

1. Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Show that a function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow X$  into a Banach space  $X$  is weakly analytic if and only if it is strongly analytic.
 

**Hint:** (i) If  $\overline{b_r(z_0)} \subset \Omega$ , show that  $\left\{ \frac{1}{h}(f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)) : |h| \leq r \right\}$  is bounded.  
 (ii) Show that  $f$  is continuous.  
 (iii) Define  $x_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{it})(re^{it})^{-n} dt$ . Show that  $f(z_0 + z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} x_n z^n$ .
2. Let  $a$  be an element of a unital Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Suppose that  $f(z)$  is analytic in a neighbourhood of  $\sigma(a)$  and that  $g(w)$  is analytic in a neighbourhood of  $f(\sigma(a))$ . Show that  $(g \circ f)(a) = g(f(a))$ .
3. Define  $e^a = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{n!} a^n$ .
  - (a) If  $ab = ba$ , show that  $e^{a+b} = e^a e^b$ .
  - (b) Let  $a \in \mathfrak{A}^{-1}$  such that  $0$  is in the unbounded component of the resolvent. (This includes special case  $\|1 - a\| < 1$ .) Prove that there is an element  $b \in \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $a = e^b$ .
4. *Kakutani's shift.* Let  $\{e_n : n \geq 0\}$  be an orthonormal basis for a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $a_n = \gcd(n, 2^n)^{-1}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Define  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  by  $Ae_n = a_{n+1}e_{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 0$ .
  - (a) Compute  $\text{spr}(A)$ . **Hint:** Compute  $\|A^{2^n}\|$ .
  - (b) Show  $A$  is unitarily equivalent to  $\lambda A$  for  $|\lambda| = 1$ . What does this say about  $\sigma(A)$ ?
  - (c) Define  $A_k \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  by  $A_k e_n = a_{n,k} e_{n+1}$ , where  $a_{n,k} = a_{n+1}$  if  $a_{n+1} \geq 2^{-k}$  and  $a_{n,k} = 0$  otherwise. Find  $\sigma(A_k)$ . Show that  $A = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} A_k$ .
  - (d) Show that  $\sigma(A)$  is the disk of radius  $\text{spr}(A)$ . **Hint:** if  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}e_0 = \sum c_n e_n$ , solve for  $c_n$  in terms of  $\lambda$  and  $b_n = \|A^n e_0\|$ . Use info about  $b_n$  from 3(a).
  - (e) Conclude that the spectrum and spectral radius are not continuous functions.
5. *Upper semicontinuity of the spectrum.* Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a unital Banach algebra;  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ .
  - (a) Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , find  $\delta > 0$  so that  $\|a - b\| < \delta$  implies that  $\sigma(b)$  is contained in  $\sigma(a)_\varepsilon := \{z : \text{dist}(z, \sigma(a)) < \varepsilon\}$ . **Hint:** Enclose  $\sigma(a)$  inside a curve  $\mathcal{C}$  contained in  $\sigma(a)_\varepsilon$ . Then  $\|R(a, z)\|$  is bounded on  $\mathcal{C}$ .
  - (b) Suppose  $\sigma(a) = \sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2$ , where  $\sigma_i$  are disjoint non-empty clopen subsets of  $\sigma(a)$ . Enclose  $\sigma_1$  inside curves  $\mathcal{C}_i$  so that  $\overline{\Omega_i} = \mathcal{C}_i \cup \{z : \text{ind}_{\mathcal{C}_i}(z) \neq 0\}$  are disjoint (how?). Find  $\delta > 0$  so that  $\|a - b\| < \delta$  implies that  $\sigma(b) \cap \Omega_i$  is not empty.  
**Hint:** Use part (a) to get  $\delta$ . Let  $b_t = (1 - t)a + tb$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Consider the Riesz projection  $e_t$  for the operator  $b_t$  and its spectrum in  $\Omega_1$ . This is a continuous path.
6. (a) Let  $\mathfrak{A}_0^{-1}$  denote the set of all invertible elements of a Banach algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  which may be written as a finite product of exponentials  $e^{b_i}$ . Show that this is a normal subgroup of the group  $\mathfrak{A}^{-1}$  of invertible elements of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\mathfrak{A}_0^{-1}$  consists of all invertible elements which can be connected to the identity by a continuous path of invertible elements. Hence conclude that it is an open subgroup (and thus also closed). **Hint:** problem 3(b).
  - (c) Let  $\mathfrak{A} = C(\mathbb{T})$ . Describe  $C(\mathbb{T})_0^{-1}$  and  $C(\mathbb{T})^{-1}/C(\mathbb{T})_0^{-1}$ .