

**Problem 1.** Consider the integral

$$\Phi_n(z) = \int_a^b \frac{x^n dx}{(x-a)^{\frac{1}{2}-\lambda}(b-x)^{\frac{1}{2}+\lambda}(x-z)}$$

where  $z \notin [a, b]$  and  $\frac{-1}{2} < \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$ .

(a) Compute the integral for  $n = 0$  and  $n = 1$ .

(b) Determine the domain where  $\phi_n(z)$  is holomorphic.

*Hint:* Consider the contour  $\Gamma$  (circle entering to go about branch points) and fix a branch of the function  $\Gamma = C_R \cup \gamma^- \cup \gamma^+$  and  $f(\zeta) = (\zeta - a)^{\frac{1}{2}-\lambda}(b - \zeta)^{\frac{1}{2}+\lambda}$  where  $\zeta = x + iy$

**Problem 2.** Show, by contour integration, that if  $a > 0$  and  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  then

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2} e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx = e^{-2\pi a |\xi|},$$

and check that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi a |\xi|} e^{2\pi i \xi x} d\xi = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}.$$

*Proof.* We start with the first integral in the case where  $\xi \geq 0$ . In this scenario we integrate over the lower semicircle of radius  $R$ . The integral of the outer portion  $C_{R-}$  will approach zero by Jordan's lemma as  $|\frac{a}{a^2 + z^2}| \leq \frac{a}{R^2 - a^2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus we have

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\infty}^{-\infty} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2} e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx = 2i \operatorname{Res}_{z=-ia} \frac{a}{a^2 + z^2} e^{-2\pi i z \xi}$$

The residue is

$$2i \operatorname{Res}_{z=-ia} \frac{a}{a^2 + z^2} e^{-2\pi i z \xi} = 2i \frac{a}{-2ia} e^{-2\pi i (-ia) |\xi|} = -e^{-2\pi a \xi}$$

Which, after swapping the bounds of integration, implies that when  $\xi > 0$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2} e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx = e^{-2\pi a |\xi|}$$

However when  $\xi < 0$  we instead integrate over the upper semicircle of radius  $R$ . For the same reason as above the outer portion of the integral approaches 0 as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . This gives us

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2} e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx = 2i \operatorname{Res}_{z=ia} \frac{a}{a^2 + z^2} e^{-2\pi i z \xi}$$

Similar to before if we do the residue calculation we get

$$2i \operatorname{Res}_{z=ia} \frac{a}{a^2 + z^2} e^{-2\pi i z \xi} = 2i \frac{a}{2ia} e^{2\pi a \xi} = e^{-2\pi a \xi}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2} e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx = e^{-2\pi a |\xi|},$$

for all  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ .

To check the other direction

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**Problem 3.** Prove that

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{a}{a^2 + n^2} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi a|n|}$$

whenever  $a > 0$ . Hence show that the sum equals both  $\coth \pi a$ .

*Proof.* By the previous problem and the fact that  $\frac{a}{a^2+x^2} \in \mathcal{F}$  the two above sums are equal by the Poisson summation formula. Now we show that this sum is equal to  $\coth \pi a$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \coth \pi a &= \frac{e^{\pi a} + e^{-\pi a}}{e^{\pi a} - e^{-\pi a}} \\ &= \frac{e^{\pi a}(1 + e^{-2\pi a})}{e^{\pi a}(1 - e^{-2\pi a})} \\ &= (1 + e^{-2\pi a}) \frac{1}{1 - e^{-2\pi a}} \\ &= (1 + e^{-2\pi a}) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-2n\pi a} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-2n\pi a} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-2n\pi a} \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2|n|\pi a} \end{aligned}$$

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**Problem 4.** (a) Let  $\tau$  be fixed with  $\Im(\tau) > 0$ . Apply the Poisson summation formula to

$$f(z) = (\tau + z)^{-k},$$

where  $k$  is an integer  $\geq 2$ , to obtain

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\tau + n)^k} = \frac{(-2\pi i)^k}{(k-1)!} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{k-1} e^{2\pi i m \tau}.$$

(b) Set  $k = 2$  in the above formula to show that if  $\Im(\tau) > 0$ , then

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\tau + n)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2(\pi \tau)}.$$

(c) Can one conclude that the above formula hold true whenever  $\tau$  is any complex number that is not an integer?

(a) Since  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  when  $k \geq 2$  we can use the Poisson summation formula to show the equivalence of these two series. The Fourier transform of  $f$  is of the form

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \xi} dx$$

When  $\xi < 0$  we calculate the above integral by integrating over the upper semicircle of radius  $R$ . The outer portion  $C_R$  will approach 0 by Jordan's lemma as  $|f(R)| \leq \frac{1}{(|R| - |\tau|)^k}$

approaches zero as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $f(z)e^{-2\pi iz\xi}$  is holomorphic in the upper half plane the integral over the upper semicircle is also zero. This implies that

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z)e^{-2\pi iz\xi} dz = \left( \int_{C_R} + \int_{-R}^R \right) f(z)e^{-2\pi iz\xi} dz = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-2\pi ix\xi} dx = 0$$

when  $\xi < 0$ .

On the other hand if  $\xi > 0$ , we integrate over the lower semicircle of radius  $R$ . The integral on  $C_{R-}$  will be zero by Jordan's lemma as before. This gives us

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{-2\pi ix\xi} dx = -2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{x=-\tau} \frac{e^{-2\pi ix\xi}}{(\tau + z)^k}$$

Next we calculate the residue

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(\xi) &= -2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{x=-\tau} \frac{e^{-2\pi ix\xi}}{(\tau + z)^k} = -2\pi i \lim_{x \rightarrow -\tau} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^{k-1}}{dx^{k-1}} \frac{(\tau + x)^k e^{-2\pi ix\xi}}{(\tau + x)^k} \\ &= -2\pi i \lim_{x \rightarrow -\tau} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^{k-1}}{dx^{k-1}} e^{-2\pi ix\xi} \\ &= -2\pi i \lim_{x \rightarrow -\tau} \frac{(-2\pi i\xi)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} e^{-2\pi ix\xi} \\ &= \frac{(-2\pi i)^k \xi^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} e^{2\pi i\tau\xi} \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Poisson summation formula with the above values for  $\hat{f}(\xi)$  gives us that

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\tau + n)^k} = \frac{(-2\pi i)^k}{(k-1)!} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{k-1} e^{2\pi im\tau}.$$

(b) First we transform  $\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2(\pi\tau)}$  into a series.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2(\pi\tau)} &= \pi^2 \left( \frac{2i}{e^{i\pi\tau} - e^{-i\pi\tau}} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{-4\pi^2}{e^{-i\pi\tau/2}(1 - e^{2i\pi\tau})^2} \\ &= \frac{-4\pi^2}{e^{-2i\pi\tau}} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} m e^{2i\pi m\tau} \\ &= -4\pi^2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m e^{2i\pi m\tau} \end{aligned}$$

The last step only works when  $|e^{2\pi i\tau}| < 1$ . However since  $\Im(\tau) > 0$  this is in fact the case.

Which exactly matches the series listed above when we plug in  $k = 2$ .

(c) This will not work if  $\Im(\tau) > 0$  does not hold. The series in question may not be convergent otherwise.

**Problem 5.** Compute the integral

$$I = \int_0^\infty \frac{\log^2(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx$$

Let  $\Gamma$  be the positively oriented upper half annulus of outer radius  $R$  and inner radius  $\epsilon$ . The given function has a simple pole at  $ia$  inside  $\Gamma$ . This gives us

$$\int_\epsilon^R \frac{\ln^2(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx + \int_{C_R} \frac{\log^2(z)}{z^2 + a^2} dz + \int_{C_\epsilon} \frac{\log^2(z)}{z^2 + a^2} dz + \int_{-R}^{-\epsilon} \frac{\log^2(z)}{z^2 + a^2} dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=ia} \frac{\log^2(z)}{z^2 + a^2}$$

The integrals about  $C_R$  and  $C_\epsilon$  both go to zero. For

$$\int_{-R}^{-\epsilon} \frac{\log^2(z)}{z^2 + a^2} dz$$

we make the substitution  $z = -x$  giving us

$$\int_{-R}^{-\epsilon} \frac{\log^2(z)}{z^2 + a^2} dz = \int_\epsilon^R \frac{\log^2(-x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx$$

Which when rewriting  $\log(-x)$  as  $\ln(x) + i\pi$  we get

$$\int_\epsilon^R \frac{\log^2(-x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \int_\epsilon^R \frac{\ln^2(x) + \pi i \ln(x) - \pi^2}{x^2 + a^2} dx$$

Now rewrite the original equation as

$$2 \int_\epsilon^R \frac{\ln^2(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=ia} \frac{\log^2(z)}{z^2 + a^2} + \pi^2 \int_\epsilon^R \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx - 2\pi i \int_\epsilon^R \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx$$

The residue is

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=ia} \frac{\log^2 z}{z^2 + a^2} = \frac{\log^2(ia)}{2ia} = \frac{\ln^2(a) + \pi i \ln(a) - \pi^2/4}{2ia}$$

The first integral on the right is of the derivative of  $a^{-1} \arctan(x/a)$ . Giving us

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2a}$$

The latter integral is from a previous assignment

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln x}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{\pi \ln a}{2a}$$

Putting this all together while letting  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $R \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2I &= 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=ia} \frac{\log^2(z)}{z^2 + a^2} + \pi^2 \int_\epsilon^R \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx - 2\pi i \int_\epsilon^R \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2 + a^2} dx \\ &= \frac{\pi \ln^2 a}{a} + \frac{i\pi^2 \ln a}{a} - \frac{\pi^3}{4a} + \frac{\pi^3}{2a} - \frac{i\pi^2 \ln a}{a} \\ &= \frac{\pi \ln^2 a}{a} - \frac{\pi^3}{4a} + \frac{\pi^3}{2a} \end{aligned}$$

We can then conclude that

$$I = \int_0^\infty \frac{\log^2 x}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{\pi \ln^2 a}{2a} - \frac{\pi^3}{8a} + \frac{\pi^3}{4a}$$