

SOLUTIONS TO HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT # 5

1. Use Cauchy's Integral Theorem to evaluate the following integrals.

- (a) $\int_C \frac{z}{z^3 + 1} dz$, where C is the positively oriented circle $|z - 2| = 2$.
- (b) $\int_C \frac{z}{z^2 + z - 2} dz$, where C is the circle $|z| = 3$, oriented in the clockwise direction.
- (c) $\int_C \frac{\cos \pi(z - 1)}{z(z^2 + 16)(z^2 - 16)(z^2 + 25)^2(z^2 - 25)^2} dz$, where C is the circle $|z| = \pi$ oriented positively.

Solution:

(a) Suppose the partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{z}{z^3 + 1}$ is

$$\frac{z}{z^3 + 1} = \frac{A}{z + 1} + \frac{B}{z - e^{\pi i/3}} + \frac{C}{z - e^{-\pi i/3}}$$

Notice that $\int_C \frac{A}{z + 1} dz = 0$ since $z = -1$ is exterior to C . The other 2 roots are interior to C . Next we compute B and C :

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \left. \frac{z(z - e^{\pi i/3})}{z^3 + 1} \right|_{z=e^{\pi i/3}} = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{3e^{2\pi i/3}} = \frac{e^{-\pi i/3}}{3} \\ C &= \left. \frac{z(z - e^{-\pi i/3})}{z^3 + 1} \right|_{z=e^{-\pi i/3}} = \frac{e^{-\pi i/3}}{3e^{-2\pi i/3}} = \frac{e^{\pi i/3}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\int_C \frac{z}{z^3 + 1} dz = 2\pi i(B + C) = \frac{2\pi i}{3}$$

(b) The partial fraction decomposition is $\frac{z}{z^2 + z - 2} = \frac{2/3}{z + 2} + \frac{1/3}{z - 1}$. Since both roots are interior to C we have $\int_C \frac{z}{z^2 + z - 2} dz = 2\pi i \left(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \right) = 2\pi i$.

(c) The partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{1}{z(z^2 + 16)(z^2 - 16)(z^2 + 25)^2(z^2 - 25)^2}$ will have the form $\frac{1}{z(z^2 + 16)(z^2 - 16)(z^2 + 25)^2(z^2 - 25)^2} = \frac{A}{z} + \text{other terms}$, where the other terms contribute 0 to the integral. **Why is this?**

Now we compute $A = \left. \frac{z}{z(z^2 + 16)(z^2 - 16)(z^2 + 25)^2(z^2 - 25)^2} \right|_{z=0} = -10^{-8}$. Therefore

$$\int_C \frac{\cos \pi(z - 1)}{z(z^2 + 16)(z^2 - 16)(z^2 + 25)^2(z^2 - 25)^2} dz = A \int_C \frac{\cos \pi(z - 1)}{z} dz = 2\pi i \times 10^{-8}.$$

Question Where did the minus sign go?

2. Let C be a simple closed contour and let D be its interior. Suppose $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ are analytic in D and on C .

(a) Show that $f(z) = g(z) \forall z \in D$ if $f(z) = g(z) \forall z \in C$.

(b) Show that $\int_C \frac{f'(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta = \int_C \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta - z)^2} d\zeta \forall z \in D$.

Solution:

(a) By the Cauchy Integral Theorem:

$$\text{for any } z \in D, f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{g(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta = g(z)$$

(b) Apply the Cauchy Integral Theorem twice:

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} dz \implies f'(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta - z)^2} dz \\ f'(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} dz \end{aligned}$$

3. Suppose $f(z)$ is an entire function such that $\text{Im}(f(z))$ is bounded. Show that $f(z)$ is a constant.

Solution: Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$. Then apply Liouville's theorem to the entire function $g(z) = e^{if(z)} = e^{-v+iu}$:

$$|g(z)| = |e^{-v+iu}| = e^{-v} = e^{-\text{Im}(f(z))} \text{ is bounded } \implies f(z) \text{ is a constant.}$$

4. Suppose $P(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{j=k} (z - r_j)^{s_j}$ is a polynomial in factored form and C is a positively oriented simple closed contour such that r_1, \dots, r_n are in the interior of C and the rest of the roots are exterior to C . Show that $\int_C \frac{P'(z)}{P(z)} dz = 2\pi i(s_1 + \dots + s_n)$.

Solution: The partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{P'(z)}{P(z)}$ is $\frac{P'(z)}{P(z)} = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k} \frac{s_j}{z - r_j}$, and therefore

$$\int_C \frac{P'(z)}{P(z)} dz = \sum_{j=1}^{j=k} \int_C \frac{s_j}{z - r_j} dz = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^{j=n} s_j \text{ since the other roots are exterior to } C$$

5. Evaluate $\int_C \frac{e^{iz}}{(z^2 + 1)^3} dz$, where C is the circle $x^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 1$, oriented positively.

Solution: The integrand $\frac{e^{iz}}{(z^2+1)^3}$ fails to be analytic only at $z = \pm i$. First we determine the partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{1}{(z^2+1)^3}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{(z^2+1)^3} &= \frac{A_1}{z-i} + \frac{A_2}{(z-i)^2} + \frac{A_3}{(z-i)^3} + \frac{B_1}{z+i} + \frac{B_2}{(z+i)^2} + \frac{B_3}{(z+i)^3} \\ A_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left(\frac{(z-i)^3}{(z^2+1)^3} \right) \Big|_{z=i} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left(\frac{1}{(z+i)^3} \right) \Big|_{z=i} = -\frac{3}{16}i \\ A_2 &= \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{(z-i)^3}{(z^2+1)^3} \right) \Big|_{z=i} = \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{1}{(z+i)^3} \right) \Big|_{z=i} = -\frac{3}{16} \\ A_3 &= \frac{(z-i)^3}{(z^2+1)^3} \Big|_{z=i} = \frac{1}{(z+i)^3} \Big|_{z=i} = \frac{i}{8}\end{aligned}$$

We don't need to compute the other numerators since $\frac{e^{iz}}{(z+i)^n}$ is analytic on and within C for any integer, and therefore $\int_C \frac{e^{iz}}{(z+i)^n} dz = 0$. Finally

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \frac{e^{iz}}{(z^2+1)^3} dz &= A_1 \int_C \frac{e^{iz}}{z-i} dz + A_2 \int_C \frac{e^{iz}}{(z-i)^2} dz + A_3 \int_C \frac{e^{iz}}{(z-i)^3} dz \\ &= 2\pi i A_1 e^{iz} \Big|_{z=i} + 2\pi i A_2 \frac{d}{dz} (e^{iz}) \Big|_{z=i} + \pi i A_3 \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (e^{iz}) \Big|_{z=i} \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{8e} + \frac{3\pi}{8e} + \frac{\pi}{8e} = \frac{7\pi}{8e}\end{aligned}$$