

Problem 1

$$y''(x) + \frac{3}{x}y'(x) - \frac{24}{x^2}y(x) = 56x^6 \quad (1)$$

Homogeneous solution

The homogenous solution is on the form

$$y'' + \frac{3}{x}y' - \frac{24}{x^2}y = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$x^2y''(x) + 3xy' - 24y = 0 \quad (3)$$

which we recognize as an Euler-Cauchy equation.

We substitute $x = e^z$, and get the equation

$$y''(z) + (3-1)y'(z) - 24y = 0 \quad (4)$$

Which is an ordinary linear first order equation with constant coefficients. The characteristic equation is

$$\lambda^2 + 2\lambda - 24 = 0 \quad (5)$$

The solutions are

$$\lambda_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left[-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - (4 \cdot -24)} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[-2 \pm \sqrt{100} \right] = -1 \pm 5 \quad (6)$$

giving $\lambda_+ = 4$ and $\lambda_- = -6$.

Since these are two real roots, the solution is on the form

$$y_h(z) = C_1 e^{4z} + C_2 e^{-6z} \quad (7)$$

inserting for $z = \ln |x|$ gives

$$y_h(x) = C_1 e^{4 \ln |x|} + C_2 e^{-6 \ln |x|} = C_1 e^{\ln |x|^4} + C_2 e^{\ln |x|^{-6}} = C_1 x^4 + C_2 x^{-6} \quad (8)$$

Particular solution

We can use variation of parameters to find the particular solution. Firstly, we have two chosen solutions of the homogeneous solution:

$$y_1 = x^4 \quad y_2 = x^{-6} \quad (9)$$

and the right hand side $R = 56x^6$. We find the Wronskian:

$$W = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y_2' - y_1' y_2 = x^4(-6x^{-7}) - 4x^3 x^{-6} = -10x^{-3} \quad (10)$$

We then have the particular solution

$$y_p(x) = -x^4 \int \frac{x^{-6} 56x^6}{-10x^{-3}} dx + x^{-6} \int \frac{x^4 56x^6}{-10x^{-3}} dx \quad (11)$$

$$= -x^4 \int \frac{28}{5} x^3 dx + x^{-6} \int \frac{28}{5} x^{13} dx \quad (12)$$

$$= -x^4 \frac{28}{5} \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right] - x^{-6} \frac{28}{5} \left[\frac{x^{14}}{14} \right] = \frac{7}{5} x^8 - \frac{2}{5} x^8 = x^8 \quad (13)$$

giving a total solution

$$y(x) = y_h(x) + y_p(x) = C_1 x^4 + C_2 x^{-6} + x^8 \quad (14)$$

Problem 2: Part A

a)

$$f(z) = \frac{(z - 2i)^4}{(z - [3 + i])^3} \quad (15)$$

b)

The function can be factorized into

$$\frac{(z + 2)(z + 1 + i\sqrt{3})(z - 1 - i\sqrt{3})}{(z - 5)^3(z + 2)} = \frac{(z + 1 + i\sqrt{3})(z + 1 - i\sqrt{3})}{(z - 5)^3} \quad (16)$$

As we see, the suspected singularity at $z = 2$ does not actually exist.

The other singularity, at $z = 5$, is a pole of 3rd order.

Problem 2: Part B

a)

We write out

$$g(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} \cdot \pi \cot(\pi z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} \cdot \frac{\pi \cos(\pi z)}{\pi \sin(\pi z)} = \frac{P(z) \cos(\pi z)}{Q(z) \sin(\pi z)} \quad (17)$$

Equation (6.2) from Boas gives us that

$$\text{Res}(g; n) = \frac{P(n) \cos(\pi n)}{[Q(n) \sin(\pi n)]'} \quad (18)$$

which holds as long as $P(n) \cos(\pi n)$ is finite, $Q(n) \sin(\pi n) = 0$, and $[Q(n) \sin(\pi n)]' \neq 0$ which all holds. By the product rule, we get

$$\text{Res}(g; n) = \frac{P(n) \cos(\pi n)}{Q'(n) \sin(\pi n) + Q(n) \cos(\pi n)} \quad (19)$$

Since $n \in [0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots]$, we have that $\sin(\pi n) = 0$ and $\cos(\pi n) = 1$, giving

$$\text{Res}(g; n) = \frac{P(n) \cos(\pi n)}{Q(n) \cos(\pi n)} = \frac{P(n)}{Q(n)} = f(n) \quad (20)$$

b)

Firstly, we will show that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_N} F(z) dz = 0 \quad (21)$$

for some rational function $F(z) = P(z)/Q(z)$ when $Q(z)$ is a polynomial of at least 2 degrees higher than $P(z)$.

We have the relation

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma_N} F(z) dz \right| \leq m \cdot L \quad (22)$$

where m is the maximum value of $F(z)$ on Γ , and L is the length of the contour Γ .

This means that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_{\Gamma_N} F(z) dz \right| \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m \cdot L \quad (23)$$

The length of the contour, L , will be go as $\propto N$, since it's a square with sides proportional to N . The max of the function, m , will go as $\propto \frac{1}{z^2} \propto \frac{1}{N^2}$, since $F(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$, where $\text{degree}(Q) \geq \text{degree}(P) + 2$. This means that $m \cdot L \propto \frac{1}{N}$, giving that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m \cdot L = 0 \quad (24)$$

such that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_{\Gamma_N} F(z) \right| \leq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m \cdot L = 0 \quad (25)$$

meaning the relation 21 holds.

Since $|\pi \cot(\pi z)| \leq M$ over all z for some constant M , we have the relation

$$\left| \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_N} f(z) \pi \cot(\pi z) dz \right| \leq \left| \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_N} f(z) M dz \right| \quad (26)$$

where $f(z)M$ now is a rational function of the type we defined in 21 (since adding a constant M doesn't change degrees). We therefore have

$$\left| \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_N} g(z) dz \right| \leq \left| \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_N} f(z) M dz \right| = 0 \quad (27)$$

or

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_N} g(z) dz = 0 \quad (28)$$

c)

The residue theorem states that

$$\int_{\Gamma_N} g(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum \text{Res}(g(z); z_i) \quad (29)$$

where z_i are all the singularities of $g(z)$. We can split the residues up into the singularities of $f(z)$ and those of $\pi \cot(\pi z)$, and let $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Gamma_N} g(z) dz = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 2\pi i \left[\sum \text{Res}(g(z); n) + \sum \text{Res}(g(z); \text{poles of } f(z)) \right] \quad (30)$$

We know from 28 that this equals 0. Also inserting $\sum \text{Res}(g(z); n) = f(n)$ gives

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 2\pi i \left[\sum_{n=-N}^N f(n) + \sum \text{Res}(g(z); \text{poles of } f(z)) \right] = 0 \quad (31)$$

$$\sum_{n=-N}^N f(n) = - \sum \text{Res}(g(z); \text{poles of } f(z)) \quad (32)$$

d)

We have the function

$$f(n) = \frac{1}{1+n^2} = \frac{1}{(n+i)(n-i)} \quad (33)$$

with simple poles at $n = \pm i$. Using 32, we have that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^N \frac{1}{1+n^2} = - \sum (\text{Residues of } g(z) \text{ at the poles of } f(z)) \quad (34)$$

where

$$g(n) = \pi \cot(\pi n) \frac{1}{(n+i)(n-i)} \quad (35)$$

The residues can be found as

$$\text{Res}(g(n); n) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} g(z) \quad (36)$$

This gives the residues

$$\text{Res}(g(n); i) = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \left[(n-i) \pi \cot(i\pi) \frac{1}{(n+i)(n-i)} \right] = \frac{\pi \cot(i\pi)}{2i} = -\frac{1}{2} \pi \coth(\pi) \quad (37)$$

where we used the relation $\cot(i\pi) = -i \coth(\pi)$.

$$\text{Res}(g(n); -i) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -i} \left[(n+i) \pi \cot(-i\pi) \frac{1}{(n+i)(n-i)} \right] = \frac{\pi \cot(-i\pi)}{-2i} = -\frac{1}{2} \pi \coth(\pi) \quad (38)$$

This gives

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-N}^N \frac{1}{1+n^2} = -\sum (\text{Residues of } g(z) \text{ at the poles of } f(z)) = \pi \coth \pi \quad (39)$$

Problem 3

a)

We will prove the relation

$$\delta[f(t)] = \sum_i \frac{1}{|f'(t_i)|} \delta[t - t_i] \quad (40)$$

by massaging the left hand side into the right. Since this is an operator, we apply a test-function $g(t)$, and integrate over all t . We will remove these at the end.

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[f(t)] \cdot g(t) dt \quad (41)$$

$\delta[f(t)]$ will be a series of delta-spikes at the zero-points of f , $f(t_i)$, and zero everywhere else. We can therefore rewrite the integral to a sum of integrals around each of the zero-points t_i .

$$= \sum_i \int_{t_i-\epsilon}^{t_i+\epsilon} \delta[f(t)] \cdot g(t) dt \quad (42)$$

We Taylor-expand $f(t)$ around each zero-point t_i :

$$f(t) = \underbrace{f(t_i)}_{=0} + f'(t_i)(t - t_i) + \mathcal{O}(t^2) \approx f'(t_i)(t - t_i) \quad (43)$$

Inserting this gives

$$\sum_i \int_{t_i-\epsilon}^{t_i+\epsilon} \delta[f'(t_i)(t - t_i)] g(t) dt \quad (44)$$

Using the identity $\delta[\alpha x] = \frac{1}{|\alpha|} \delta[x]$ we get

$$\sum_i \int_{t_i-\epsilon}^{t_i+\epsilon} \frac{1}{|f'(t_i)|} \delta[t - t_i] g(t) dt \quad (45)$$

This is now a sum of integrations over delta-spikes (multiplied by some stuff). We can rewrite this as a integral over the sum of all the delta-spikes by switching the order of the sum and the integral. Since the integrand is zero outside the proximity of the t_i 's anyway, we can just let the integral run from $-\infty$ to ∞ :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_i \frac{1}{|f'(t_i)|} \delta[t - t_i] g(t) dt \quad (46)$$

Finally, removing the integral and test-function, we get the left hand side of equation 40

$$\sum_i \frac{1}{|f'(t_i)|} \delta[t - t_i] \quad (47)$$

and our identity is proven.

b)

(i)

We have that

$$f(t) = t^2 - a^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f'(t_i) = 2t_i \quad (48)$$

The functions has zero-points at

$$t_1 = a \quad \text{and} \quad t_2 = -a \quad (49)$$

We then have that

$$\delta(t^2 - a^2) = \sum_i \frac{1}{|2t_i|} \delta[t - t_i] = \frac{1}{|2 \cdot 1|} \delta[t - a] + \frac{1}{|2 \cdot -1|} \delta[t - -a] \quad (50)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \delta[t - a] + \frac{1}{2} \delta[t + a] \quad (51)$$

(ii)

We have that

$$f(t) = \sin(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad f'(t_i) = \cos(t_i) \quad (52)$$

The functions has zero-points at

$$t_i = \pi i \quad \text{for} \quad i \in [0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots] \quad (53)$$

This gives

$$\delta[\sin(t)] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|\cos(t_i)|} \delta[t - \pi i] = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[t - \pi i] \quad (54)$$

since $|\cos(\pi i)| = 1$ for $i \in [0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots]$

d)

Inserting $\delta[\sin(t)]$ from equation 54 gives

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos(t) \delta[\sin(t)] dt = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left[\cos(t) \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} \delta[t - \pi i] dt \right] \quad (55)$$

Since the integral only runs from $-\pi/2$ to $\pi/2$, the values of the integrand outside these limits are irrelevant. The delta-functions only has values at it's zero-points. The only value of i that makes the delta-function fall inside the limits is $i = 0$.¹ We can therefore replace the sum by only the single delta function $\delta[t]$.

The integral then becomes

$$= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos(t) \delta[t] dt = \cos(0) = 1 \quad (56)$$

¹The two neighbouring values, $i = 1$ and $i = -1$ will make the spikes fall at $t = \pi$ and $t = -\pi$, which are both outside the limits.