

**Entire and meromorphic functions**  
**Problem set 8 (due Tuesday, January 16)**

1. Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$  and  $\Lambda = \{m + n\tau : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be as in Problem 3 of Problem set 6. Let

$$\sigma(z) = z \prod_{\omega \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} E\left(\frac{z}{\omega}, 2\right)$$

be the canonical product with zeros at the points of  $\Lambda$  and put  $\zeta(z) = \sigma'(z)/\sigma(z)$  and  $\wp(z) = -\zeta'(z)$ .

Use Problem 3 of Problem set 6 to show that

$$\zeta(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} \left( \frac{1}{z - \omega} + \frac{1}{\omega} + \frac{z}{\omega^2} \right)$$

and hence

$$\wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} \left( \frac{1}{(z - \omega)^2} - \frac{1}{\omega^2} \right)$$

and

$$\wp'(z) = - \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda} \frac{2}{(z - \omega)^3}.$$

Deduce that  $\wp'(z + \omega) = \wp'(z)$  for all  $\omega \in \Lambda$  and all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Show that  $\wp$  is an even function, i.e.,  $\wp(z) = \wp(-z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , and use this to show that also  $\wp(z + \omega) = \wp(z)$  for all  $\omega \in \Lambda$  and all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**Remark.** The functions  $\sigma$ ,  $\zeta$  and  $\wp$  are called the Weierstraß sigma-, zeta- and p-function.

2. Show that the Laurent series expansion of  $\zeta$  and  $\wp$  around 0 are given by

$$\zeta(z) = \frac{1}{z} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} G_n z^{2n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \wp(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (2n-1)G_n z^{2n-2},$$

with

$$G_n = \sum_{\omega \in \Lambda \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{\omega^{2n}}.$$

3. Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\text{Im } \tau > 0$  and  $\Lambda = \{m + n\tau : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be as before. Let  $f$  be an entire function satisfying  $f(z + \omega) = f(z)$  for all  $\omega \in \Lambda$  and all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Show that  $f$  is constant.
4. Use the two previous problems to show that  $\wp$  satisfies the differential equation

$$\wp'(z)^2 = 4\wp(z)^3 - g_2\wp(z) - g_3$$

where  $g_2 = 60G_2$  and  $g_3 = 140G_3$ .