MAT 536, Spring 2024, Sample Final Exam Name ID Part I Part II

Part I: True/False. Put a "T" or "F" in each box. 2 points each, 20 points total.

Part II: Do three of the following four problems. Mark the boxes next to the problems you want graded. 10 points each, 30 points total.

(1) Prove that if f = u + iv is analytic on the plane and $|u| \le |v| + 1$, then f is constant.

Sketch: If this condition holds, then f maps into a region on the plane the does not include the disk $\{z : |z - 3| < 1\}$ (many other disks would work too). Thus 1/(f(z) - 3) is analytic map of the plane into the unit dis, so it must be constant by Liouville's theorem. Thus f is constant.

(2) Suppose f is entire (analytic on whole plane). Must f have a fixed point (a solution of f(z) = z)? Prove or give a counterexample.

Sketch: No. e^z is never zero, so $f(z) = z + e^z$ is never equal to z.

(3) Suppose f and g are entire and $f^3 + g^3 = 1$. Prove f and g are constant. (Hint: apply Picard's theorem to f/g).

Sketch: Suppose there are such a non-constant pair f and g. If the equation holds then $(f/g)^3 + 1 = 1/g^3$. Since g is assumed non-constant, this implies f/g is meromorphic and non-constant. Since f/g is meromorphic and non-constant, by Picard's little theorem it can omit at most two values. So there must be some z where f/g is equal one of the three cube roots of -1. But then $1/g^3(z) = 1 - 1 = 0$, so $g(z) = \infty$, contradicting that g is analtyic. The contradiction means there is no such pair f, g.

(4) Suppose f is analytic on $\mathbb{D} = \{|z| < 1\}$ and that it extends to be continuous and non-vanishing on $\mathbb{T} = \{|z| = 1\}$. Prove there is a analytic g on \mathbb{D} so that |g| = |f| on \mathbb{T} and g is non-vanishing on all of $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$.

Sketch: Since f is continuous on the closure of the disk and non-vanishing on the boundary, all its zeros are bounded away from the circle. Since the zeros can't accumulate inside the disk, there can only be finitely many. Let $B(z) = \prod (z - a_n)/(1 - \overline{a_n}z)$ be the finite Blaschke product with the same zeros as f (counted with multiplicity). Then |B| = 1 on the circle, so g = f/B is analytic with no zeros in \mathbb{D} and |g| = |f|/|B| = |f| on the circle.