Assignment 4 MAT 354

Q2: Note that for any path from 0 to 1 in \mathbb{C} , we can write it as a sum of a closed path γ and one of 3 paths $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ which are paths from 0 to 1 which travel around i, 0 to 1 and -i respectively. Using Cauchy's integral formula, we have that

$$\int_{\gamma + \gamma_i} \frac{dz}{1 + z^2} = \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{1 + z^2} + \int_{\gamma_i} \frac{dz}{1 + z^2}.$$

We will compute each integral seperately. By Cauchy's Integral Formula, we have that

$$\int_{\gamma}\frac{dz}{1+z^2}=\frac{-i}{2}\int_{\gamma}\frac{dz}{z-(-i)}+\frac{i}{2}\int_{\gamma}\frac{dz}{z-i}=\frac{-i}{2}(2\pi i)w(\gamma,-i)+\frac{i}{2}(2\pi i)w(\gamma,i)=\pi w(\gamma,-i)-\pi w(\gamma,i)$$

We now compute the value of $\int_{\gamma_i} \frac{dz}{1+z^2}$. First for γ_1 , we have that

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \frac{dz}{1+z^2} = \frac{-i}{2} \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{dz}{z-(-i)} + \frac{i}{2} \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{dz}{z-i} = \frac{-3\pi}{4}.$$

Since a complete path around i will have an integral of $-\pi$, and we add $\frac{\pi}{4}$ from integrating along [0, 1]. Similarly, we have that

$$\int_{\gamma_3} \frac{dz}{1+z^2} = \frac{-3\pi}{4}.$$

Finally, if we integrate along γ_2 , we will have

$$\int_{[0,1]} \frac{dz}{1+z^2} = \arctan(1) - \arctan(0) = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Thus,

$$\int_{\gamma + \gamma_i} \frac{dz}{1 + z^2} = \pi(w(\gamma, -i) - w(\gamma, i)) + \begin{cases} \frac{-3\pi}{4} : i = 1, 3\\ \frac{\pi}{4} : i = 2 \end{cases}$$