

## Complex Variables Fall 2024

Assignment 5.3 Due October 2

**Exercise 1.** Let  $X = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . For  $\epsilon > 0$ , define  $D(\infty; \epsilon) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| > \frac{1}{\epsilon}\} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We say  $U \subseteq X$  is *open* if for every  $z \in U$  there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  so that  $D(z; \epsilon) \subseteq U$ .

- **a.** Show that X and  $\varnothing$  are both open.
- **b.** If  $U_{\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in I$ ) are open subsets of X, show that

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} U_{\alpha}$$

is also open. Here I is an arbitrary indexing set.

**c.** If  $U_1, U_2, \ldots, U_n$  are open subsets of X, show that

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^{n} U_j$$

is also open.

Parts **a-c** show that the collection of open subsets of X is a *topology* on X. It should be clear that the topology  $\mathbb C$  inherits as a subspace of X is the usual one.

**Exercise 2.** Let f(z) be defined on a neighborhood of  $\infty$ . Show that f(1/w) is defined on a deleted neighborhood of w = 0, and that

$$\lim_{z \to \infty} f(z) = \lim_{w \to 0} f(1/w).$$

**Exercise 3.** Let  $\mathbb{C}[X]$  denote the ring of all polynomials in X with complex coefficients, and for  $P(X) \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  let deg P denote the degree of P(X).

- **a.** Let  $P(X) \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  and let  $\widetilde{P}(X) = X^{\deg P} P(1/X)$ . Prove that if P(X) is nonzero, then  $\widetilde{P}(X) \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  and  $\widetilde{P}(0)$  is the leading coefficient of P(X).
- **b.** Let  $P(X), Q(X) \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  and define  $\widetilde{P}(X)$  and  $\widetilde{Q}(X)$  as above. Show that

$$\frac{P(1/X)}{Q(1/X)} = X^{\deg Q - \deg P} \frac{\widetilde{P}(X)}{\widetilde{Q}(X)}.$$

**c.** Let  $P(X), Q(X) \in \mathbb{C}[X]$  be nonzero. Use part **b.** and the preceding exercise to show that  $\lim_{z \to \infty} \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$  exists (in  $\mathbb{C}$ ) if and only if  $\deg Q \ge \deg P$ .