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MATHEMATICS COMPLEX ANALYSIS

Previous year Questions from **1992 To 2017**

Syllabus

Analytic functions, Cauchy-Riemann equations, Cauchy's theorem, Cauchy's integral formula, power series representation of an analytic function, Taylor's series; Singularities; Laurent's series; Cauchy's residue theorem; Contour integration.

**** Note: Syllabus was revised in 1990's and 2001 & 2008 ****

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2017

- Using contour integral method, prove that $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \sin mx}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-ma}$ (15 Marks)
- Let $f = u + iv$ be an analytic function on the unit disc $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$. Show that $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2}$ at all points of D . (15 Marks)
- For a function $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $n \geq 1$, let $f^{(n)}$ denote the n^{th} derivative of f and $f^{(0)} = f$.
Let f be an entire function such that for some $n \geq 1$, $f^{(k)}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) = 0$ for all $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$.
Show that f is a polynomial. (15 Marks)

2016

- Is $v(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy^2 + 2y$ a harmonic function? Prove your claim, if yes find its conjugate harmonic function and hence obtain the analytic function $u(x, y)$ whose real and imaginary parts are u and v respectively. (10 Marks)
- Let $g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the curve $g(t) = e^{2\pi i t}$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$ find giving justification the values of the contour integral $\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{4z^2 - 1}$ (15 Marks)
- Prove that every power series represents an analytic function inside its circle of convergence. (20 Marks)

2015

- Show that the function $v(x, y) = \ln(x^2 + y^2) + x + y$ is harmonic. Find its conjugate harmonic function $u(x, y)$. Also, find the corresponding analytic function $f(z) = u + iv$ in terms of z . (10 Marks)
- Find all possible Taylor's and Laurent's series expansions of the function $f(z) = \frac{2z - 3}{z^2 - 3z + 2}$ about the point $z = 0$. (20 Marks)
- State Cauchy's residue theorem. Using it, evaluate the integral $\int_C \frac{e^z + 1}{z(z+1)(z-i)^2} dz; C: |z| = 2$. (15 Marks)

2014

10. Prove that the function $f(z) = u + iv$, where $f(z) = \frac{x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i)}{x^2 + y^2}$, $z \neq 0$; $f(0) = 0$ satisfies Cauchy-Riemann equations at the origin, but the derivative of f at $z=0$ does not exist. **(10 Marks)**
11. Expand in Laurent series the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2(z-1)}$ about $z = 0$ and $z = 1$. **(10 Marks)**
12. Evaluate the integral $\int_0^\pi \frac{d\theta}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta\right)^2}$ using residues. **(20 Marks)**

2013

13. Prove that if $be^{a+1} < 1$ where a and b are positive and real, then the function $z^n e^{-a} - be^z$ has n zeros in the unit circle. **(10 Marks)**
14. Using Cauchy's residue theorem, evaluate the integral $I = \int_0^\pi \sin^4 \theta d\theta$. **(15 Marks)**

2012

15. Show that the function defined by $f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 y^5 (x + xiy)}{x^6 + y^{10}}, & z \neq 0 \\ 0, & z = 0 \end{cases}$ is not analytic at the origin though it satisfies Cauchy-Riemann equations at the origin. **(12 Marks)**
16. Use Cauchy integral formula to evaluate $\int_c \frac{e^{3z}}{(z+1)^4} dz$ Where c is the circle $|z| = 2$. **(15 Marks)**
17. Expand the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)}$ in Laurent series valid for
- (i) $1 < |z| < 3$
 - (ii) $|z| > 3$
 - (iii) $0 < |z+1| < 2$
 - (iv) $|z| < 1$
- (15 Marks)**

18. Evaluate by contour integration $I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1-2a\cos\theta+a^2} \quad a^2 < 1. \quad (15 \text{ Marks})$

2011

19. If $f(z) = u + iv$ is an analytic function of $z = x + iy$ and $u - v = \frac{e^y - \cos x + \sin x}{\cosh y - \cos x}$, find $f(z)$ subject to the condition, $f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{3-i}{2}. \quad (12 \text{ Marks})$

20. If the function $f(z)$ is analytic and one valued in $|z - a| < R$, Prove that for $0 < r < R$, $f'(a) = \frac{1}{\pi r} \int_0^{2\pi} P(\theta) e^{-i\theta} d\theta$, Where $P(\theta)$ is the real part of $f(a + re^{i\theta})$

(15 Marks)

21. Evaluate by Contour integration, $\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(x^2 - x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}}. \quad (15 \text{ Marks})$

22. Find the Laurent series for the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{1-z^2}$ with centre $z=1$.

(15 Marks)

2010

23. Show that $u(x,y) = 2x - x^3 + 3xy^2$ is a harmonic function. Find a harmonic conjugate of $u(x,y)$. Hence find the analytic function f for which $u(x,y)$ is the real part. (12 Marks)

24. (i) Evaluate the line integral $\int_c f(z) dz$ where $f(z) = z^2$, c is the boundary of the triangle with vertices $A(0,0)$, $B(1,0)$, $C(1,2)$ in that order.

- (ii) Find the image of the finite vertical strip $R : x = 5$ to $x = 9$, $-\pi \leq y \leq \pi$ of z -plane under exponential function (15 Marks)

25. Find the Laurent series of the function

$$f(z) = \exp\left[\frac{\lambda}{2}\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)\right] \text{ as } \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n z^n \text{ for } 0 < |z| < \infty \text{ where}$$

$$C_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(n\phi - \lambda \sin \phi) d\phi, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \text{ with } \lambda \text{ a given complex number and taking}$$

the unit circle C given by $z = e^{i\phi} (-\pi \leq \phi \leq \pi)$ as contour in this region.

(15 Marks)

2009

26. Let $f(z) = \frac{a_0 + a_1z + \dots + a_{n-1}z^{n-1}}{b_0 + b_1z + \dots + b_nz^n}$, $b_n \neq 0$. Assume that the zeros of the denominator are simple. show that the sum of the residues of $f(z)$ at its poles is equal to $\frac{a_n - 1}{b_n}$

(12 Marks)

27. If α, β, γ are real numbers such that $\alpha^2 > \beta^2 + \gamma^2$ show that:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{\alpha + \beta \cos \theta + \gamma \sin \theta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \gamma^2}} \quad (30 \text{ Marks})$$

2008

28. Find the residue of $\frac{\cot z \coth z}{z^3}$ at $z=0$. (12 Marks)

29. Evaluate $\int_C \left[\frac{e^{2z}}{z^2(z^2 + 2z + 2)} + \log(z-6) + \frac{1}{(z-4)^2} \right] dz$ where C is the circle $|z|=3$.

State the theorems you use in evaluating above integral. (15 Marks)

2007

30. Prove that the function f defined by

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{z^5}{|z|^4} & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{is not differentiable at } z=0. \quad (12 \text{ Marks})$$

31. Evaluate (by using residue theorem) $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 + 8\cos^2 \theta}$. (15 Marks)

32. Show that the transformation $w=z^2$ is conformal at point $z=l+i$ by finding the images of the lines $y=x$ and $x=1$ which intersect at $z=l+i$ (15 Marks)

2006

33. Determine all bilinear transformation which map the half plane $Im(z) \geq 0$ into the unit circle $|w| \leq 1$ (12 Marks)

34. With the aid of residues, evaluate $\int_0^\pi \frac{\cos 2\theta}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2} d\theta$, $-1 < a < 1$ (15 Marks)

35. Prove that all the roots of $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12 = 0$ lie between the circles $|z|=1$ and $|z|=2$ (15 Marks)

2005

36. If $f(z) = u + iv$ is an analytic function of the complex variable z and $u - v = e^x (\cos y - \sin y)$, determined $f(z)$ in terms of z . (12 Marks)
37. Expand $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)}$ in Laurent's series which is valid for
- (i) $1 < |z| < 3$
 - (ii) $|z| < 3$ and
 - (iii) $|z| < 1$
- (30 Marks)

2004

38. Find the image of the line $y=x$ under the mapping $w = \frac{4}{z^2 + 1}$ and draw the same. Find the points where this transformation ceases to be conformal. (12 Marks)
39. If all zeros of a polynomial $P(z)$ lies in a half plane then show that zeros of the derivatives $P'(z)$ also lies in the same half plane. (15 Marks)
40. Using contour integration evaluate $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos^2 3\theta}{1 - 2p \cos 2\theta + p^2} d\theta$, $0 < p < 1$
- (15 Marks)

2003

41. Determine all the bilinear transformations which transform the unit circle $|z| \leq 1$ into the unit circle $|w| \leq 1$. (12 Marks)
42. Discuss the transformation $w = \left(\frac{z-ic}{z+ic}\right)^2$ (c real) showing that the upper half of the W -plane corresponds to the interior of the semi circle lying to the right of imaginary axis in the z -plane. (15 Marks)
43. Use the method of contour integration to prove that $\int_0^{\pi} \frac{a d\theta}{a^2 + \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{1+a^2}}$ ($a > 0$). (15 Marks)

2002

44. Suppose that f and g are two analytic functions on the set f of all complex numbers with $f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = g\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$ for $n=1,2,3, \dots$. Then show that $f(z) = g(z)$ for each z in f . (12 Marks)

45. (i) Show that, when $0 < |z-1| < 2$, that function $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(z-3)}$ has the

Laurent series expansion in power of $(z-1)$ as $\frac{-1}{2(z-1)} - 3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z-1)^n}{2^{n+2}}$

(15 Marks)

46. Establish, by contour integration, $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos(ax)}{x^2+1} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-a}$ where $a \geq 0$. **(15 Marks)**

2001

47. Prove that the Riemann zeta function ζ defined by $\zeta(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-z}$ converges for $Re z > 1$ and converges uniformly for $Re z > 1 + \epsilon$ where $\epsilon > 0$ is arbitrary small.

(12 Marks)

48. (i) Find the Laurent series for the function $e^{1/z}$ in $0 < z < \infty$. Using this

expansion, show that $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \exp(\cos \theta) \cos(\sin \theta - n\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{n!}$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(ii) Show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^4} dx = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$ **(30 Marks)**

2000

49. Show that any four given points of the complex plane can be carried by a bilinear transformation to positions $1, -1, k$ and $-k$ where the value of k depends on the given points. **(12 Marks)**

50. Suppose $f(\zeta)$ is continuous on a circle C . Show that $\int_C \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{f(\zeta-x)}$, as z varies inside of C , is differentiable under the integral sign. Find the derivative. Hence or otherwise, derive an integral representation for $f'(z)$ if $f(z)$ is analytic on and inside C .

(30 Marks)

1999

51. Examine the nature of the function

$$f(z) = \frac{x^2 y^5 (x + iy)}{x^4 + y^{10}}, \quad z \neq 0, \quad f(0) = 0$$

In a region including the origin and hence show that Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied at the origin but $f(z)$ is not analytic there. **(20 Marks)**

52. For the function $\oint_C f(z) = \frac{-1}{z^2 - 3z + 2}$ find the Laurent series for the domain

(i) $1 < |z| < 2,$

(ii) $|z| > 2.$

Show further that $\oint_C f(z) dz = 0$ where C is any closed contour enclosing that points $z=1$ and $z=2$. **(20 Marks)**

53. Show that the transformation $w = \frac{2z+3}{z-4}$ transforms the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 4x = 0$ into the straight line $4u+3=0$, where $w=u+iv$. **(20 Marks)**

54. Use Residue theorem show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x \sin ax}{x^4 + 4} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-a} \sin a, (a > 0)$ **(20 Marks)**

55. The function $f(z)$ has a double pole at $z=0$ with residue 2, a simple pole at $z=1$ with residue 2, is analytic at all other finite points of the plane and is bounded as $|z| \rightarrow \infty$. If $f(2)=5$ and $f(-1)=2$ find $f(z)$. **(20 Marks)**

56. What kind of singularities the following functions have?

(i) $\frac{1}{1-e^z}$ at $z = 2\pi i$

(ii) $\frac{1}{\sin z - \cos z}$ at $z = \frac{\pi}{4}$

(iii) $\frac{\cot \pi z}{(z-a)^2}$ at $z = a$ and $z = \infty$.

In case (iii) above what happens when a is an integer (including $a=0$)?

(20 Marks)

1998

57. Show that the function

$$f(z) = \frac{x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i)}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad z \neq 0 \quad f(0) = 0$$

is continuous and $C - R$ conditions are satisfied at $z = 0$, but $f'(z)$ does not exist at $z=0$ **(15 Marks)**

58. Find the Laurent expansion of $\frac{z}{(z+1)(z+2)}$ about the singularity $z=-2$. Specify the region of convergence and the nature of singularity at $z = -2$ **(15 Marks)**

59. By using the integral representation of $f^n(0)$, Prove that $\left(\frac{x^n}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{x^n e^{xz}}{n z^{n+1}} dz$

Where C is any closed contour surrounding the origin. Hence show that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^n}{n}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{2x \cos \theta} d\theta \quad (20 \text{ Marks})$$

60. Prove that all roots of $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12 = 0$ lie between the circles $|z| = 1$ and $|z| = 2$. (15 Marks)

61. By integrating round a suitable contour show that $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \sin mx}{x^4 + a^4} dx = \frac{\pi}{4b^2} e^{-mb} \sin mb$,
where $b = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$ (15 Marks)

62. Using residue theorem, evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\theta}{3 - 2 \cos \theta + \sin \theta}$ (15 Marks)

1997

63. Prove that $u = e^x (x \cos y - y \sin y)$ is harmonic and find the analytic function whose real part is u (15 Marks)

64. Evaluate $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z+2}$ where C is the unit circle. Deduce that $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1+2 \cos \theta}{5+4 \cos \theta} d\theta = 0$ (15 Marks)

65. If $f(z) = \frac{A_1}{z-a} + \frac{A_2}{(z-a)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_n}{(z-a)^n}$ find residue at a for $\frac{f(z)}{z-b}$ where A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, a and b are constant. What is the residue at infinity? (20 Marks)

66. Find the Laurent series for the function $e^{1/z}$ in $0 < |z| < \infty$. Deduce that

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \exp(\cos \theta) \cdot \cos(\sin \theta - n\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{n!}, (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots) \quad (20 \text{ Marks})$$

67. Integrating e^{-z^2} along a suitable rectangular contour show that

$$\int_0^{\pi} e^{-x^2} \cos 2bx dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} e^{-b^2} \quad (15 \text{ Marks})$$

68. Find the function $f(z)$ analytic within the unit circle, which takes the values

$$\frac{a - \cos \theta + i \sin \theta}{a^2 - 2a \cos \theta + 1}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \text{ on the circle.} \quad (15 \text{ Marks})$$

1996

69. Sketchy the ellipse C described in the complex plane by $Z=A\cos\lambda t+ iB\sin\lambda t$, $A>B$, Where t is real variable and A,B,l are positive constants. If C is the trajectory of a particle with $z(t)$ as the position vector of the particle at time t , identify with justification
- (i) The two positions where the acceleration is maximum, and
(ii) The two positions were the velocity in minimum **(20 Marks)**

70. Evaluate $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos z}{\sin(z^2)}$ **(15 Marks)**

71. Show that $z = 0$ is not a branch point for the function $f(z) = \frac{\sin \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{z}}$. Is it a removable singularity? **(15 Marks)**

72. Prove that every polynomial equation $a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n = 0$, $a_n \neq 0$, $n \geq 1$ has exactly n roots. **(15 Marks)**

73. By using residue theorem, evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log_e(x^2 + 1)}{x^2 + 1} dx$ **(15 Marks)**

74. About the singularity $z = -2$, find the Laurent expansion of $(z - 3) \sin\left(\frac{1}{z + 2}\right)$.
Specity the region of convergence and the nature of singularity at $z = -2$ **(15 Marks)**

1995

75. Let $u(x,y) = 3x^2y + 2x^2 - y^2 - 2y^2$. Prove that u is a harmonic function. Find a harmonic function v such that $u + iv$ is an analytic function of z . **(15 Marks)**
76. Find the Taylor series expansion of the function $f(z) = \frac{z}{z^2 + 9}$ around $z = 0$. Find also the radius of convergence of the obtained series. **(15 Marks)**
77. Let C be the circle $|z| = 2$ described counter clockwise. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_C \frac{\cosh \pi z}{z(z^2 + 1)} dz \quad \textbf{(20 Marks)}$$

78. Let $a > 0$. Evaluate the integral $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos ax}{x^2 + 1} dx$ with the aid of residues **(15 Marks)**

79. Let f be analytic in the entire complex plane. Suppose that there exist a constant $A > 0$ such that $|f(z)| \leq A|z|$ for all z . Prove that there exists a complex number a such that $f(z) = az$ for all z **(15 Marks)**

80. Suppose a power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ convergent at a point $z_0 \neq 0$. Let z_1 be such that $|z_1| < |z_0|$ and $z_1 \neq 0$. Show that the series converges uniformly in the disc $\{z : |z| \leq |z_1|\}$

(15 Marks)

1994

81. Suppose that z is the position vector of a particles moving on the ellipse $C : z = a \cos \omega t + i b \sin \omega t$. Where a, b, ω are positive constants, $a > b$ and t is the time. Determine where
- The velocity has the greatest magnitude
 - The acceleration has the least magnitude.
- (30 Marks)
82. How many zeros does the polynomial $p(z) = z^4 + 2z^3 + 3z + 4$ possess in
- the first quadrant, (ii) the fourth quadrant.
- (15 Marks)

83. Test of uniform convergence in the region $|z| \leq 1$ the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nz}{n^3}$

(15 Marks)

84. Find Laurent series for

(i) $\frac{e^{2z}}{(z-1)^3}$ about $z=1$

(ii) $\frac{1}{z^2(z-3)^2}$ about $z=3$

(30 Marks)

85. Find the residue of $f(z) = e^z \operatorname{cosec}^2 z$ at all its poles in the finite plane.

(15 Marks)

86. By means of contour integration, evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\log_e u)^2}{u^2 + 1} du$

(15 Marks)

1993

87. In the finite z -plane, show that the function $f(z) = \sec\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$ has infinitely many isolated singularity in a finite intervals which includes 0.

(15 Marks)

88. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves in the xy -plane defined by $e^{-x}(x \sin y - y \cos y) = \alpha$ where α is real function

(15 Marks)

89. Prove that (by applying Cauchy Integral formula or otherwise)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^{2n} \theta d\theta = \frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n-1)}{2.4.6 \dots 2n} 2\pi \text{ where } n=1,2,3 \dots$$

(15 Marks)

90. If C is the curve $y=x^2-3x^2+4x-1$ joining the points $(1,1)$ and $(2,3)$ find the value of $\int_c (12z^2 - 4iz) dz$ **(15 Marks)**

91. Prove that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n(n+1)}$ converges absolutely for $|z| \leq 1$ **(15 Marks)**

92. Evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6+1}$ by choosing an appropriate contour **(15 Marks)**

1992

93. If $u = e^{-x} (x \sin y - y \cos y)$, find v such that $f(z) = u + iv$ is analytic. Also find $f(z)$ explicitly as function of z **(15 Marks)**

94. Let $f(z)$ be analytic inside and on the circle C defined by $|z| = R$ and let $z = er^{i\theta}$ any

point inside C . Prove that $f(er^{i\theta}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(R^2 - r^2) f(Re^{i\phi})}{R^2 - 2Rr \cos(\theta + \phi) + r^2} d\phi$ **(20 Marks)**

95. Prove that all the roots of $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12 = 0$ lie between the circle $|z| = 1$ and $|z| = 2$. **(20 Marks)**

96. Find the region of convergence of the series whose n th term is $\frac{(-1)^{n-1} z^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}$ **(20 Marks)**

97. Expand $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)}$ in a Laurent series valid for

(i) $|z| > 3$

(ii) $1 < |z| < 3$

(iii) $|z| < 1$

(30 Marks)

98. By integrating along a suitable contour evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos mx}{x^2+1} dx$ **(20 Marks)**