

Complex dynamics
Problem set 1 (due Tuesday, April 19)

1. Show that the Koebe function $k: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, -\frac{1}{4}]$,

$$k(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2},$$

is biholomorphic.

2. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a domain and let γ be a smooth simple closed curve in Ω whose interior $\text{int}(\gamma)$ is also contained in Ω . Let $f = (u, v): \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be continuously differentiable. Green's theorem says that

$$\int_{\gamma} u \, dx + v \, dy = \int_{\text{int}(\gamma)} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx \, dy.$$

If you have not seen Green's theorem before, try to understand this result. (And if you have seen it before, recall what you know about it.) Show that with f in complex form, that is, $f = u + iv$, and with the Wirtinger derivative

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)$$

the above formula takes the form

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 2i \int_{\text{int}(\gamma)} \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial \bar{z}} dx \, dy.$$

3. Let γ be a smooth simple closed curve. Show that

$$\text{area}(\text{int}(\gamma)) = \frac{1}{2i} \int_{\gamma} \bar{z} \, dz.$$

Here $\text{area}(\cdot)$ denotes the area of a subset of \mathbb{C} . Let f be holomorphic in a domain containing the trace of γ and suppose that $f \circ \gamma$ is also a simple closed curve. Show that

$$\text{area}(\text{int}(f \circ \gamma)) = \frac{1}{2i} \int_{\gamma} \overline{f(z)} f'(z) \, dz.$$