Assignment 2 MAT 454

Q2: If our differential form is given by

$$f(z)dz = \frac{1}{(z-3)(z^5-1)}dz.$$

To compute the integral along |z|=4, we can instead change to coordinates at ∞ and compute the residue. Changing coordinates to ∞ by substituting $z\mapsto\frac{1}{z}$ gives us

$$f(\frac{1}{z})d\frac{1}{z} = \frac{-z^4}{(1-3z)(1-z^5)}dz.$$

Thus we compute that

$$\oint_{|z|=4} f(z)dz = \oint_{|z|=\frac{1}{4}} \frac{-z^4}{(1-3z)(1-z^5)} dz = 2\pi i Res \Big(-\frac{1}{z^2} f(\frac{1}{z}), 0\Big) = 0,$$

since our function is holomorphic at ∞ . To compute the same integral along |z|=2, we know that the sum of the residues including at infinity is 0. Therefore we just compute the residue at z=3 since this is not enclosed by |z|=2, and our final answer will be $-(2\pi i \cdot res(f,3))$. We compute the residue at 3 as

$$res(f,3) = \frac{1}{[(z-3)(z^5-1)]'} \Big|_{z=3} = \frac{1}{(6z^5-1-15z^3)} \Big|_{z=3} = \frac{1}{242}.$$

Therefore

$$\oint_{|z|=2} \frac{1}{(z-3)(z^5-1)} dz = -(2\pi i \frac{1}{242}) = -\frac{\pi i}{141}$$