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HOMEWORK 9

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1: From A&F: 4.1.2 only (i), i.e., only by computing residues inside. Evaluate the integrals $\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi}\oint_C f(z)\mathrm{d}z$, where C is the unit circle centered at the origin with f(z) given below. Do these problems (i) enclosing the singular points inside C.

(a)
$$\frac{z^2+1}{z^2-a^2}, \quad a^2<1$$

Solution:

TODO:

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \oint_C \frac{z^2 + 1}{z^2 - a^2} \mathrm{d}z$$

$$\frac{z^2+1}{z^3}$$

Solution:

TODO:

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \oint_C \frac{z^2 + 1}{z^3} \mathrm{d}z$$

(c)
$$z^2 e^{-1/z}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \oint_C z^2 \,\mathrm{e}^{-1/z} \,\mathrm{d}z$$

2: From A&F: 4.2.1(b) Evaluate the following real integral

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{(x^2 + a^2)^2}, \quad a^2 > 0$$

Solution:

3: Existence and uniqueness of polynomial interpolants.

(a) Suppose $(z_i)_{i=1}^n$ are distinct points in \mathbb{C} and suppose $f_i \in \mathbb{C}$ for i = 1, ..., n. Show that there is at most one polynomial p(z) of degree n-1 such that $p(z_i) = f_i$ for i = 1, ..., n using Liouville's theorem. Such a polynomial p is called an *interpolant*.

Solution:

TODO:

(b) Define the node polynomial $\nu(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} (z - z_i)$. Supposing that p is an interpolant, as above, express $p(z)/\nu(z)$ as a rational function. Find an expression for p(z). This shows existence.

Solution:

4: Bernstein interpolation formula. Suppose that $x_1 < x_2 < \cdots x_n$. And suppose that f(z) is analytic in a region Ω that contains [-1,1]. Show that for any simple contour C inside Ω with [-1,1] in its interior that

$$f(x) - p(x) = \frac{\nu(x)}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z - x} \frac{dz}{\nu(z)}, \quad x \in [-1, 1],$$

where $p(x_j) = f(x_j)$ for j = 1, 2, ..., n, $\nu(x) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} (x - x_j)$.

Solution:

5: Chebyshev polynomial interpolants. Recall

$$\varphi(z) = z + \sqrt{z - 1}\sqrt{z + 1}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1].$$

(a) Show that the polynomial

$$T_n(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\varphi(z)^n + \varphi(z)^{-n} \right),\,$$

has all of its roots $x_1 < x_2 < \cdots x_n$ within [-1, 1].

Solution:

TODO:

(b) Consider J(w) = 1/2(w+1/w). Show that the image of the circle of radius $\rho > 1$ under J is an ellipse B_{ρ} that contains [-1,1] in its interior. Then show $\varphi(J(w)) = w$.

Solution:

TODO:

(c) Show that if f is analytic in a region that contains B_{ρ} and its interior, and $|f(z)| \le M$ for z interior to B_{ρ} then for $-1 \le x \le 1$,

$$|f(x) - p(x)| \le 2\frac{M|B_{\rho}|}{\pi}(\rho^n - \rho^{-n})^{-1}(\rho + \rho^{-1} - 1)^{-1} \le 2\frac{M|B_{\rho}|}{\pi}\frac{\rho^{1-n}}{(\rho - 1)^2}.$$

where $p(x_j) = f(x_j)$, i.e., p is the interpolant of f at the roots of T_n . Here $|B_\rho|$ denotes the arclength of B_ρ . This shows that the exponential rate of convergence of Chebyshev interpolants is governed by the proximity of the nearest singularity of f.

Solution:

6: Compute the following two integrals explicitly for $z \notin [-1, 1]$:

(a)

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}\sqrt{1+x}} \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{x-z}.$$

Solution:

TODO:

(b)

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{1} \sqrt{1-x} \sqrt{1+x} \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{x-z}.$$

Solution: