

AMCS Written Preliminary Exam
Part II, August 29, 2016

1. Suppose that $f(z)$ is a function analytic in the entire complex plane that satisfies

(1)
$$|f(z)| \leq C|P(z)|$$

for a constant C and a polynomial $P(z)$.

- (a) Show that $f(z)$ is a polynomial.
(b) How is the degree of f related to the degree of P ?
(c) How are the zeros of f related to those of P ?

2. For $\epsilon > 0$ let

(2)
$$c(\epsilon) = \int_{-\infty}^{1-\epsilon} \frac{x}{1-x^3} dx + \int_{1+\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{x}{1-x^3} dx$$

What is the $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} c(\epsilon)$?

3. Show that the improper integral

(3)
$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \frac{dx}{x}$$

is convergent, that is:

(4)
$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{1/R}^R \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \frac{dx}{x}$$

exists.

4. Find

(5)
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \sqrt{n^2 - k^2}.$$

5. Let A be a real $n \times m$ matrix. The row rank of A is the dimension of the linear space spanned by the rows of A , and the column rank is the dimension of the linear space spanned by the columns of A . Prove that these numbers are always equal.

6. Let X be a finite dimensional real vector space with an inner product $\langle x, y \rangle$. If U is a subspace of X , then we define the subspace

$$(6) \quad U^\perp = \{y \in X : \langle u, y \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } u \in U\}.$$

(a) Show that $X \simeq U \oplus U^\perp$.

(b) Show that $(U^\perp)^\perp = U$.

(c) Let U and V be 2 subspaces, and let $U + V = \{u + v : u \in U, v \in V\}$. Show that $U + V$ is a subspace and

$$(7) \quad (U + V)^\perp = U^\perp \cap V^\perp.$$

7. Let p_n be the probability that $2n$ independent fair coin flips result in precisely n TAILS. Find a formula for p_n and constants b and c such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n / (bn^c) = 1.$$