

In the coursework in Riemannian geometry appeared an integral. Its straightforward calculations is interesting...

### Appendix

Straightforward calculations of the length of the curve  $C'$  lead to the following integral:

$$I(z) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{1 - z \cos \varphi}, \quad (|z| < 1)$$

Here I present two different ways to calculate this integral.

*First way*

This integral can be calculated explicitly, the answer is beautiful:

$$I(z) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{1 - z \cos \varphi} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}}.$$

Do it. One can see that for  $|z| < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} I(z) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{1 - z \cos \varphi} = \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + z \cos \varphi + z^2 \cos^2 \varphi + \dots) d\varphi = \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \cos^n \varphi \right) d\varphi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n, \text{ where } c_n = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^n \varphi d\varphi. \end{aligned}$$

Calculate  $c_n$ :

$$c_n = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^n \varphi d\varphi = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{e^{i\varphi} + e^{-i\varphi}}{2} \right)^n d\varphi = \begin{cases} 2\pi \frac{C_{2k}^k}{2^k} & \text{for } n = 2k \\ 0 & \text{for } n = 2k + 1 \end{cases}.$$

since  $(a + b)^n = \sum_j C_n^j a^j b^{n-j}$ , and  $\int_0^{2\pi} e^{ik\varphi} d\varphi = 0$  if  $k \neq 0$ . Hence we have that

$$I(z) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{1 - z \cos \varphi} = 2\pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n = \sum \frac{C_{2n}^n z^{2n}}{2^n} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{1 - z^2}}.$$

**Remark** One can see that

$$P(z) = \sum C_{2n}^n z^n = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{1 - 4z}}$$

Looking at this function it is difficult to avoid temptation to write something like:

$$\sum C_{2n}^n = P(1) = \dots = \frac{2\partial}{\sqrt{-3}} \text{ ???!}$$

*Second way*

$$\begin{aligned} I(z) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{1 - z \cos \varphi} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin \varphi d\varphi}{\sin \varphi (1 - z \cos \varphi)} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d \cos \varphi}{(\sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \varphi})(1 - z \cos \varphi)} = \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{dw}{(\sqrt{1 - w^2})(1 - zw)} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{dw}{(\sqrt{1 - w^2})(1 - zw)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now consider an integrand, the function  $F(w) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - w^2}(1 - zw)}$  in the plane excluding the neighborhood of the interval  $[-1, 1]$  which connects the branching points of this function. We take the following branch  $F'(w)$  of this function such that it is holomorphic function in the plane without neighborhood of the segment <sup>1</sup> Now

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<sup>1</sup> If  $P = w = u + iv$  is an arbitrary point of complex plane,  $A = -1$  and  $B = 1$ , and  $\varphi$  is an angle between  $AB$  and  $AP$  (anti-clock wise), and  $\psi$  is an angle between  $BA$  and  $BP$  (anti-clock wise), then  $F' = \sqrt{|AP||BP|} e^{i\frac{\phi + \psi}{2}}$ . In particular  $F(w) = i\sqrt{w^2 - 1}$  if  $w$  is a real number which is greater than 1.

we note that the integral of function over the great circle tends to zero. The function  $F'(w)$  has a pole at the point  $w = \frac{1}{z}$ . Hence if  $|z| < 1$   $F(z')$  is holomorphic function in plane without noiborhood of interval  $AB$ . We have:

$$0 = \int_{C_1} F'(w)dw + \int_{C_2} F(w)dw = I(z) - \frac{1}{z} \int_{C_2} \frac{1}{i\sqrt{w^2-1} \left(w - \frac{1}{z}\right)} =$$

$$I(z) - \frac{2\pi i}{z} \left( \frac{1}{i\sqrt{w^2-1}} \right) \Big|_{w=\frac{1}{z}} = I(z) - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} \Rightarrow I(z) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{1-z^2}}.$$

where we denote by  $C_1$  the closed curve around the interval  $AB$ , and  $C_2$  the circle of small radius around