

# Applied Complex Analysis - Lecture Four

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*Using contour deformation to  
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$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ax}}{1 + e^x} dx, \quad 0 < a < 1.$$