Homework # 6

MATH 3160 – Complex Variables Miguel Gomez

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Problem 1

Find parameterized representations z(t) of the following contours in the plane including t-ranges.

- 1. A straight line from point (1+2i) to point (i+2)
- 2. A line from (0,0) to point $(1+\sqrt{3}i)$
- 3. A half-ellipse from point 2 to -2 passing through i centered at the origin. Recall that such an ellipse is defined by an equation of the form $\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 = 1$ in the xy-plane (for some real constants a, b > 0). Hint: First find the suitable values of a and b defining the said ellipse. Then try parametrizing it similar to how $(\cos(t), \sin(t))$ parametrizes the unit circle.

(a)

A straight line from point (1+2i) to point (i+2)

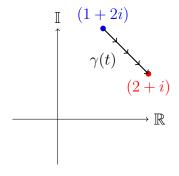
This one will require the expression for a line between points: P + t(Q - P) where P and Q are the points and t runs from $0 \le t \le 1$.

$$P = (1 + 2i)$$

$$Q = (i + 2)$$

$$Q - P = (i + 2) - (1 + 2i) = 1 - i$$

$$\gamma(t) = 1 + 2i + t(1 - i)$$

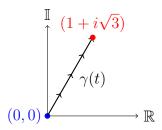


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(b)

A line from (0,0) to point $(1+\sqrt{3}i)$.

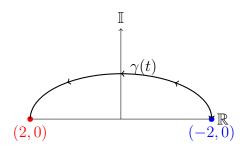
This one is quite simple as we only have to multiply the point by t as the first point P is the origin and that handles moving from the origin to the point $(1 + \sqrt{3}i)$ as it moves from $0 \le t \le 1$.



(c)

A half-ellipse from point 2 to -2 passing through i centered at the origin.

$$x = a\cos(t) = 2\cos(t)$$
$$y = b\sin(t) = \sin(t)$$
$$z(t) = x + iy = 2\cos(t) + \sin(t)$$



Problem 2

Evaluate the following integrals:

1.
$$\int_1^2 (\frac{1}{t} - i)^2 dt$$

2.
$$\int_0^{\pi/6} e^{i2t} dt$$

3.
$$\int_0^\infty e^{izt} dt$$
 where $Im(z) > 0$

(a)

$$\begin{split} \int_{1}^{2} (\frac{1}{t} - i)^{2} dt &= \int_{1}^{2} (\frac{1}{t^{2}} - 2i\frac{1}{t} - i^{2}) dt \\ &= \int_{1}^{2} \frac{1}{t^{2}} dt - 2i \int_{1}^{2} \frac{1}{t} dt + \int_{1}^{2} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \int_{1}^{2} -3t^{-2} dt - 2i \ln(t)|_{1}^{2} + t|_{1}^{2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} t^{-3}|_{1}^{2} + -2i \ln(t)|_{1}^{2} + t|_{1}^{2} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3 * 2^{3}}\right) - 2i(\ln(2) - \ln(1)) + 1 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3 * 2^{3}} + 1\right) - 2i(\ln(2) - \ln(1)) \end{split}$$

(b)

$$\int_0^{\pi/6} e^{i2t} dt = \frac{1}{2i} \int_0^{\pi/6} 2ie^{i2t} dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{2i} e^{i2t}|_0^{\pi/6} = -\frac{1}{2}i(e^{i\pi/3} - 1)$$

(c)

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Problem 3

Sketch the oriented curve defined by the following four contours and compute $\int_C f(z)dz$ where f(z) = z - 1:

- 1. C_1 : A semicircle $z = 2e^{i\theta}$ for $\theta \in [\pi, 2\pi]$.
- 2. C_2 : A full circle $z = 2e^{i\theta}$ for $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$.
- 3. C_3 : A line on the real axis from 2 to -2.
- 4. $C_4 = C_1 + C_3$ where + denotes concatenation.