

3. Infinite Integrals. We handle these by a limiting operation.

Example.

$$I := \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos x}{(1+x^2)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2e}.$$

We prove: $\int_{-\infty}^\infty \cos x \, dx / (1+x^2)^2 = 2I = \pi/e$. Take γ the union of $\gamma_1 := [-R, R]$ and γ_2 , the closed semi-circle of radius R in the upper half-plane. Take $f(z) = e^{iz}/(1+z^2)^2 = e^{iz}/((z-i)^2(z+i)^2)$ – double pole inside γ at $z = +i$. In the upper half-plane $y \geq 0$, $f(z) = e^{ix}e^{-y}/(1+z^2)^2$, $|f(z)| \leq 1/|(1+z^2)^2| = O(1/R^4)$. So by ML,

$$\left| \int_{\gamma_2} \right| = O(1/R^4) \cdot \pi R = O(1/R^3) \rightarrow 0 \quad (R \rightarrow \infty).$$

$$\int_{\gamma_1} f \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^\infty \cos x \, dx / (1+x^2)^2 = 2I \quad (R \rightarrow \infty)$$

(as $\int_{-\infty}^\infty \sin x \, dx / (1+x^2)^2 = 0$, odd integrand, symmetrical limits).

By CRT: $\int_\gamma = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_i f$. Near i : $z = i + \zeta$, ζ small.

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{e^{-1}e^{i\zeta}}{[1 + (-1 + 2i\zeta + \zeta^2)]^2} = \frac{e^{-1}e^{i\zeta}}{(2i)^2\zeta^2} \cdot (1 + \frac{\zeta}{2i})^{-2} = -\frac{1}{4e} \frac{1}{\zeta^2} (1+i\zeta+\dots)(1+i\zeta+\dots) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4e} \frac{1}{\zeta^2} (1 + 2i\zeta + \dots) : \quad \operatorname{Res}_i f = -\frac{1}{4e} \cdot 2i = -\frac{i}{2e}. \end{aligned}$$

By CRT:

$$\int_\gamma f = 2\pi i \left(-\frac{i}{2e}\right) = \frac{\pi}{e}, \quad \int_\gamma f = \int_{\gamma_1} f + \int_{\gamma_2} f \rightarrow 2I + 0 = 2I : \quad 2I = \pi/e. \quad //$$

In the example above, $f(z) = e^{iz}/[(z-i)^2(z+i)^2] = g(z)/(z-i)^2$, where $g(z) := e^{iz}(z+i)^{-2}$. By the Derivative Rule with $m=2$, $a=i$:

$$\begin{aligned} g'(z) &= ie^{iz}(z+i)^{-2} + e^{iz}(-2)(z+i)^{-3}, \\ g'(i) &= \frac{ie^{-1}}{(2i)^2} - \frac{2e^{-1}}{(2i)^3} = -\frac{i}{4e} - \frac{i}{4e} = -\frac{i}{2e} : \quad \operatorname{Res} = g'(i) = -\frac{i}{2e}. \end{aligned}$$

Example (Problems 2 Q2).

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x^2 + a^2)(x^2 + b^2)} dx = \frac{\pi}{ab(a+b)} \quad (a, b > 0).$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z + a^2)(z^2 + b^2)} = \frac{1}{(z - ia)(z + ia)(z^2 + b^2)}.$$

Take γ a semicircle in the upper half-plane, as above: poles inside γ at ib and ia .

$$\text{Res}_{ia} f = \frac{1}{2ia(b^2 - a^2)}, \quad \text{and similarly} \quad \text{Res}_{ib} f = -\frac{1}{2ib(b^2 - a^2)}.$$

$$\left| \int_{\gamma_2} f \right| = O(1/R^4) \cdot O(R) = O(1/R^3) \rightarrow 0, \quad \int_{\gamma_1} f \rightarrow I \quad (R \rightarrow \infty).$$

By CRT:

$$I = 2\pi i \sum \text{Res} = \frac{2\pi i}{2i} \cdot \frac{1}{b^2 - a^2} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) = \frac{\pi}{ab} \frac{(b - a)}{(b^2 - a^2)} = \frac{\pi}{ab(a + b)}.$$

What if $a = b$? We then have *one double pole* at ia inside γ . Evaluate $\text{Res}_{ia} f$ by either *series expansion* or *derivative rule* (left as an exercise).

4. Indentation. E.g.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Take $f(z) = e^{iz}/z$. This has a pole at the origin, which we must exclude from the semi-circular contour we would use as above by a semi-circular indentation round the origin. Take γ the union of γ_1 , the semi-circle centre 0 and radius $\epsilon > 0$ in the upper half-plane (clockwise), $\gamma_2 := [\epsilon, R]$, γ_3 the semi-circle radius R in the upper half-plane (anticlockwise) and $\gamma_4 := [-R, -\epsilon]$. By Cauchy's Theorem, $\int_{\gamma} = 0$. So for $\delta > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\gamma_3} f \right| &= \left| \int_0^{\pi} \frac{e^{i(R \cos \theta + iR \sin \theta)}}{Re^{i\theta}} \cdot iRe^{i\theta} d\theta \right| \leq \int_0^{\pi} e^{-R \sin \theta} d\theta = \int_0^{\delta} + \int_{\delta}^{\pi-\delta} + \int_{\pi-\delta}^{\pi} \\ &\leq \delta + \delta + e^{-R \sin \delta}(\pi - 2\delta) : \quad \limsup_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_{\gamma_3} f \right| \leq 2\delta. \end{aligned}$$

So as $\delta > 0$ is arbitrarily small: RHS = 0. So $\int_{\gamma_3} f \rightarrow 0$ ($R \rightarrow \infty$).

$$\int_{\gamma_1} f = \int_0^{\pi} e^{i\epsilon(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)} \frac{i\epsilon e^{i\theta}}{\epsilon e^{i\theta}} d\theta = i \int_0^{\pi} (1 + O(\epsilon)) d\theta = i\pi + O(\epsilon) \rightarrow i\pi \quad (\epsilon \rightarrow 0).$$