Gate Question

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I. Question GATE PH 56

Consider the complex function

$$f(z) = \frac{z^2 \sin z}{(z - \pi)^4}$$

At $z = \pi$, which of the following options is (are) correct?

- (A) The order of the pole is 4
- **(B)** The order of the pole is 3
- (C) The residue at the pole is $\frac{\pi}{6}$ (D) The residue at the pole is $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

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II. Solution

TABLE 1 INPUT PARAMETERS

Parameter	Used to denote	Values
m	order of pole at $z = \pi$?
$Res(f,\pi)$	Residue of pole	?

(a) As the power of $(z - \pi)$ in denominator is 4, so the order of the pole is 4.

(b)

$$\operatorname{Res}(f,\pi) = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \left[(z-\pi)^m f(z) \right]_{z=\pi}$$
 (1)

$$\operatorname{Res}(f,\pi) = \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} \left[(z - \pi)^4 \frac{z^2 \sin z}{(z - \pi)^4} \right]_{z = \pi}$$
 (2)

$$\operatorname{Res}(f,\pi) = \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} z^2 \sin z \bigg|_{z=\pi}$$
 (3)

$$= \frac{1}{3!} (6\cos z - 6z\sin z - z^2\cos z) \bigg|_{z=z}$$
 (4)

(5)

Since $sin(\pi) = 0$ and $cos(\pi) = -1$, this simplifies to:

$$\operatorname{Res}(f,\pi) = \frac{\pi^2 - 6}{3!} = \frac{\pi^2 - 6}{6} \tag{6}$$