

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

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

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

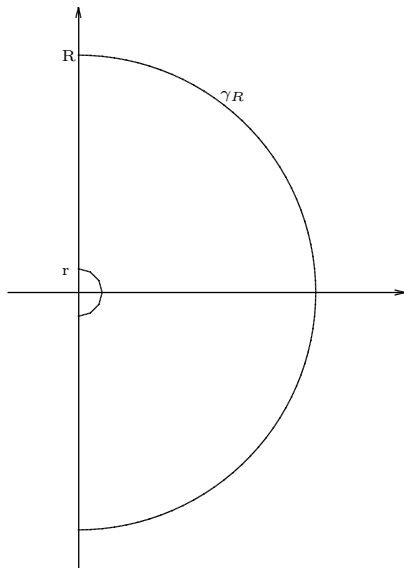
$$I_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ even} \\ 1 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

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 defined in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{z \mid z < 0\}$. Let γ be the curve in



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

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

where γ_R and γ_r are the two semicircle. Reasoning exactly like in example ?? we get that the limit for $R \rightarrow \infty$ and $r \rightarrow 0$ of the last two integral 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 γ 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 γ_R is the semicircle. Observe that the limit for $R \rightarrow \infty$ of the integral on γ_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 $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. Since we clearly have

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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

The function

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

is analytic in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} |f(z)| = 0$ so 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 , $k = 1, \dots, n$, be the poles and n_k their multiplicity. We know that we can write f as:

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

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.