## Sample Answers for Week 4 MT1121 Derivatives, Series, Complex Numbers

Easy Questions

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1. (a) 
$$y + 1 = \frac{1}{4}(x - \pi)$$
 (b)  $y + 1 = -4(x - \pi)$   
2. (a)  $\frac{d}{dx}\frac{1}{1+x} = -\frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$  which is never zero. So there are no critical points.  
(b)  $\frac{d}{dx}(1 + x^4) = 4x^3 = 0$  at  $x = 0$  where  $1 + x^4 = 1$ .  
The first non-zero derivative at  $x = 0$  is  $\frac{d^4}{dx^4}(1 + x^4) = 4! > 0$ , so the point  $(0, 1)$  is a minimum.  
(c)  $\frac{d}{dx}(3x + x^3) = 3 + 3x^2$  which is never zero. So there are no critical points.  
(d)  $\frac{d}{dx}(3x - x^3) = 3 - 3x^2 = 0$  at  $x = 1$  where  $3x - x^3 = 2$  and  $x = -1$  where  $3x - x^3 = -2$ .  
Because these are the only turning points,  $(-1, -2)$  is a minimum and  $(1, 2)$  is a maximum.  
(e)  $\frac{d}{dx}\frac{x}{1-x} = \frac{(1-x)\times 1-x(-1)}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$  which is never zero. So there are no critical points.  
(f)  $\frac{d}{dx}(1 - x^{-4}) = 4x^{-5}$  which is never zero. So there are no critical points.  
(g)  $\frac{d}{dx}x^5 = 5x^4 = 0$  at  $x = 0$  where  $x^5 = 0$ .  
The first non-zero derivative at  $x = 0$  is  $\frac{d^5}{dx^5}x^5 = 5!$ , so  $(0, 0)$  is a point of inflection.  
(h)  $\frac{d}{dx}(2 - x^6) = -6x^5 = 0$  at  $x = 0$  where  $2 - x^6 = 2$ .  
The first non-zero derivative at  $x = 0$  is  $\frac{d^6}{dx^6}(2 - x^6) = -6! < 0$ , so the point  $(0, 2)$  is a maximum.  
3. (a)  $1 = e^{i0}$  (b)  $-i = e^{i3\pi/2}$   
(c)  $i = e^{i\pi/2}$  (d)  $-1 = e^{i\pi}$   
(e)  $1 + i = \sqrt{2}e^{-i3\pi/4}$  (h)  $-1 - i = \sqrt{2}e^{-i5\pi/4}$   
(j)  $1 + i\sqrt{3} = 2e^{i2\pi/3}$  (j)  $\sqrt{3} - i = 2e^{i1\pi/6}$   
(k)  $-1 + i\sqrt{3} = 2e^{i2\pi/3}$  (i)  $-\sqrt{3} - i = 2e^{i1\pi/6}$   
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4. (a) 
$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{3!} + \frac{x}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x}{k!} + \dots$$

(b) 
$$\sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} + \dots$$

(c) 
$$\cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} + \dots$$

(d) 
$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{x^k}{k} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots + (-1)^{k+1} \frac{x^k}{k} + \dots$$

## Standard Questions

5. (a)  $i^i = (e^{i\pi/2})^i = e^{-\pi/2}$ \*(b)  $i^{-i} = (e^{i\pi/2})^{-i} = e^{\pi/2}$ (c)  $(-i)^i = (e^{i3\pi/2})^i = e^{-3\pi/2}$  (d)  $\ln i = \ln e^{i\pi/2} = i\pi/2$ \*(e)  $\ln(-1) = \ln e^{i\pi} = i\pi$  (f)  $\ln(-\sqrt{3} - i) = \ln(2e^{i7\pi/6}) = \ln 2 + i7\pi/6$ The answers are not unique because the arguments of i, -i, -1 and  $-\sqrt{3}-i$  can be changed by any multiple of  $2\pi$ .  $\frac{8t}{4+t^2}$ (2, 2)\*6.  $\frac{8t}{4+t^2}$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . The function is zero at t = 0; the function is odd; it approaches zero as  $t \to \pm \infty$ .  $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\frac{8t}{4+t^2} = 8\frac{(4+t^2)-t(2t)}{(4+t^2)^2} = 8\frac{4-t^2}{(4+t^2)^2}$ which is zero at t = 2, where  $\frac{8t}{4+t^2} = \frac{16}{4+4} = 2$ and at t = -2, where  $\frac{8t}{4+t^2} = \frac{-16}{4+4} = -2$ . These are the only critical points and so (-2, -2) is a minimum and (2,2) is a maximum. (-2, -2)7. \*(a) The curve A:  $2x = \frac{y^2}{2} - 2$ . At (x, y) = (0, 2) we have  $2 \times 0 = \frac{2^2}{2} - 2$  which is true, so (0, 2) is on the curve. At  $\left(-\frac{1}{2},\sqrt{2}\right)$  we have  $2\times\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{(\sqrt{2})^2}{2} - 2 = -1$  which is true, so  $\left(-\frac{1}{2},\sqrt{2}\right)$  is on the curve. \*(b) Differentiating curve A, gives  $2 = y \frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_A$  so that  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_A = 2/y$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_A = 2/2 = 1$  at (0, 2). Differentiating curve  $B\left(2x=b-\frac{y^2}{c}\right)$  gives  $2=-2\frac{y}{c}\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_B$  so that  $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_B=-c/y$ . At (0,2) we find  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{P} = -c/2$  and so for A and B to cross at right angles,  $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{A} \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{B} = 1 \times (-c/2) = -1$ , so that c = 2. For curve B to pass through (0,2) we must have  $2 \times 0 = b - \frac{2^2}{2}$  so that b = 2. (c) At  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{2}\right)$  we have  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{A} = 2/y = 2/\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{2}$ Differentiating curve  $P\left(2x=p-\frac{y^2}{q}\right)$  gives  $2=-2\frac{y}{q}\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_P$  so that  $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_P=-q/y$ . At  $\left(-\frac{1}{2},\sqrt{2}\right)$  we find  $\left.\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\right|_{P} = -q/\sqrt{2}$ , and so for A and P to cross at right angles,  $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{A} \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{B} = \sqrt{2} \times (-q/\sqrt{2}) = -1$ , so that q = 1. For curve P to pass through  $\left(-\frac{1}{2},\sqrt{2}\right)$  we must have  $2\times\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = p - \frac{(\sqrt{2})^2}{1}$  so that p = 1. 8. (a) For r = 1 we consider  $y = xe^{1-x}$ , giving  $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = e^{1-x} - xe^{1-x} = (1-x)e^{1-x}$  $x^r e^{1-x}$  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, (e/2)^{1/2}\right)$ so that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at x = 1where  $y = 1e^{1-1} = 1$ . This is the only critical point and since  $xe^{1-x} \ge 0$  for  $x \ge 0$ it must be a maximum.

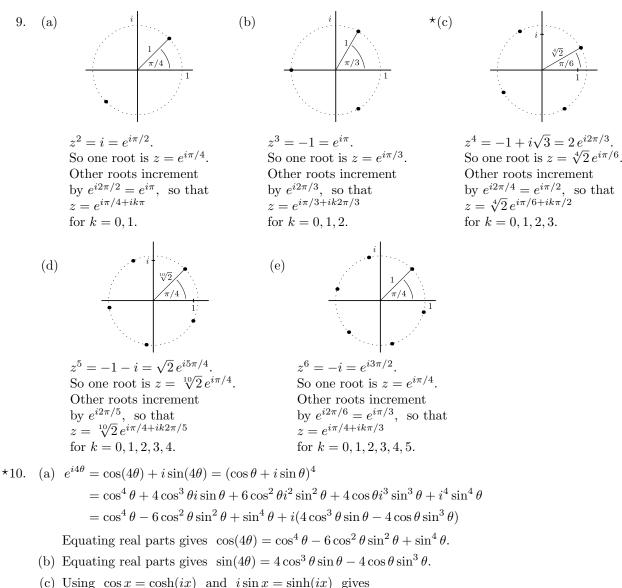
(b) For 0 < r < 1 we consider  $y = x^r e^{1-x}$ , giving  $\frac{dy}{dx} = rx^{r-1}e^{1-x} - x^r e^{1-x} = \frac{r-x}{x^{1-r}}e^{1-x}$ so that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at x = r < 1where  $y = r^r e^{1-r}$ . This is the only critical point

and since  $x^r e^{1-x} \ge 0$  for  $x \ge 0$ it must be a maximum. Moreover, because the curve passes

through (1, 1), we must have  $r^r e^{1-r} > 1$ . For  $r = \frac{1}{2}$  the maximum is at  $(\frac{1}{2}, (e/2)^{1/2})$ . \*(c) For r > 1 we consider  $y = x^r e^{1-x}$ , giving  $\frac{dy}{dx} = rx^{r-1}e^{1-x} - x^r e^{1-x} = (r-x)x^{r-1}e^{1-x}$ so that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  at x = 0 and x = r > 1y = 0 at x = 0 and  $y = r^r e^{1-r}$  at x = r.

> There are only two critical points so that (0,0) is a local minimum and  $(r, r^r e^{1-r})$  is a maximum.

Moreover, because the curve passes through (1, 1), we must have  $r^r e^{1-r} > 1$ . For r = 2 the maximum is at (2, 4/e).



$$\cosh(i4\theta) = \cosh^4(i\theta) - 6\cosh^2(i\theta)\frac{\sinh^2(i\theta)}{i^2} + \frac{\sinh^4(i\theta)}{i^4}$$
$$= \cosh^4(i\theta) + 6\cosh^2(i\theta)\sinh^2(i\theta) + \sinh^4(i\theta)$$

So, setting  $i\theta = A$  gives:  $\cosh(4A) = \cosh^4 A + 6\cosh^2 A \sinh^2 A + \sinh^4 A$ .

$$\begin{split} \text{Also:} \quad & \frac{\sinh(i\theta)}{i} = 4\cosh^3(i\theta)\frac{\sinh(i\theta)}{i} - 4\cosh(i\theta)\frac{\sinh^3(i\theta)}{i^3} \\ & \text{and so } \sinh(i\theta) = 4\cosh^3(i\theta)\sinh(i\theta) + 4\cosh(i\theta)\sinh^3(i\theta) \\ \text{So, setting } i\theta = A \text{ gives: } \sinh(4A) = 4\cosh^3A\sinh A + 4\cosh A\sinh^3A. \\ 11. (a) \quad & y = e^{x^2}\sqrt{1+x}\sin^2x: \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xe^{x^2}\sqrt{1+x}\sin^2x + e^{x^2}\frac{1/2}{\sqrt{1+x}}\sin^2x + e^{x^2}\sqrt{1+x}2\sin x\cos x \\ (b) \quad & x^2 - 4xy + y^2 = \frac{2}{xy}: \quad 2x - 4y - 4x\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2}{(xy)^2}(y + x\frac{dy}{dx}) \\ & (\frac{2x}{(xy)^2} + 2y - 4x)\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2y}{(xy)^2} - 2x + 4y \\ & \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y - x - 1/(x^2y)}{1/(xy^2) + y - 2x} \\ (c) \quad & x = \cos\theta, \ y = \sin\theta: \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta} = \frac{\cos\theta}{-\sin\theta} = -\cot\theta \\ \star(d) \quad & y = t^3 - t, \ x = t^2 - t: \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{3t^2 - 1}{2t - 1} \\ \star(e) \quad & y - e^{-xy} = x - e^{xy}: \quad \frac{dy}{dx} - e^{-xy}(-y - x\frac{dy}{dx}) = 1 - e^{xy}(y + x\frac{dy}{dx}) \\ & (1 + xe^{-xy} + xe^{xy})\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - ye^{xy} - ye^{-xy} \\ & \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1 - y(e^{xy} + e^{-xy})}{1 + x(e^{xy} + e^{-xy})} \end{split}$$

12. (a) True. 
$$e^{i\pi} = \cos \pi + i \sin \pi = -1$$

- (b) True.  $e^{i2\pi} = \cos(2\pi) + i\sin(2\pi) = 1$
- (c) True.  $e^{i\pi/3} + e^{-i\pi/3} = \cos(\pi/3) + i\sin(\pi/3) + \cos(\pi/3) i\sin(\pi/3) = 2\cos(\pi/3) = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1$ (d) True.  $e^{i2\pi/3} + e^{-i2\pi/3} = \cos(2\pi/3) + i\sin(2\pi/3) + \cos(2\pi/3) i\sin(2\pi/3) = 2\cos(2\pi/3) = 2 \times (-\frac{1}{2}) = -1$
- (e)  $az^2 + bz + c = 0$  has the roots  $z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 4ac}}{2a}$  which would be complex if  $b^2 4ac < 0$ . There are two roots unless  $b^2 = 4ac$  when there is only one root.
  - The statement is true only if we interpret there being two identical roots whenever  $b^2 = 4ac$ .
- (f) True. To have a non-real root we must have  $b^2 4ac < 0$ , in which case the other root is also not real.

\*13. (a) 
$$\frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1}{1+x}$$
  $\frac{1}{1+0} = 1$  giving  $\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + 2! \frac{x^2}{2!} - 3! \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots$   
 $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{-1}{(1+x)^2}$   $\frac{-1}{(1+0)^2} = -1$   $= 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \cdots$   
 $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1 \times 2}{(1+x)^3}$   $\frac{2!}{(1+0)^3} = 2!$   $= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k x^k$   
 $\frac{d^3}{dx^3} \frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{-3!}{(1+x)^4}$   $\frac{-3!}{(1+0)^4} = -3!$   
(b)  $\frac{d}{dz} \tan^{-1} z = \frac{1}{1+z^2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k z^{2k}$  so  $\tan^{-1} z = \int \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k z^{2k} dz = C + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{z^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$   
At  $z = 0$ :  $C = \tan^{-1} 0 = 0$ , so that  $\tan^{-1} z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{z^{2k+1}}{2k+1}$ .

(c) The radius of convergence should be the same as the series for  $\frac{1}{1+z^2}$ which has singularities at  $z = \pm i$ .

Thus the distance to the nearest singularity is  $|\pm i - 0| = 1$ , making the radius of convergence 1.

Harder Questions

- 14. (a) Polar coordinates  $(r,\theta)$  are defined parametrically so that  $x = r\cos\theta$  and  $y = r\sin\theta$ 
  - i. With  $\theta$  constant:  $\frac{dx}{dr}\Big|_{\theta} = \cos\theta$  and  $\frac{dy}{dr}\Big|_{\theta} = \sin\theta$ , so  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{\theta} = \frac{dy}{dr}\Big|_{\theta} / \frac{dx}{dr}\Big|_{\theta} = \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \tan\theta$ ii. With r constant:  $\frac{dx}{dr}\Big|_{r} = -r\sin\theta$  and  $\frac{dy}{dr}\Big|_{r} = r\cos\theta$ , so  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{r} = \frac{dy}{dr}\Big|_{r} / \frac{dx}{dr}\Big|_{r} = \frac{r\cos\theta}{-r\sin\theta} = -\cot\theta$
  - iii. Where the curves intersect (having the same values of r and  $\theta$ ) we find that

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{\theta} \times \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{r} = \tan\theta\cot\theta = -1$$

showing that the curves intersect at right angles.

- (b) Parabolic coordinates (u, v) are defined parametrically so that  $2x = u^2 v^2$  and y = uv.
  - i. With v constant:  $2\frac{dx}{du}\Big|_v = 2u$  and  $\frac{dy}{du}\Big|_v = v$ , so  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_v = \frac{dy}{dr}\Big|_v / \frac{dx}{dr}\Big|_v = v/u$ ii. With u constant:  $2\frac{dx}{dv}\Big|_u = -2v$  and  $\frac{dy}{dv}\Big|_u = u$ , so  $\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_u = \frac{dy}{dr}\Big|_u / \frac{dx}{dr}\Big|_u = -u/v$
  - iii. Where the curves intersect (having the same values of u and v) we find that

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{v} \times \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{v} = \frac{v}{u} \times \left(-\frac{u}{v}\right) = -1$$

showing that the curves intersect at right angles.

- (c) Elliptic coordinates (s,t) are defined such that  $x = \cosh s \cos t$  and  $y = \sinh s \sin t$ .
  - i. With s constant:  $2\frac{dx}{dt}\Big|_s = -\cosh s \sin t$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}\Big|_s = \sinh s \cos t$ so  $\frac{dy}{dt}\Big|_s = \frac{dy}{dt}\Big|_s / \frac{dx}{dt}\Big|_s = \frac{\sinh s \cos t}{-\cosh s \sin t} = -\tanh s \cot t$
  - ii. With t constant:  $2\frac{dx}{ds}\Big|_t = \sinh s \cos t$  and  $\frac{dy}{ds}\Big|_t = \cosh s \sin t$ so  $\frac{dy}{ds}\Big|_t = \frac{dy}{ds}\Big|_t / \frac{dx}{ds}\Big|_t = \frac{\cosh s \sin t}{\sinh s \cos t} = \coth s \tan t$
  - iii. Where the curves intersect (having the same values of s and t) we find that

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{s} \times \frac{\mathrm{d}t}{\mathrm{d}x}\Big|_{v} = -\tanh s \cot t \times \coth s \tan t = -1$$

showing that the curves intersect at right angles.

- iv. Since  $x^2 = \cosh^2 s \cos^2 t$  and  $y^2 = \sinh^2 s \sin^2 t$ :
  - with s constant, the relation  $\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1$  shows that  $\frac{x^2}{\cosh^2 s} + \frac{y^2}{\sinh^2 s} = 1$ which represents ellipses that intersect the x-axis at  $x = \pm \cosh s$ , and the y-axis at  $y = \pm \sinh s$ .
  - with t constant, the relation  $\cosh^2 s \sinh^2 s = 1$  shows that  $\frac{x^2}{\cos^2 t} \frac{y^2}{\sin^2 t} = 1$ 
    - which represents hyperbolae that intersect the x-axis at  $x = \pm \cos t$ , having asymptotes  $y = \pm x \tan t$  for large values of |x| and |y|.

