

Math 423/823 Exercise Set 7 Solutions

25. Show that ‘integration by parts’ works with analytic functions: for any curve $\gamma(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, if f, g, f' and g' are all analytic along γ , then we have

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z)g'(z) dz = [f(\gamma(b))g(\gamma(b)) - f(\gamma(a))g(\gamma(a))] - \int_{\gamma} f'(z)g(z) dz$$

[Hint: $F(z) = f(z)g(z)$ is the antiderivative of what (analytic) function?]

[Note: we will shortly be learning that the analyticity of f' and g' follow from that of f and g , so the requirements on the derivatives are not, in the end, really necessary...]

Since f and g are both analytic, their product $F(z) = f(z)g(z)$ is analytic, and, by the product rule, $F'(z) = f'(z)g(z) + f(z)g'(z)$. Therefore,

$$\int_{\gamma} f'(z)g(z) + f(z)g'(z) dz = F(z) \Big|_{\gamma(a)}^{\gamma(b)} = [f(\gamma(b))g(\gamma(b)) - f(\gamma(a))g(\gamma(a))]$$

But $\int_{\gamma} f'(z)g(z) + f(z)g'(z) dz = \int_{\gamma} f'(z)g(z) dz + \int_{\gamma} f(z)g'(z) dz$, so equating these two and rearranging terms, we have

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z)g'(z) dz = [f(\gamma(b))g(\gamma(b)) - f(\gamma(a))g(\gamma(a))] - \int_{\gamma} f'(z)g(z) dz$$

as desired.

26. (Via the fundamental theorem of (‘complex’) calculus,)

Compute $\int_{\gamma} ze^{iz} dz$, where γ is the (unit) circular arc running from $z = 1$ to $z = i$.

[Hint! Problem #25 will help...]

From the above, setting $f(z) = z$ and $g'(z) = e^{iz}$, so $f'(z) = 1$ and $g(z) = -ie^{iz}$, we have

$$\int_{\gamma} ze^{iz} dz = -ize^{iz} \Big|_1^i - \int_{\gamma} -ie^{iz} dz .$$

But $-e^{iz}$ is an antiderivative of $-ie^{iz}$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma} ze^{iz} dz &= (-ize^{iz}) - (-e^{iz}) \Big|_1^i = (1 - iz)e^{iz} \Big|_1^i = (1 - i^2)e^{i^2} - (1 - i)e^i \\ &= 2e^{-1} - (1 - i)(\cos(1) + i\sin(1)) = [2e^{-1} - \cos(1) - \sin(1)] + i[\cos(1) - \sin(1)] . \end{aligned}$$

27. [BC#4.49.7] Show that if $\gamma(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$ is a simple closed curve traversed counter-clockwise (so that the bounded region R it encloses is always on the left), then

$$(**) = \frac{1}{2i} \int_C \bar{z} dz = \text{the area of the region } R.$$

[Hint: this is a “standard” consequence of Green’s Theorem (from multivariate calculus), in disguise. Write $C(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$, and compute what the integral should be...note that the real part is an integral whose antiderivative we can write down!]

If we write this as an integral dt , writing $\gamma(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$, so $\gamma'(t) = x'(t) + iy'(t)$, we have

$$(**) = \int_a^b (x(t) - iy(t))(x'(t) + iy'(t)) dt = \int_a^b x(t)x'(t) - iy(t)x'(t) + ix(t)y'(t) - i^2y(t)y'(t) dt = \int_a^b x(t)x'(t) + y(t)y'(t) dt + i \int_a^b x(t)y'(t) - y(t)x'(t) dt$$

But $\int_a^b x(t)x'(t) + y(t)y'(t) dt = \frac{1}{2}([x(t)]^2 + [y(t)]^2) \Big|_a^b$, which since $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$, is 0 (the two endpoints evaluate to the same (unknown) number).

On the other hand, $\int_a^b x(t)y'(t) - y(t)x'(t) dt = i \int_a^b (-y(t), x(t)) \cdot (x'(t), y'(t)) dt$ is the line integral of the vector field $F(x, y) = (-y, x)$ around the closed curve γ . But by Green's Theorem, this is equal to the double integral

$$\iint_R \frac{\partial(x)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial(-y)}{\partial y} dx dy = \iint_R (1) - (-1) dx dy = \iint_R 2 dx dy = 2(\text{Area of } R).$$

Putting this all together, $(**) = \frac{1}{2i}[0 + i[2(\text{Area of } R)]] = \text{Area of } R$, as desired.

28. Evaluate the following integrals:

(a): $\int_{\gamma_1} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 1}$, where $\gamma_1(t) = 1 + e^{2\pi ti}$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$

$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{(z - i)(z + i)}$ is analytic at every point of \mathbb{C} except $z = i, -i$. But both i and $-i$ lie outside of the simple closed curve γ_1 ; γ_1 describes the circle of radius 1 centered at $z = 1$, and both i and $-i$ are $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2} > 1$ from $z = 1$. So f is analytic on and inside of the curve γ_1 , so Cauchy's Theorem tells us that $\int_{\gamma_1} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 1} = 0$.

(b): $\int_{\gamma_2} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 1}$, where $\gamma_2(t) = i + e^{2\pi ti}$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$

The argument is similar to part (a), except with a different conclusion. Since $-i$ is a distance 2 from i , $-i$ lies outside of the simple closed curve γ_2 (which traces out the circle of radius 1 around $z = i$). So the function $g(z) = \frac{1}{z + i}$ is analytic on and inside of γ_2 . SO by the Cauchy Integral Formula,

$$\int_{\gamma_2} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 1} = \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{\frac{1}{z+i}}{z-i} dz = \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{g(z)}{z-i} dz = 2\pi i g(i) = \frac{2\pi i}{i+i} = \frac{2\pi i}{2i} = \pi.$$

[Note: one of these requires the Cauchy integral formula (unless you have gotten very ambitious and are working them directly from the definition!).]