



1. (10 points) Use complex analysis to evaluate

$$I_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin(n\theta)}{\sin(\theta)} d\theta \quad (1)$$

for every positive  $n$ .

**Solution:** If  $z = e^{i\theta}$  we have that:

$$\sin(n\theta) = \frac{z^n - z^{-n}}{2i} \quad (2)$$

so that we can write:

$$I_n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{z^n - z^{-n}}{z(z - z^{-1})} dz = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{z^{2n} - 1}{z^n(z^2 - 1)} dz \quad (3)$$

where  $\gamma = \{e^{i\theta} \mid 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$ . Observe that

$$\frac{z^{2n} - 1}{z^2 - 1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z^{2k} \quad (4)$$

Only the term with  $2k = n - 1$  in the previous sum gives a non zero contribution when inserted in the integral. Thus we have:

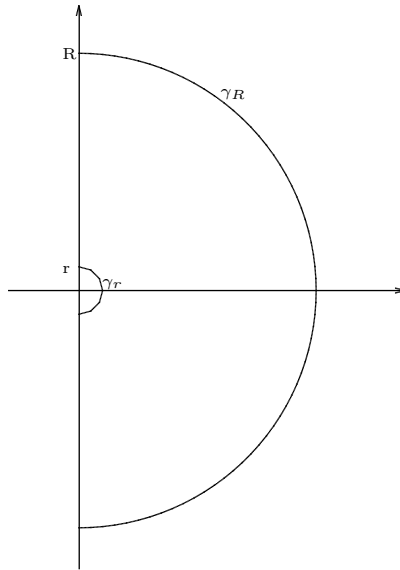
$$I_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ 1 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

2. (12 points) Compute

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\log(x))^2}{2+x^2} dx. \quad (6)$$

(Hint: Write the integral as an integral on a path containing the complex axis.)

**Solution:** we choose for  $\log(z)$  the standard branch. Let  $\gamma$  be the curve:



We have

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{(\log(z))^2}{2-z^2} dz = \frac{2i\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} (\log \sqrt{2})^2 \quad (7)$$

since there is only one pole in the curve at  $z = \sqrt{2}$ . On the other hand we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma} \frac{(\log(z))^2}{2-z^2} dz &= i \int_r^R \frac{(\log(x) + i\frac{\pi}{2})^2}{2+x^2} dx + i \int_{-R}^{-r} \frac{(\log(|x|) - i\frac{\pi}{2})^2}{2+x^2} dx \\ &+ \int_{\gamma_R} \frac{(\log(z))^2}{2-z^2} dz + \int_{\gamma_r} \frac{(\log(z))^2}{2-z^2} dz \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Reasoning exactly like in the example in the book we get that the limit for  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r \rightarrow 0$  of the last two integrals is 0. Thus we have, after taking the limits, that

$$\frac{2\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} (\log \sqrt{2})^2 = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\log(x))^2}{2+x^2} dx - \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2+x^2} dx \quad (9)$$

Finally we get

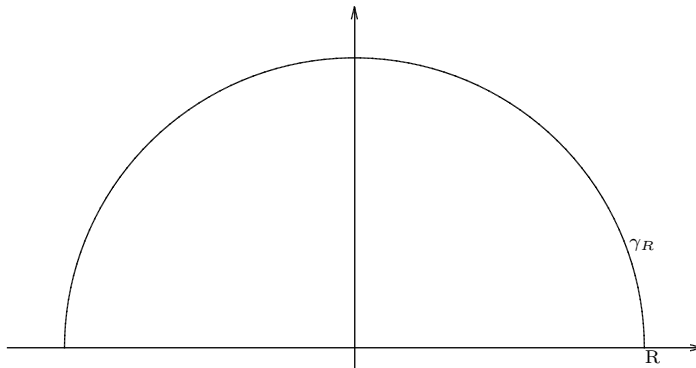
$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{(\log(x))^2}{2+x^2} dx = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{16} ((\log 2)^2 + \pi^2) \quad (10)$$

3. (10 points) Compute the integral

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \sin(ax)}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx \quad (11)$$

where  $a > 0$ .

**Solution:** Let  $\gamma$  be the curve:



We have

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{ze^{iaz}}{(z^2 + 1)^2} dz = \int_{-R}^R \frac{xe^{iax}}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx + \int_{\gamma_R} \frac{ze^{iaz}}{(z^2 + 1)^2} dz \quad (12)$$

where  $\gamma_R$  is the semicircle. Observe that the limit for  $R \rightarrow \infty$  of the integral on  $\gamma_R$  is 0. On the other hand we have

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{ze^{iaz}}{(z^2 + 1)^2} dz = \frac{i\pi}{2} ae^{-a}. \quad (13)$$

We thus have

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \sin(ax)}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{4} ae^{-a} \quad (14)$$

4. (10 points) Show that the function

$$f(z) = \frac{\cos(z)}{z^2} \quad (15)$$

is the derivative of a function  $F$  analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Write the Laurent series for  $F$  around  $z = 0$ .

**Solution:** Since every closed path in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  is homotopically equivalent to  $\gamma_n = \{e^{in\theta} \mid 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$  for some  $n$ , it is enough to observe that, due to symmetry,

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \frac{\cos(z)}{z^2} dz = i \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(e^{i\theta}) e^{-i\theta} d\theta = 0 \quad (16)$$

to obtain that the primitive  $F$  exists and is analytic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . We clearly have

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} z^{2(n-1)} \quad (17)$$

so that we get that  $F$  must be, apart from an additive constant,

$$F(z) = -\frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n-1)(2n)!} z^{2n-1} \quad (18)$$

5. (10 points) Consider the function  $f$  given by the power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k^2 + 5k - 1)z^k \quad (19)$$

Show that  $f$  can be extended to a meromorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Find the Laurent expansion of  $f$  around  $z = 1$ .

**Solution:** Observe that

$$k^2 + 5k - 1 = (k + 2)(k + 1) + 2(k + 1) - 5 \quad (20)$$

so that

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k + 2)(k + 1)z^k + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k + 1)z^k - 5 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k = \frac{1}{(1 - z)^3} - \frac{2}{(1 - z)^2} - \frac{5}{1 - z} \quad (21)$$

6. (10 points) Consider the function

$$f(z) = \frac{\exp \frac{1}{z}}{(2-z)^2} \quad (22)$$

Find the positive part of the Laurent expansion of  $f$  around  $z = 0$ .

**Solution:** Observe that, apart  $z = 0$ ,  $f$  has a unique pole of order 2 in  $z = 2$ . We can thus write:

$$f(z) = \frac{\exp \frac{1}{z} - \sqrt{e} + \sqrt{e}(z-2)/4}{(z-2)^2} + \sqrt{e} \frac{1}{(z-2)^2} - \frac{\sqrt{e}}{4} \frac{1}{z-2} \quad (23)$$

The function

$$g(z) = \frac{\exp \frac{1}{z} - \sqrt{e} + \sqrt{e}(z-2)/4}{(2-z)^2} \quad (24)$$

is analytic in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} |f(z)| = 0$ . This implies that its Laurent expansion contains only term with negative powers of  $z$ . It follows that the positive part of the Laurent expansion is obtained expanding

$$h(z) = \sqrt{e} \frac{1}{(z-2)^2} + \frac{\sqrt{e}}{4} \frac{1}{z-2} = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{4} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k+2}{2^{(k+1)}} z^k \quad (25)$$

7. (8 points) Let  $f$  be a non constant meromorphic function on  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z$ . Prove that there exists a sequence  $z_n$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(z_n) = 0$ .

**Solution:** From the hypothesis it follows that  $g(z) = 1/f(z)$  is an entire function since it has no pole and it has only removable singularities where  $f(z)$  has poles. It follows that  $g$  cannot be bounded since  $f$ , and thus  $g$ , is not constant. This means that there exists a sequence  $z_n$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |g(z_n)| = \infty$  which implies that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(z_n) = 0$ .



8. Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function.

- (a) (8 points) Suppose that  $f$  is analytic in  $A_R = \{z \mid |z| > R\}$  for some  $R > 0$ . Show that  $f$  can be written as the ratio of two entire functions.

**Solution:** Observe first that the complement of  $A_R$  is the closed disk  $D_R$  of radius  $R$  centered at the origin. Since  $D_R$  is compact  $f$  can have at most a finite number of poles. Let  $p_k, k = 1, \dots, m$ , be the poles and  $n_k$  their multiplicity. We know that we can write  $f$  as:

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{q_k(z)}{(z - p_k)^{n_k}} + r(z) \quad (26)$$

where  $q_k$  is a polynomial of degree less than  $n_k$  and  $r$  is an entire function. It is now enough to collect the denominators to obtain

$$f(z) = \frac{r(z) + \sum_k q_k(z) \prod_{i \neq k} (z - p_i)^{n_i}}{\prod_k (z - p_k)^{n_k}} \quad (27)$$

Clearly both the denominator and the numerator are entire functions.

- (b) (12 points (bonus)) Is the conclusion still valid if we remove the assumption that  $f$  is analytic in  $D_R$ ?

**Solution:**

9. (12 points) Let  $f$  be an analytic function in  $D = \{z \mid |z| < 1\}$  such that  $f(z) \neq 0$  for all  $z \in D$ . Show that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-it} \log |f(re^{it})| dt = \frac{rf'(0)}{2f(0)} \quad (28)$$

(Hint: Observe that  $f'/f = (\log f)'$  and  $\log |f| = \Re(\log f) = (\log f + \overline{\log f})/2$ .)

**Solution:** Since  $f$  is never 0 we have that  $g(z) = \log f(z)$  is well defined and analytic for  $z \in D$ . Let  $\gamma = \{re^{i\theta} \mid 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$ , we have

$$0 = \int_{\gamma} g(z) dz = ir \int_0^{2\pi} \log(f(re^{it})) e^{it} dt \quad (29)$$

Taking the complex conjugate we get

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{\log(f(re^{it}))} e^{-it} dt = 0 \quad (30)$$

On the other hand

$$\frac{f'(0)}{f(0)} = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{g(z)}{z^2} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi r} \int_0^{2\pi} \log(f(re^{it})) e^{-it} dt \quad (31)$$

Summing this two equations give the thesis.