

1. Prove the Mittag – Leffler theorem: For any sequence of points  $(z_n)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  that converge to  $\infty$  and any polynomials  $(p_n)$  (with zero constant terms), there is a meromorphic function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$  with poles only at the points  $z_n$  and the principal part of  $f$  at each  $z_n$  being  $p_n((z - z_n)^{-1})$ .

[Write  $f(z) = \sum p_n(z) - q_n(z)$  and choose the polynomials  $q_n$  so that the series converges locally uniformly.]

2. Show that the product

$$g(z) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z}{n}\right) e^{z/n}$$

converges and satisfies

$$g'(z) = g(z) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n}\right).$$

Deduce that  $g(z+1) = -zg(z)e^\gamma$  for some constant  $\gamma$  and prove that

$$\gamma = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n} - \log N.$$

(This is Euler’s constant.)

3. A function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is *periodic with period  $p$*  if  $f(z+p) = f(z)$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Show that the set of periods of a holomorphic function  $f$  is either a lattice in  $\mathbb{C}$  or else all of  $\mathbb{C}$ .
4. Show that every holomorphic function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  which is periodic with a period  $p \neq 0$  has a Fourier expansion  $f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n \exp(2\pi i n z/p)$  convergent everywhere.
5. Show that for any subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  which has no accumulation points except possibly 0 or  $\infty$  there is a holomorphic function on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  with zeros precisely at the points of  $E$ .
6. Show that  $z \mapsto \omega(z - z_0)/(1 - \bar{z}_0 z)$  is in  $\text{Aut } \mathbb{D}$  for  $\omega$  with  $|\omega| = 1$  and  $z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ . Conversely every map in  $\text{Aut } \mathbb{D}$  is of this form.
7. Find  $\text{Aut } \mathbf{H}^+$  for the upper half plane  $\mathbf{H}^+ = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \Im z > 0\}$ .
8. Consider  $\mathbb{D}$  as the subset

$$\{[z_1 : z_2] : |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2 < 0\} \quad \text{of} \quad \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{C}^2).$$

Show that an invertible linear map  $T : \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$  with determinant 1 induces a conformal map  $\mathcal{T} : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  if, and only if,

- (a)  $T$  preserves the indefinite form

$$\beta : \left( \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \mapsto \bar{z}_1 w_1 - \bar{z}_2 w_2.$$

(That is  $\beta(T\mathbf{z}, T\mathbf{w}) = \beta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{w})$ .)

and

- (b)  $\mathcal{T}(0) \in \mathbb{D}$ . (That is  $|b| < |d|$ .)
9. Let  $T \in \text{Aut } \mathbb{D}$ . Show that
    - (a) if  $T$  is elliptic, it has exactly one fixed point in  $\mathbb{D}$ .
    - (b) if  $T$  is hyperbolic, it has two fixed points both on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ .
    - (c) if  $T$  is parabolic, it has one fixed point on  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ .

Find the conjugacy classes in  $\text{Aut } \mathbb{D}$ .

10. Prove directly that a loxodromic Möbius transformation cannot map any disc in  $\mathbb{P}$  onto itself.
11. Show that the hyperbolic metric on  $\mathbb{D}$  is complete.

12. (This requires the definition of a Riemannian metric.) Show that the only Riemannian metrics on  $\mathbb{D}$  which are invariant under  $\text{Aut } \mathbb{D}$  are the multiples of the hyperbolic metric. Show that there are no Riemannian metrics on  $\mathbb{P}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  which are invariant under  $\text{Aut } \mathbb{P}$  or  $\text{Aut } \mathbb{C}$ .
13. Let  $z_1, z_2, w_1$  and  $w_2$  be four points in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Show that there is a holomorphic function  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$  with  $f(z_1) = w_1$  and  $f(z_2) = w_2$  if, and only if,  $\rho(w_1, w_2) \leq \rho(z_1, z_2)$ .
14. Let  $C$  be the unique circle through the two points  $z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{D}$  which is orthogonal to  $\partial\mathbb{D}$ . Then  $C$  meets  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  at the points  $w_0, w_1$  with  $w_0, z_0, z_1, w_1$  in that order on  $C$ . Express the cross ratios of  $w_0, z_0, z_1, w_1$  and of  $J(z_0), z_0, z_1, J(z_1)$  in terms of  $\rho(z_0, z_1)$ .  
[Here  $J$  is inversion in the unit circle:  $J : z \mapsto 1/\bar{z}$ .]
15. Prove that

$$\left| \frac{z_0 - z_1}{1 - \bar{z}_0 z_1} \right| = \tanh \frac{1}{2} \rho(z_0, z_1).$$

Does the left side of this equation define a metric on  $\mathbb{D}$ ? Find similar formulae for  $\sinh \rho(z_0, z_1)$  and  $\cosh \rho(z_0, z_1)$ .

16. A Blaschke product on a finite set of points in  $\mathbb{D}$  is called a *finite Blaschke product*. (This includes the constant maps  $z \mapsto \omega$  for  $|\omega| = 1$ .) Prove that a continuous function  $f : \bar{\mathbb{D}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a finite Blaschke product if, and only if, it is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$  and maps  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  into itself.

What are the continuous maps  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$  which are meromorphic on  $\mathbb{D}$  and map  $\partial\mathbb{D}$  into itself?

17. Let  $B$  be the Blaschke product for a sequence  $(z_n)$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  which satisfies  $\sum 1 - |z_n| < \infty$ . Show that the Blaschke product converges not only on  $\mathbb{D}$  but also on  $\{z \in \mathbb{P} : |z| > 1\}$  giving a meromorphic function with poles at the points  $(J(z_n))$ . Prove that  $JB(z) = BJ(z)$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

If  $z \in \partial\mathbb{D}$  is not the limit point of a sequence  $(z_n)$  then prove that the Blaschke product converges at  $z$ , is holomorphic on a neighbourhood, and satisfies  $|B(z)| = 1$ .

18. Let  $G$  be the group generated by a single Möbius transformation  $T \in \text{Möb}(\mathbb{D})$ . When is  $G$  a discrete group? In each case where it is a discrete group, describe a Dirichlet domain for  $G$  and the quotient  $\mathbb{D}/G$ .
19. Let  $G$  be a discrete subgroup of  $\text{Möb}(\mathbb{D})$  and  $z_o \in \mathbb{D}$  with trivial stabilizer. Suppose that  $w \in \mathbb{D}$  has a non-trivial stabilizer  $S$  of order  $N$ . Show that  $N$  points of the orbit  $Gw$  lie on the boundary of the Dirichlet domain  $D(z_o)$ . How many of the Dirichlet domains  $D(T(z_o))$  for  $T \in G$  meet at  $w$ ?
20. Let  $D$  be a proper subdomain of the complex plane and  $(z_n)$  a sequence of points in  $D$ . The sequence  $(z_n)$  converges to  $\partial D$  if, for every compact subset  $K$  of  $D$ , only a finite number of the points  $z_n$  lie in  $K$ .

Show that the zeros of a non-constant holomorphic function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are either finite in number or else form a sequence that tends to  $\partial D$ .

For  $z_n \in D$ , show that there is a point  $w_n \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D$  with

$$|z_n - w_n| = \inf\{|z_n - w| : w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D\}.$$

Then

$$\frac{z - z_n}{z - w_n} = 1 - \left( \frac{z_n - w_n}{z - w_n} \right)$$

and the power series for the principal branch

$$\log \left( \frac{z - z_n}{z - w_n} \right)$$

converges uniformly on  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - w_n| \geq 2|z_n - w_n|\}$ . Deduce that a suitable product of terms

$$\left( \frac{z - z_n}{z - w_n} \right) \exp \left( \sum_{k=1}^{K_n} \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{z_n - w_n}{z - w_n} \right)^k \right)$$

converges locally uniformly on  $D$  to give a holomorphic function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with zeros precisely at the points  $(z_n)$ .