. Prove that  $\text{Range}(f)$  intersects each open-ball in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

[A suggestion is to start your proof with a phrase like: “Suppose, *FTSO*Contradiction, there is a ball  $\mathbf{B} := \text{Bal}_R(\mathbf{q})$  disjoint from  $\text{Range}(f)$ , where  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $R > 0$ .” Arrive at a contradiction by somehow applying Liouville’s thm.]

**Soln.** *FTSOC*, suppose  $\text{Range}(f)$  misses some  $\text{Bal}_R(\mathbf{q})$ . Function  $g(z) := \frac{1}{f(z) - \mathbf{q}}$  is entire and  $|g(z)| \leq \frac{1}{R}$ . Happily, Liouville’s thm now asserts  $g$  is constant; ditto for  $f$ . ♦

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