Lectures on Resurgence and Trans-Series

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11. (**Integral Definition of the Borel Transform**[1])

    For an asymptotic expansion

    $$f(z) \sim \phi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{z^{n+1}} \; z \to +\infty \,, \tag{1}$$

    we had the *Borel transform* defined as

    $$\mathcal{B}[\phi](\zeta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n} \zeta^n \,. \tag{2}$$

    In this exercise we want to prove that

    $$\mathcal{B}[f](\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}_a} \mathrm{d}z \, e^{z\zeta} f(z) \,, \tag{3}$$

    where $\mathcal{C}_a$ is a path $a + iy$, $y \in \mathbb{R}$ with a constant a such that the path is to the right of all singularities of f.

    Check that the integral definition (3) gives the same Borel transform as the usual definition (2).

    Tipp: Use the expansion (1) and integrate using the residue theorem.

12. (Cauchy's Integral Formula and Branch Cuts)

    Say we have a function $f(z)$ that has a branch cut along the negative real axis with discontinuity $\operatorname{Disc} f(z)$ and no other singularities (except the branch point at $z = 0$).

    (a) (Example: log)
    What is $\operatorname{Disc} f(z)$ for $f(z) = \log(z)$?

    (b) (Cauchy's Theorem)
    Show that the generic function $f(z)$ can be represented as

    $$f(z) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\delta}^{R} \mathrm{d}w \, \frac{\operatorname{Disc} f(-w)}{w + z} + I_\delta(z) + \mathcal{J}_R(z) \,. \tag{4}$$

    Use Cauchy's integral formula[2]

    $$f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f(z)}{z - a} \, \mathrm{d}z \,. \tag{5}$$

    and the contour given in figure 1

[1] Following Mas

[2] See *e.g.* [2].

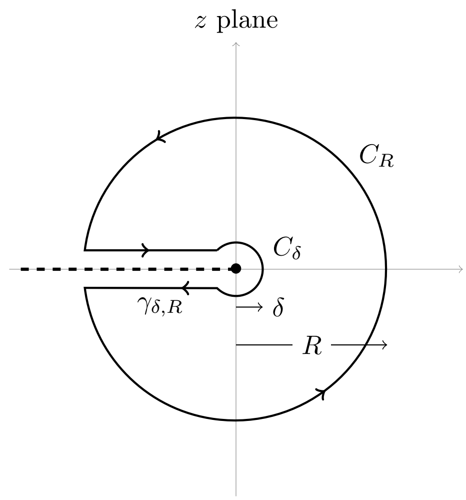

Figure 1: Contour for part 12 b, figure from [1].

References

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