

**SECOND PUBLIC EXAMINATION**

**Honour School of Mathematics Part C: Paper C5.6**  
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**Applied Complex Variables**

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**TRINITY TERM 2023**

**Tuesday 06 June, 9:30am to 11:15am**

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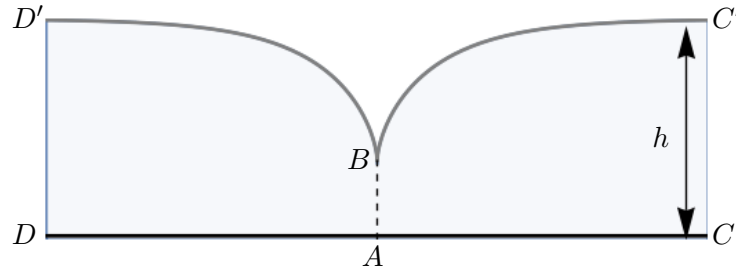
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1. A two-dimensional, inviscid, irrotational, incompressible fluid lies above a flat plate  $DC$ . The fluid is of uniform depth  $h$  at infinity, with a free surface  $D'BC'$  which is drawn into a cusp at the point  $B$  due to a steady sink of strength  $Q$  which lies on the flat plate at the point  $A$ . Without loss of generality, take the streamfunction  $\psi$  and the potential  $\phi$  to be zero at  $B$ .



- (a) [3 marks] Show that on  $AC$  the streamfunction takes the value  $Q/4$ . Give the dimensional scalings of position, velocity and potential such that the nondimensionalised model has fluid velocity  $(-1, 0)$  and depth 1 as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Use the nondimensional model henceforth.
- (b) [6 marks] Show that the images of the right-hand half of the shaded fluid domain (i.e. that bounded by  $ABC'CA$ ) in the potential  $w$ -plane and the hodograph  $w'$ -plane are a strip and a quarter-plane minus a quarter-circle respectively; sketch these regions indicating clearly the image of each of the labelled points.
- (c) [6 marks] Show that

$$\zeta = - \left( \frac{1 - (w')^2}{1 + (w')^2} \right)^2$$

maps the image of the right-hand half of the fluid domain in the  $w'$ -plane to the upper half-plane. Indicate clearly the positions in the  $\zeta$ -plane of the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ .

- (d) [5 marks] Show that  $w$  satisfies the equation

$$e^{\pi w} = - \frac{(1 - (w')^2)^2}{4(w')^2}.$$

- (e) [5 marks] Show that the free surface is given by

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta}{\pi \sin \theta}, \quad \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\pi},$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle the tangent (in the flow direction) makes with the  $x$ -axis. What is the position of the point  $B$ ? How would the picture change if  $A$  were a point source instead of a point sink?

2. (a) [5 marks] Let  $\Gamma$  be a directed smooth contour in the complex plane and set

$$w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta - z},$$

where  $f$  is continuous on  $\Gamma$  and holomorphic in a neighbourhood of the point  $t \in \Gamma$ . Show that the limiting values of  $w(z)$  as  $\Gamma$  is approached from either side are  $w_{\pm}(t)$ , where

$$w_{\pm}(t) = \pm \frac{f(t)}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta - t},$$

and you should define the integral  $\int$  precisely; indicate with a sketch which side of the contour is  $+$  and which is  $-$ .

- (b) [5 marks] The complex velocity describing flow past a thin aerofoil is represented by a function  $w(z)$  which is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 1]$  and has limiting values  $w_{\pm}$  on  $y = 0 \pm$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ , that satisfy

$$w_+(x) + w_-(x) = 2ig'(x),$$

where  $g(x)$  is a smooth real-valued function describing the shape of the aerofoil. By introducing a suitable auxiliary function  $\tilde{w}(z)$ , show that a solution for  $w(z)$  can be written in the form

$$w(z) = \frac{\tilde{w}(z)}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{g'(\xi)}{\tilde{w}_+(\xi)(\xi - z)} d\xi + \tilde{w}(z)H(z),$$

where  $H(z)$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ .

- (c) [5 marks] Suppose that, in addition  $w = O(z^{-1/2})$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$ ,  $w = O(1)$  as  $z \rightarrow 1$ , and  $w = O(1/z)$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ . Show that

$$w(z) = \left( \frac{1-z}{z} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\xi^{1/2} g'(\xi)}{(1-\xi)^{1/2}(\xi-z)} d\xi.$$

Define carefully which branch of the square root is used.

- (d) [5 marks] By considering a contour that encircles the branch cut and deforming to a large circle show that when  $g(x) = \log(1+x^2)$ ,

$$w(z) = \frac{2^{3/4}(1-z)^{1/2}(\sin(\pi/8) + \sin(3\pi/8)z)}{z^{1/2}(z^2+1)} + \frac{2iz}{(1+z^2)}.$$

- (e) [5 marks] Find a bounded solution  $f(x)$  to the singular integral equation

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi-x} d\xi + \frac{4x}{1+x^2} = 0.$$

3. (a) [3 marks] Let

$$f_+(x) = \begin{cases} x & x > 0, \\ 0 & x < 0. \end{cases}$$

For what values of  $k \in \mathbb{C}$  is the Fourier transform  $\bar{f}_+(k)$  defined? Evaluate  $\bar{f}_+(k)$ . To what region of the complex  $k$ -plane can it be analytically continued?

(b) [5 marks] The function  $G(k)$  is holomorphic in a strip  $\Omega = \{k \in \mathbb{C} : \alpha < \text{Im}(k) < \beta\}$  and satisfies  $G(k) \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in  $\Omega$ . Show that  $G(k)$  may be decomposed as

$$G(k) = G_+(k) - G_-(k),$$

where  $G_+(k)$  is holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) > \gamma_+$  and  $G_-(k)$  is holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) < \gamma_-$ , for  $\alpha < \gamma_+ < \gamma_- < \beta$ . Give explicit formulae for  $G_+(k)$  and  $G_-(k)$ , in terms of integrals along specified contours in the complex  $k$ -plane.

(c) [7 marks] Clearly define branches of the multifunctions  $(k-i)^{1/2}$  and  $(k+i)^{1/2}$  which are holomorphic and have positive real part in the strip  $-1 < \text{Im}(k) < 1$ . By evaluating the integrals in part (b), or otherwise, express the function

$$G(k) = \frac{(k-i)^{1/2}}{k^2}$$

as  $G_+(k) - G_-(k)$  where  $G_+(k)$  is holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) > 0$  and  $G_-(k)$  is holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) < 1$ .

(d) [5 marks] The function  $u(x, y)$  satisfies the partial differential equation

$$\nabla^2 u = u \quad \text{for } y > 0$$

subject to

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{for } x < 0, \quad u(x, 0) = x \quad \text{for } x \geq 0,$$

with  $u \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow \infty$ . Define

$$f_-(x) = \begin{cases} u(x, 0) & x < 0, \\ 0 & x \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad g_+(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0, \\ \partial u / \partial y(x, 0) & x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Assuming that the Fourier transforms  $\bar{g}_+(k)$  and  $\bar{f}_-(k)$  are holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) > 0$  and  $\text{Im}(k) < 1$  respectively, show that

$$\bar{g}_+ + (k^2 + 1)^{1/2} \bar{f}_- = \frac{(k^2 + 1)^{1/2}}{k^2},$$

where you should be careful to define the branch of  $(k^2 + 1)^{1/2}$ .

(e) [5 marks] Assuming that both  $k^{-1/2} \bar{g}_+(k)$  and  $k^{1/2} \bar{f}_-(k)$  tend to zero as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  deduce that

$$\bar{g}_+ = \frac{e^{i\pi/4}(k-2i)(k+i)^{1/2}}{2k^2},$$

and hence write the solution  $u$  as a Fourier inversion, being careful to specify the inversion contour.

1. (a) [3 marks] Locally near  $A$ ,

$$w = -\frac{Q}{2\pi} \log z + c = -\frac{Q}{2\pi} \log r - \frac{iQ\theta}{2\pi} + c, \quad [1]$$

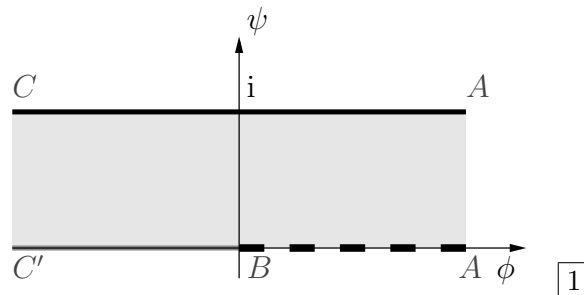
where  $z = re^{i\theta}$ . Since  $\psi = 0$  on  $AB$ , where  $\theta = \pi/2$ ,  $\text{Im}(c) = Q/4$ . Then, on  $AC$ ,  $\psi = \text{Im}(c) = Q/4$ . [1] The flux at infinity is

$$-\frac{Q}{4} = u_\infty h \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_\infty = -\frac{Q}{4h}.$$

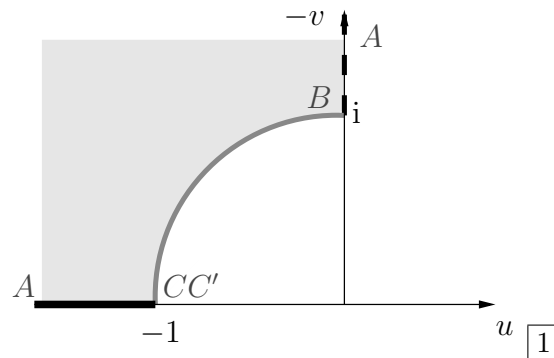
Now scale  $x$  and  $y$  with  $h$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  with  $|u_\infty|$ , and  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  with  $Q/4$ . [1]

□ **Bookwork/similar to examples**

(b) [6 marks] Since  $\psi = 0$  on  $ABC'$  and at infinity the velocity is  $(-1, 0) = (\psi_y, -\psi_x)$  with fluid height 1 the stream function takes the value 1 on  $AC$  (or from part (a)) [1]. Thus the potential plane is the strip  $0 < \psi < 1$ ,  $-\infty < \phi < \infty$ , with  $\phi(B) = 0$  [1].



The velocity at  $C$  and  $C'$  is  $(-1, 0)$ . Since  $|w'|$  is constant on  $BC'$  we must have  $|w'| = 1$  on  $BC'$ , and therefore the velocity at  $B$  is  $(0, -1)$ . [1] The speed at  $A$  tends to infinity [1]. On  $AC$  we know  $v = 0$ . On  $AB$  we know  $u = 0$ .



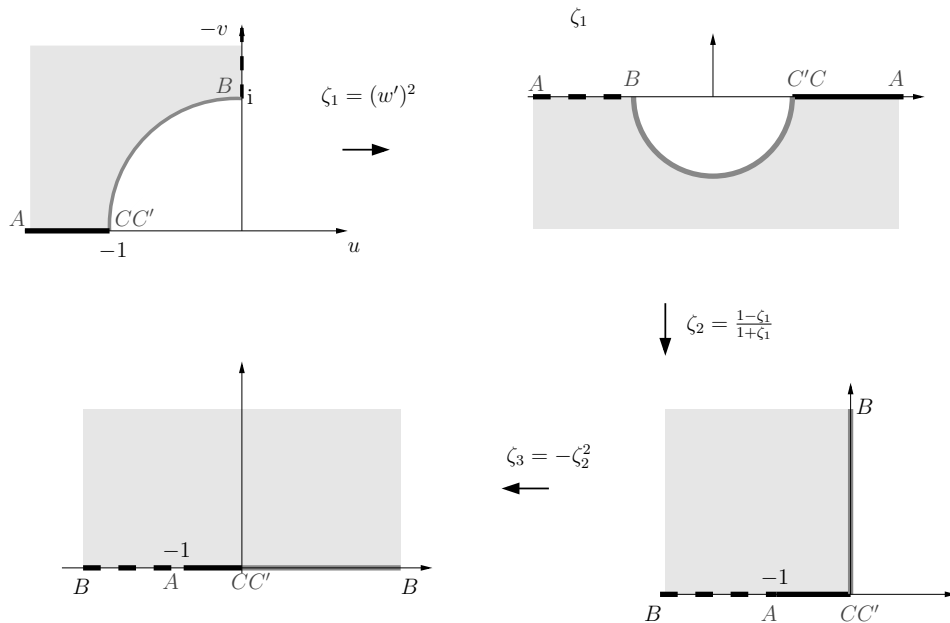
**New example, but familiar method. New idea having a sink in the flow. Will take some thought to identify the correct region, with the velocity at  $A$  tending to infinity.**

□

(c) [6 marks] For the hodograph plane, first get rid of the corner at infinity by squaring:  $\zeta_1 = (w')^2$ . This gets us the lower half-plane minus a semi-circle [1]. Then use the mobius map

$$\zeta_2 = \frac{1 - \zeta_1}{\zeta_1 + 1}$$

which sends 1 to 0,  $-1$  to  $\infty$ , and  $\infty$  to  $-1$  [1]. Thus this maps the semicircle to the second quadrant [1]. Now square and minus to get the upper half plane [1].



Thus

$$\zeta_3 = - \left( \frac{1 - (w')^2}{1 + (w')^2} \right)^2.$$

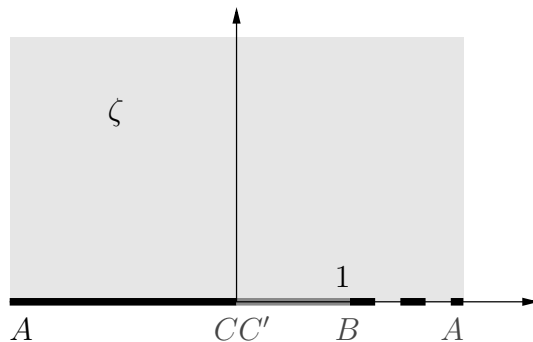
$$\zeta_A = -1, \quad \zeta_B = \infty, \quad \zeta_C = 0, \quad \boxed{2}.$$

□ **New example, but some of the maps have been seen before.**

(d) [5 marks] To map the strip in the potential plane to the upper-half plane, we use

$$\zeta = e^{\pi w}. \quad \boxed{1}$$

This maps  $B$  to 1,  $CC'$  to 0 and  $A$  to  $\infty$ .  $\boxed{1}$



In the hodograph  $\zeta_3$ -plane the points are in the wrong places. We need to send 0 to 0,  $\infty$  to 1 and  $-1$  to infinity  $\boxed{1}$ . Thus we need to set

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta &= \frac{\zeta_3}{\zeta_3 + 1} = - \left( \frac{1 - (w')^2}{1 + (w')^2} \right)^2 \bigg/ \left( 1 - \left( \frac{1 - (w')^2}{1 + (w')^2} \right)^2 \right) \\ &= - \frac{(1 - (w')^2)^2}{(1 + (w')^2)^2 - (1 - (w')^2)^2} = - \frac{(1 - (w')^2)^2}{4(w')^2}. \quad \boxed{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $w$  satisfies the differential equation

$$e^{\pi w} = - \frac{(1 - (w')^2)^2}{4(w')^2}.$$

□ **New example. Need to be careful to make sure all the points are in the right place.**

(e) [5 marks] Setting  $w' = e^{-i\theta}$  gives

$$e^{\pi w} = -\frac{(1 - e^{-2i\theta})^2}{4e^{-2i\theta}} = -\frac{(e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})^2}{4} = \sin^2 \theta. \quad \boxed{1}$$

Differentiating with respect to  $\theta$ ,

$$2 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \pi e^{\pi w} w' \frac{dz}{d\theta} = \pi \sin^2 \theta e^{-i\theta} \frac{dz}{d\theta}.$$

Thus

$$\frac{dz}{d\theta} = \frac{2e^{i\theta} \cos \theta}{\pi \sin \theta}. \quad \boxed{1}$$

Separating into real and imaginary parts

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta}{\pi \sin \theta}, \quad \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\pi}.$$

Thus

$$y = 1 + \frac{2 \sin \theta}{\pi}, \quad \boxed{1}$$

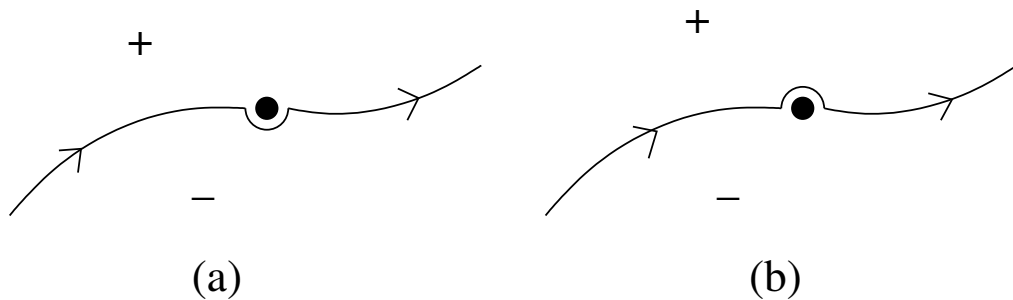
where we have used  $y \rightarrow 1$  as  $\theta \rightarrow \pi$  to fix the constant.

At  $B$ ,  $\theta \rightarrow 3\pi/2$ ,  $y \rightarrow 1 - 2/\pi$ .  $\boxed{1}$

For a point source the picture would be the same. Simply set  $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow -\mathbf{u}$ .  $\boxed{1}$

□ **New example. Will require some thought**

2. (a) [5 marks] Label the left-hand side of  $\Gamma$  as “+” and the right-hand side as “-”  $\boxed{1}$ . As  $z \rightarrow t \in \Gamma$  from the plus side indent the contour with a small semi-circle around  $t$  as shown in (a)  $\boxed{1}$ .



Then

$$w_+(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \int_{\text{one end}}^{t-\epsilon} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta - t} + \int_{\text{semicircle}|\zeta-t|=\epsilon} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta - t} + \int_{\text{other end}}^{t-\epsilon} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta - t} \right).$$

As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  the semicircle gives a contribution  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \pi i f(t)$   $\boxed{1}$ . Thus

$$w_+(t) = \frac{f(t)}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta - t},$$

where

$$f = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left( \int^{t-\epsilon} + \int_{t+\epsilon} \right). \quad \boxed{1}$$

As  $z \rightarrow t \in \Gamma$  from the minus side we need to indent the contour on the other side with a small semi-circle around  $t$  as shown in (b). The semicircle now gives a contribution  $-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \times \pi i f(t)$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , [1] so that

$$w_-(t) = -\frac{f(t)}{2} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\zeta) d\zeta}{\zeta - t}.$$

□ **Bookwork**

- (b) [5 marks] Let  $\tilde{w}(z)$  be holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [0, 1]$  and such that  $\tilde{w}_+(x) = -\tilde{w}_-(x) \neq 0$ . Let  $W = w/\tilde{w}$ . Then

$$W_+(x) - W_-(x) = \frac{w_+(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)} - \frac{w_-(x)}{\tilde{w}_-(x)} = \frac{w_+(x) + w_-(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)} = \frac{2ig'(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)}.$$

If we write

$$W(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^1 \frac{F(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi,$$

then, by Plemelj,

$$W_+(x) - W_-(x) = F(x) = \frac{2ig'(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)}.$$

Thus the general solution is

$$W(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{g'(\xi)}{\tilde{w}_+(\xi)(\xi - z)} d\xi + H(z),$$

where  $H$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ . Thus

$$w(z) = \frac{\tilde{w}(z)}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{g'(\xi)}{\tilde{w}_+(\xi)(\xi - z)} d\xi + \tilde{w}(z)H(z),$$

as required.

[5] **Bookwork**

- (c) [5 marks] We choose

$$\tilde{w}(z) = \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} \quad [1]$$

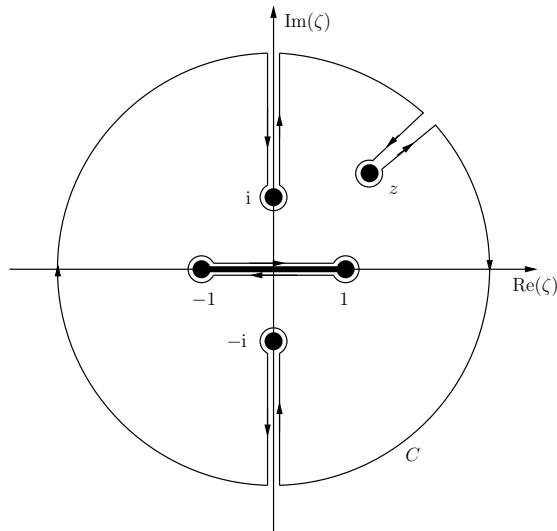
where we choose the branch cut to lie along  $[0, 1]$  with  $w$  real and positive on top of the cut. This means, for example,  $0 < \arg(z) < 2\pi$ ,  $-\pi < \arg(1-z) < \pi$ . [1] Then

$$w(z) = \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\xi^{1/2} g'(\xi)}{(1-\xi)^{1/2}(\xi-z)} d\xi + \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} H(z).$$

Since  $w = O(z^{-1/2})$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$  and  $w = O(1)$  as  $z \rightarrow 1$ ,  $H$  can have only removable singularities there, and is therefore entire. [1] Since  $w = O(1/z)$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $H = O(1/z)$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ . [1] Hence by Liouville  $H \equiv 0$ . [1]

□ **Similar to worked examples/bookwork**

- (d) [5 marks] With  $g(x) = \log(1+x^2)$ ,  $g'(x) = 2x/(1+x^2)$ , and



$$\begin{aligned}
 w(z) &= \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{\xi^{3/2}}{(1+\xi^2)(1-\xi)^{1/2}(\xi-z)} d\xi \\
 &= \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_C \frac{\zeta^{3/2}}{(1+\zeta^2)(1-\zeta)^{1/2}(\zeta-z)} d\zeta \\
 &= \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} 2i \left( \frac{i2^{-1/4}e^{3i\pi/8}}{2i(i-z)} + \frac{-i2^{-1/4}e^{5i\pi/8}}{-2i(-i-z)} + \frac{z^{3/2}}{(1+z^2)(1-z)^{1/2}} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} 2i \left( \frac{-(z+i)e^{i3\pi/8}}{2^{5/4}(z^2+1)} + \frac{(z-i)e^{-3i\pi/8}}{2^{5/4}(z^2+1)} + \frac{z^{3/2}}{(1+z^2)(1-z)^{1/2}} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} 2i \left( \frac{-z(e^{i3\pi/8} - e^{-3i\pi/8}) + e^{-i\pi/8} - e^{i\pi/8}}{2^{5/4}(z^2+1)} + \frac{z^{3/2}}{(1+z^2)(1-z)^{1/2}} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} 2i \left( \frac{-i \sin(3\pi/8)z - i \sin(\pi/8)}{2^{1/4}(z^2+1)} + \frac{z^{3/2}}{(1+z^2)(1-z)^{1/2}} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{1/2} \frac{2^{3/4}(\sin(\pi/8) + \sin(3\pi/8)z)}{(z^2+1)} + 2i \frac{z}{(1+z^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

**New example. The extra poles in the integral have not been seen before. Getting the right branch of the square root at  $\pm i$  is crucial and will require some thought**

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(e) [5 marks] With

$$w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^1 \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi$$

by Plemelj

$$w_+(x) + w_-(x) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^1 \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - x} d\xi = 2ig'(x) = \frac{4ix}{1+x^2},$$

so that  $f$  satisfies the given singular integral equation. A solution is therefore given by

$$f(x) = w_+(x) - w_-(x) = \frac{2^{7/4}(1-x)^{1/2}(\sin(\pi/8) + \sin(3\pi/8)x)}{x^{1/2}(x^2+1)}.$$

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**New example. Will require some thought**

3. (a) [3 marks]  $\bar{f}_+(k)$  is defined for  $\text{Im}(k) > 0$ . □ 1

$$\bar{f}_+(k) = \int_0^\infty x e^{ikx} dx = \left[ \frac{x e^{ikx}}{ik} \right]_0^\infty - \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{ikx}}{ik} dk = - \left[ \frac{e^{ikx}}{(ik)^2} \right]_0^\infty = -\frac{1}{k^2}. \quad \square 1$$

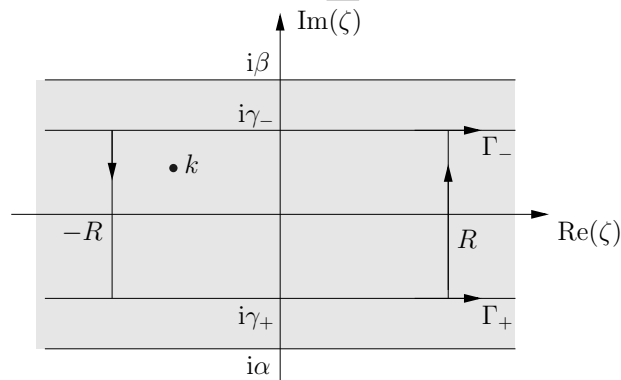
It may be analytically continued to  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . □ 1

□ **Bookwork/Straightforward calculation**

- (b) [5 marks] By Cauchy

$$G(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_\Gamma \frac{G(\zeta)}{\zeta - k} d\zeta, \quad \square 1$$

where  $\Gamma \subset \Omega$  is the rectangular contour with sides  $\text{Re}(\zeta) = \pm R$ ,  $\text{Im}(\zeta) = \gamma_\pm$  where  $-R < \text{Re}(k) < R$ ,  $\alpha < \gamma_+ < \text{Im}(k) < \gamma_- < \beta$ . □ 1



Since  $G(\zeta) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|\zeta| \rightarrow \infty$  in  $\Omega$  the contribution from the vertical sides  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , □ 1 giving  $G(k) = G_+(k) - G_-(k)$  for  $\gamma_+ < \text{Im}(k) < \gamma_-$  where

$$G_\pm(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_\pm} \frac{G(\zeta)}{\zeta - k} d\zeta,$$

and  $\Gamma_\pm = \{\xi + i\gamma_\pm : -\infty < \xi < \infty\}$ . □ 1 Note that  $\Gamma_+$  passes underneath  $k$ , while  $\Gamma_-$  passes above  $k$ . Since  $G_\pm(k)$  is holomorphic everywhere except on  $\Gamma_\pm$ , we deduce that  $G_+(k)$  is holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) > \gamma_+$  and  $G_-(k)$  is holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) < \gamma_-$ . □ 1

□ **Bookwork**

- (c) [7 marks] Put the branch cuts up the the imaginary axis from  $i$  and down the imaginary axis from  $-i$ , so that  $-3\pi/2 < \arg(k - i) < \pi/2$  and  $-\pi/2 < \arg(k + i) < 3\pi/2$ . Then  $-\pi/2 < \arg(k - i)^{1/2} < 0$  and  $0 < \arg(k + i)^{1/2} < \pi/2$  for  $-1 < \text{Im}(k) < 1$ . □ 2

$$G_+(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_+} \frac{(\zeta - i)^{1/2}}{\zeta^2(\zeta - k)} d\zeta, \quad 0 < \gamma_+ < \text{Im}(k)$$

Since there is a branch point at  $\zeta = i$  close at  $-i\infty$  to give  $-2\pi i \times$  residue at  $\zeta = 0$ . □ 1  
For this we need the Taylor series

$$\frac{(\zeta - i)^{1/2}}{\zeta - k} = \frac{(-i)^{1/2}}{-k} \frac{(1 + i\zeta)^{1/2}}{(1 - \zeta/k)} = \frac{(-i)^{1/2}}{-k} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{i}{2} + \frac{1}{k} \right) \zeta + \dots \right) + \dots \quad \square 1$$

Thus

$$G_+(k) = \frac{(-i)^{1/2}}{k} \left( \frac{i}{2} + \frac{1}{k} \right) = \frac{(-i)^{1/2}(ik + 2)}{2k^2} = \frac{e^{-i\pi/4}i(k - 2i)}{2k^2} = \frac{e^{i\pi/4}(k - 2i)}{2k^2}. \quad \square 2$$

$$G_-(k) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma_-} \frac{(\zeta - i)^{1/2}}{\zeta^2(\zeta - k)} d\zeta, \quad \text{Im}(k) < \gamma_- < 1$$

Again close at  $-\infty$  to give the same contribution from  $\zeta = 0$  plus the residue at  $\zeta = k$ :

$$G_-(k) = \frac{e^{i\pi/4}(k - 2i)}{2k^2} - \frac{(k - i)^{1/2}}{k^2}. \quad [1]$$

**Will require some thought because of the double pole.**

□

(d) [5 marks] Taking the Fourier transform of the equation gives

$$-k^2 \bar{u} + \bar{u}_{yy} - \bar{u} = 0,$$

so that

$$\bar{u} = A(k)e^{-(k^2+1)^{1/2}y} + B(k)e^{(k^2+1)^{1/2}y}, \quad [1]$$

where the branch cuts of  $(k^2 + 1)^{1/2}$  are up the imaginary axis from  $i$  and down the imaginary axis from  $-i$ , with  $(k^2 + 1)^{1/2}$  real and positive for real  $k$ . [1] Since  $u \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow \infty$  we must have  $B = 0$ . [1] The boundary conditions give

$$\begin{aligned} A(k) &= \bar{f}_- + \bar{f}_+, \\ -(k^2 + 1)^{1/2}A(k) &= \bar{g}_+, \end{aligned} \quad [1]$$

so that

$$\bar{g}_+ = -(k^2 + 1)^{1/2}(\bar{f}_- + \bar{f}_+) = -(k^2 + 1)^{1/2} \left( \bar{f}_- - \frac{1}{k^2} \right),$$

i.e.

$$\bar{g}_+ + (k^2 + 1)^{1/2} \bar{f}_- = \frac{(k^2 + 1)^{1/2}}{k^2}. \quad [1]$$

□

**New example, but standard technique**

(e) [5 marks] Factoring  $(k^2 + 1)^{1/2} = (k + i)^{1/2}(k - i)^{1/2}$  gives

$$\frac{\bar{g}_+}{(k + i)^{1/2}} = -(k - i)^{1/2} \bar{f}_- + \frac{(k - i)^{1/2}}{k^2}. \quad [1]$$

We need an additive decomposition of the last term, which is given by part (c). Then

$$\frac{\bar{g}_+}{(k + i)^{1/2}} - \frac{e^{i\pi/4}(k - 2i)}{2k^2} = -(k - i)^{1/2} \bar{f}_- - \frac{e^{i\pi/4}(k - 2i)}{2k^2} + \frac{(k - i)^{1/2}}{k^2}. \quad [1]$$

The LHS is holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) > 0$ , while the RHS is holomorphic in  $\text{Im}(k) < 1$ . Since they agree on the strip  $0 < \text{Im}(k) < 1$  both can be extended to an entire function. [1] Since  $k^{-1/2} \bar{g}_+ \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  this entire function must be zero. Thus

$$\bar{g}_+ = \frac{e^{i\pi/4}(k - 2i)(k + i)^{1/2}}{2k^2}.$$

Then

$$A(k) = -\frac{e^{i\pi/4}(k - 2i)}{2k^2(k - i)^{1/2}}.$$

Thus

$$u = -\frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{4\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{(k - 2i)}{k^2(k - i)^{1/2}} e^{-ikx - (k^2+1)^{1/2}y} dk, \quad [1]$$

where the contour must pass above  $k = 0$  but below  $k = i$ . [1]

□

**New example. Will require some thought**