

**MA 329 : TOPICS IN SEVERAL COMPLEX VARIABLES**  
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**HOMEWORK 1**

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**Note:**

- a) You are allowed to discuss these problems with your classmates, but individually-written and **original** write-ups are expected for submission. Please **acknowledge** any persons from whom you received help in solving these problems.
- b) Given a multi-index  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , we shall use the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned} |\alpha| &:= \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha! := \alpha_1! \cdots \alpha_n!, \\ z^\alpha &:= z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_n^{\alpha_n}, \\ \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial z^\alpha} &:= \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|}}{\partial z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots \partial z_n^{\alpha_n}}. \end{aligned}$$

- c) If  $f$  is a function or a map on an open set  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $f$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -differentiable at  $z_0 \in \Omega$ , then we shall denote the complex total derivative of  $f$  at  $z_0$  as  $Df(z_0)$ .

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**1.** Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $z_0 \in \Omega$ , and  $f, g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be  $\mathbb{C}$ -differentiable at  $z_0$ . Show that  $fg$  is also  $\mathbb{C}$ -differentiable at  $z_0$  and that

$$D(fg)(z_0) := f(z_0)Df(z_0) + g(z_0)Dg(z_0).$$

**2.** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathbb{C}$  and suppose  $|X_j| < 1$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Show that  $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} X^\alpha$  is absolutely convergent and that

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} X^\alpha = \prod_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{N}} X_j^\nu \right).$$

**Hint.** Although this is **not** the only approach to the solution, consider defining an auxiliary function that you know is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{D}^n$  (where  $\mathbb{D} := D(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{C}$ ).

**3.** Prove the following result:

*Let  $\Omega$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , and let  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic. The set  $f^{-1}\{0\}$  contains no isolated points.*

using the 1-variable Hurwitz Theorem.

**4. (Cauchy's estimates)** Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and let  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic. Let  $a \in \Omega$ . Let  $R > 0$  be such that  $\overline{\Delta(a; (R, \dots, R))} \subset \Omega$ . Show that there exist constants  $C_\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\left| \frac{\partial^{|\alpha|} f}{\partial z^\alpha}(a) \right| \leq \frac{C_\alpha}{R^{|\alpha|}} \sup_{w: |w_j - a_j| = R, 1 \leq j \leq n} |f(w)|,$$

where the constants  $C_\alpha$  are **independent** of  $a$ ,  $R$ , and  $f$ .

**Tip.** You may use without proof the uniqueness of coefficients of a power-series development of a holomorphic function.

5. State Liouville's theorem for  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , and give a proof of it:

- firstly, using Cauchy's estimates for  $n \geq 2$ ;
- next, **without** using Cauchy's estimates for  $n \geq 2$ .

6. State the Maximum Modulus Theorem for  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , and prove it using the Open Mapping Theorem.

7. Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and let  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ ,  $m \geq 2$ . Write  $F = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ . Show that  $F$  is holomorphic (i.e., that it is  $\mathbb{C}$ -differentiable) if and only if each  $f_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , is a holomorphic function.

8. Let  $\Omega_j \subseteq \mathbb{C}^{n_j}$  be domains,  $j = 1, 2$ . We had constructed in class a metric  $\rho$  on  $\mathcal{C}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$ . Show that the metric topology generated by  $\rho$  coincides with the topology of local uniform convergence on  $\mathcal{C}(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)$ .

9. Let  $\Omega$  be a domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , let  $f$  be holomorphic on  $\Omega$  and suppose  $f \not\equiv 0$ . Show that  $\Omega \setminus f^{-1}\{0\}$  is connected.

10. Given two domains  $\Omega, \Omega' \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$ , a holomorphic map  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega'$  is called a *biholomorphism* if  $F$  is bijective and  $F^{-1}$  is also holomorphic. An *automorphism* of  $\Omega$  is a biholomorphism of  $\Omega$  onto itself. Let  $G$  be a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Give a description—e.g., in terms of functions on  $G$  or in any other manner that provides more information—of the automorphisms of  $(G \times \mathbb{C})$ .