

**Entire and meromorphic functions**  
**Problem set 4 (due Friday, November 24)**

1. Let  $f(z) = e^{e^z}$ . Show that there exists  $c > 0$  such that

$$T(r, f) \leq c \frac{e^r}{\sqrt{r}}$$

for all  $r > 0$ .

**Remark.** We actually have

$$T(r, f) \sim \frac{e^r}{\sqrt{2\pi^3 r}}$$

as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . If you are more ambitious, you can also show that.

2. Let  $f$  be meromorphic with  $f(0) \neq 0$  and let  $r > 0$ . Show that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} m\left(r, \frac{1}{f - e^{i\varphi}}\right) d\varphi \leq \log 2.$$

3. Let  $r > 0$  and  $g: \partial D(0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous.

- (a) Show that the function  $f: D(0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=r} g(\zeta) \frac{\zeta + z}{\zeta - z} \frac{d\zeta}{\zeta} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(re^{i\theta}) \frac{re^{i\theta} + z}{re^{i\theta} - z} d\theta$$

is holomorphic.

- (b) Show that the function  $u: D(0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(re^{i\theta}) K(z, r, \theta) d\theta,$$

with

$$K(z, r, \theta) = \frac{r^2 - |z|^2}{|re^{i\theta} - z|^2}.$$

as in Theorem 6.1, is the real part of the function  $f$  from part (a) and thus harmonic.

- (c) Show that the function  $h: \bar{D}(0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$h(z) = \begin{cases} u(z) & \text{if } |z| < r, \\ g(z) & \text{if } |z| = r, \end{cases}$$

is continuous.

4. Let  $r > 0$  and  $u: D(0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be harmonic. Show that there exists a holomorphic function  $f: D(0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $u = \operatorname{Re} f$ .