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**Instructions.** 4 hours. Closed book examination. As the exam is a bit long you do not have to do everything in order to succeed. In order to pass, you need to complete a significant portion of each of the two sections: complex analysis (Questions 1 through 4) and real analysis (Questions 5 through 7). Fully completing one section while leaving the other untouched will not result in a passing grade so please plan the allocation of your time and effort accordingly.

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1. Let  $f$  be an entire function. Which of the following conditions imply that  $f$  is constant? Give proofs or counterexamples.

(a)  $\operatorname{Re} z \geq 0 \Rightarrow |f(z)| \leq 1$ .

(b)  $|z| \geq 1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{f(z)^2}{z} \right| \leq \pi$ .

2. Evaluate

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x^n + 1} dx,$$

where  $n \geq 2$  is an integer. Your final answer should not involve any reference to complex numbers.

3. (a) Let  $f$  be an analytic function. Show that the level curves  $\operatorname{Re} f(z) = k_1$ ,  $\operatorname{Im} f(z) = k_2$  are perpendicular at any point where  $f'(z) \neq 0$ .

(b) Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be points on a circle of radius 1. Show that there is a point on the circle such that the product of its distances to the  $p_j$  is 1. (Suggestion: apply the maximum modulus principle to an appropriate complex polynomial.)

4. Let  $z_1, z_2$  be unequal numbers in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ , and let  $f$  be an analytic self-map of  $\mathbb{D}$ , not necessarily 1-1. Follow the steps below to prove the following version of Pick's Lemma:

$$\left| \frac{f(z_1) - f(z_2)}{1 - \overline{f(z_1)}f(z_2)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{z_1 - z_2}{1 - \overline{z_1}z_2} \right|.$$

(a) Write down an explicit conformal self-map of the disk that sends  $f(z_2)$  to 0. You do not need to prove anything about your map.

(b) Find conformal self-maps of the disk  $\varphi, \psi$  such that  $\varphi \circ f \circ \psi^{-1}$  is an analytic self-map of the disk sending 0 to 0, and apply the Schwarz lemma appropriately to  $\varphi \circ f \circ \psi^{-1}$ .

5. (a) Recall that continuous functions in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  are dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that compactly supported continuous functions are dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

- (b) For positive  $a$  and  $b$  let  $f_{a,b} = a\chi_{[0,b]}$ . Produce a sequence  $(a_n, b_n)$  such that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f_{a_n, b_n}(x) dx = 1$  for all  $n$  while  $\|f_{a_n, b_n}\|_{L^2} \rightarrow 0$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (c) Show that compactly supported continuous functions  $f$  such that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx = 0$  are dense in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ .
- (d) Are continuous functions  $f$  such that  $\int_{[0,1]} f(x) dx = 0$  dense in  $L^2([0,1])$ ? Justify your answer.
6. (a) Let  $h_{0,0}(x) = \chi_{[0, \frac{1}{2})}(x) - \chi_{[\frac{1}{2}, 1)}(x)$ . More generally, for  $n \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq k \leq 2^n - 1$ , we define  $h_{n,k}(x) = 2^{\frac{n}{2}} h_{0,0}(2^n x - k)$ . For  $n \geq 0$  and  $(x, y) \in [0, 1]^2$  we let

$$L_n(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} h_{n,k}(x)h_{n,k}(y)$$

and

$$K_n(x, y) = \chi_{[0,1)}(x)\chi_{[0,1)}(y) + \sum_{m=0}^n L_m(x, y) .$$

Plot  $L_0, L_1, L_2$  and  $K_0, K_1, K_2$ . (Do not use 3d plots but simply subdivide the square into regions and in each region indicate the value of the function. Do six different plot sketches, one for each function).

- (b) Show that for  $n \geq 0$  and  $(x, y) \in [0, 1]^2$ , one has  $K_n(x, y) = 2^{n+1}$  if  $x, y$  both belong to  $[\frac{k}{2^{n+1}}, \frac{k+1}{2^{n+1}})$  for some  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2^{n+1} - 1$ , and  $K_n(x, y) = 0$  otherwise.
- (c) Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[0, 1]$  and, for  $n \geq 0$ , define

$$g_n(x) = \int_0^1 K_n(x, y)f(y) dy .$$

Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n = f$  in  $L^p([0, 1])$  for all  $p \in [1, \infty)$ .

- (d) Let  $V$  be the linear span of the collection of functions  $h_{n,k}$ , with  $n \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 2^n - 1$ , together with the constant function equal to 1. Prove that  $V$  is dense in  $L^p([0, 1])$  for all  $p \in [1, \infty)$ .
- (e) In the particular case  $p = 2$ , give a geometric interpretation for the map which produces  $g_n$  out of  $f$ .
7. (a) In this problem the formula

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^n e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = 1$$

for  $n = 0$  and  $n = 2$  can be used without justification. For  $(t, x) \in (0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$  we let

$$P(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi t}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}} .$$

Show that this function is infinitely differentiable and that

$$\frac{\partial^{m+n} P}{\partial t^m \partial x^n}(t, x) = \frac{Q_{m,n}(t, x)}{2\sqrt{\pi} t^{2m+n+\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4t}}$$

for some two-variable polynomials  $Q_{m,n}(t, x)$  satisfying the recursion

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{m+1,n} &= t^2 \frac{\partial Q_{m,n}}{\partial t} + \left( \frac{x^2}{4} - (2m+n+\frac{1}{2})t \right) Q_{m,n}, \\ Q_{m,n+1} &= t \frac{\partial Q_{m,n}}{\partial x} - \frac{x}{2} Q_{m,n}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let  $f$  be a compactly supported twice continuously differentiable function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that

$$\psi(t, x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} P(t, x-y) f(y) dy$$

is well defined and infinitely differentiable on  $(0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$ .

- (c) By computing  $Q_{0,0}, Q_{1,0}, Q_{0,1}, Q_{0,2}$  show that  $\psi$  satisfies the heat equation, i.e.,

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}$$

on  $(0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$ .

- (d) Recall that a twice continuously differentiable function  $f$  satisfies the Taylor formula with integral remainder

$$f(y) = f(x) + (y-x)f'(x) + (y-x)^2 \int_0^1 (1-s)f''(x+s(y-x)) ds.$$

Extend  $\psi$  to  $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$  by letting  $\psi(0, x) = f(x)$  for all  $x$ . Show that the heat equation continues to hold for this extension with  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  derivatives at  $t = 0$  understood as right-derivatives. Hint: use the previous Taylor formula and a suitable change of variable in order to establish the identity

$$\frac{\psi(t, x) - \psi(0, x)}{t} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{[0,1]} \int_{\mathbb{R}} z^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{4}} (1-s)f''(x+s\sqrt{t}z) dz ds$$

for  $t > 0$ .