

Assignment 4  
(Complex Integration)

S1) Using Cauchy's Residue theorem evaluate

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^6 + 1} dx$$

- Soln: (i) Considering the contour as above & noting that  $z f(z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$ , we find the poles.
- (ii)  $z^6 + 1 = 0$  gives  $z^6 = e^{(2n+1)\pi i}$
- $$\therefore z = e^{(2n+1)\pi i/6}, \quad n=0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.$$
- $$\therefore z = e^{(i\pi)/6}, \quad e^{(i\pi)/2}, \quad e^{(5i\pi)/6}, \quad e^{(7i\pi)/6}, \quad e^{(9i\pi)/6}$$
- (iii) Of these first 3 poles  $\alpha_1 = e^{i\pi/6}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = e^{i\pi/2}$ ,  $\alpha_3 = e^{5i\pi/6}$  lie in the upper half plane. Let  $\alpha$  be one of the three poles.

(iv) Residue (at  $z = \alpha$ ) =  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \alpha} \frac{(z - \alpha)(z^2)}{z^6 + 1}$  [from 0]

Residue (at  $z = \alpha$ ) =  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \alpha} \frac{(z - \alpha) \cdot 2z + z^2}{6z^5}$  [L'Hopital's]

Rule]

$$= \frac{z^2}{6z^5} = \frac{z^3}{6z^6} = \frac{-\alpha^3}{6} \quad [\because \alpha^6 = -1]$$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of the residues} = -\frac{1}{6} \left[ \alpha_1^3 + \alpha_2^3 + \alpha_3^3 \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} \left[ e^{i\pi/2} + e^{3i\pi/2} + e^{5i\pi/2} \right] \frac{1}{6}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} [i - i + i] = -\frac{i}{6}$$

(v)  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^6 + 1} dx = 2\pi i \left( -\frac{i}{6} \right) = \pi/3$

Q3) Evaluate  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{5+3 \cos \theta}$

Soln: Let  $z = e^{i\theta} \therefore dz = ie^{i\theta} d\theta = iz d\theta \quad \therefore d\theta = \frac{dz}{iz}$   
 $\cos \theta = \frac{z^2 + 1}{2z}$

$$\therefore I = \int_C \frac{1}{5+3\left(\frac{z^2+1}{2z}\right)} dz = \int_C \frac{2dz}{(10z^2 + 2az + b)i}$$

where C is the circle  $|z|=1$ . Now, the poles of  $f(z)$  are given by  $z = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{400 - 36}}{6}$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= -\frac{10+8}{6} \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \end{aligned} \qquad \begin{aligned} \beta &= -\frac{10-8}{6} \\ &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

which are simple poles.

$\therefore a>b>0$ ,  $\alpha$  lies inside &  $\beta$  lies outside the circle  $|z|=1$

$$\therefore \text{Residue of } f(z) \text{ (at } z=\alpha) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \alpha} (z-\alpha) \cdot \frac{2}{b(z-\alpha)(z-\beta)i}$$

$$= \frac{2}{b i (\alpha - \beta)}$$

$$\text{But } \alpha - \beta = 2\sqrt{a^2 - b^2} = 2\sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Residue of } f(z) \text{ (at } z=\alpha) = \frac{2}{b i \cdot 2\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} = \frac{1}{i\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{i\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} - \frac{1}{4i}$$

$$\therefore I = 2\pi i \left( \frac{1}{i\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} \right) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2}} = \frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Q6) Evaluate  $\int_C \frac{z^2}{(z-1)^2(z+1)} dz$  where  $C$  is  $|z|=2$  using Residue theorem.

Soln:  $f(z)$  has a simple pole at  $z=-1$  & a pole of order two at  $z=1$

(i) If  $C$  is  $|z|=1/2$ , both poles lie outside  $C$  & hence by Cauchy's theorem,

$$\int_C f(z) dz = \int_C \frac{z^2}{(z-1)^2(z+1)} dz = 0$$

(ii) If  $C$  is  $|z|=2$ , both poles lie inside  $C$ .

Now, Residue (at  $z=-1$ ) =  $\lim_{z \rightarrow -1} (z+1)f(z)$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{z^2}{(z-1)^2} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

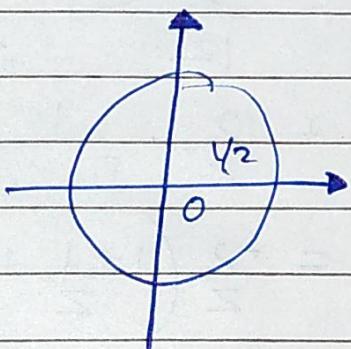
Residue (at  $z=1$ ) =  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{dz} \left[ \frac{(z-1)^2}{z+1} f(z) \right]$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{d}{dz} \left[ \frac{z^2}{z+1} \right] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{(z+1)2z - z^2}{(z+1)^2}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^2 + 2z}{z+1} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore \int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i (\text{sum of residues}) = 2\pi i \left[ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{7\pi i}{2}$$



87) Find Laurent's series of  $f(z) = \frac{2}{(z-2)(z-1)}$  indicating the regions of convergence.

Solution let  $\frac{2}{(z-1)(z-2)} = \frac{a}{z-1} + \frac{b}{z-2} \quad \therefore 2 = a(z-2) + b(z-1)$

when  $z=1, 2=-a \quad \therefore a=-2$

when  $z=2, 2=b$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{(z-1)(z-2)} = \frac{-2}{(z-1)} + \frac{2}{z-2}$$

case (i): when  $|z| < 1$ , clearly  $|z| < 2$

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{2}{1-z} - \frac{2}{2[1-(z/2)]} = 2[1-z]^{-1} - [1-(z/2)]^{-1}$$

$$\therefore f(z) = 2[1+z+z^2+z^3+\dots] \left[1+\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)+\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^2+\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^3+\dots\right]$$

case (ii): when  $1 < |z| < 2$ , we write

$$\frac{2}{(z-1)(z-2)} = -\frac{2}{(z-1)} + \frac{2}{(z-2)} \text{ as}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{z[1-(1/z)]} - \frac{2}{2[1-(z/2)]} = -\frac{2}{z} [1-(1/z)]^{-1} - [1-(z/2)]^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{z} \left[1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \dots\right] - \left[1 + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^2 + \dots\right]$$

case (iii): when  $|z| > 2$ ,  $|z| > 1$  i.e.  $\frac{2}{z} < 1$

Also when  $|z| > 2, |z| > 1 \quad \therefore \frac{1}{|z|} < 1$ . We

write  $f(z) = -\frac{2}{z} \frac{1}{[1-(1/z)]} + \frac{2}{z} \cdot \frac{1}{[1-(z/2)]}$

$$= -\frac{2}{z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)^{-1} + \frac{2}{z} \left(1 - \frac{2}{z}\right)^{-1} = -\frac{2}{z} \left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots\right) +$$

$$\frac{2}{z} \left(\frac{2}{z} + \frac{4}{z^2} + \frac{8}{z^3} + \dots\right) = -2 \left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \frac{1}{z^4} + \dots\right)$$

$$+ 4 \left(\frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \frac{1}{z^4} + \dots\right)$$

(Q8) Expand  $f(z) = \frac{z^2-1}{z^2+5z+6}$  along  $z=1$

Dividing numerator by denominator  
 $f(z) = 1 - \frac{8}{z+3} + \frac{3}{z+2}$

$\therefore$ , we want expansion around  $z=1$ , we have to obtain Laurent's series in powers of  $(z-1)$

$$\therefore \frac{z^2-1}{z^2+5z+6} = 1 - \frac{8}{(z-1)+4} + \frac{3}{(z-1)+3}$$

There now arise 3 cases

case (i): When  $|z-1| < 3$ , we write

$$f(z) = 1 - \frac{8}{(z-1)+4} + \frac{3}{(z-1)+3} \text{ as}$$

$$f(z) = 1 - \frac{8}{4[1+(z-1)/4]} + \frac{3}{3[1+(z-1)/3]}$$

(when  $|z-1| < 3$  clearly  $|z-1| < 4$ )

$$\therefore f(z) = 1 - \frac{8}{4} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{z-1}{4} \right) \right]^{-1} + \frac{3}{3} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{z-1}{3} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(z) &= 1 - 2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{z-1}{4} \right) + \left( \frac{z-1}{4} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{z-1}{4} \right)^3 + \dots \right] \\ &\quad + \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{z-1}{3} \right) + \left( \frac{z-1}{3} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{z-1}{3} \right)^3 + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

case (ii): When  $3 < |z-1| < 4$ , we write

$$f(z) = 1 - \frac{8}{(z-1)+4} + \frac{3}{(z-1)+3} \text{ as}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - \frac{8}{4[1+(z-1)/4]} + \frac{3}{(z-1)[1+3/(z-1)]} = 1 - 2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{z-1}{4} \right) \right]^{-1} + 3 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{3}{z-1} \right) \right]^{-1} \\ \therefore f(z) &= 1 - 2 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{z-1}{4} \right) + \left( \frac{z-1}{4} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{z-1}{4} \right)^3 + \dots \right] + 3 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{3}{z-1} \right) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \frac{3}{z-1} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{3}{z-1} \right)^3 + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

(g9) Expand  $\cos z$  as Taylor's series at  $z = \pi/2$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: By Taylor's series

$$f(z) = f(a) + (z-a)f'(a) + \frac{(z-a)^2}{2!}f''(a) + \dots$$

$$\text{Here, } f(z) = \cos z \text{ and } a = \pi/2 \quad \therefore f(\pi/2) = \cos(\pi/2) = 0$$

$$\therefore f'(z) = -\sin z \quad \therefore f'(\pi/2) = -\sin(\pi/2) = -1$$

$$f''(z) = -\cos z \quad \therefore f''(\pi/2) = -\cos(\pi/2) = 0$$

$$f'''(z) = \sin z \quad \therefore f'''(\pi/2) = \sin(\pi/2) = 1$$

$$\therefore f(z) = 0 + [z - (\pi/2)] + \frac{(-1)}{3!} + \frac{[z - (\pi/2)]^3}{5!} + \dots$$

$$+ \frac{[z - (\pi/2)]^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{[z - (\pi/2)]^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

Aliter: Put  $z = u + (\pi/2)$

$$\therefore \cos z = \cos[u + (\pi/2)] = \cos u \cos(\pi/2) - \sin u \sin(\pi/2)$$

$$= -\sin u$$

$$= -\left[ u - \frac{u^3}{3!} + \frac{u^5}{5!} - \frac{u^7}{7!} + \dots \right] = u - u + \frac{u^3}{3!} - \frac{u^5}{5!} + \frac{u^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$= -[z - (\pi/2)] + \frac{[z - (\pi/2)]^3}{3!} - \frac{[z - (\pi/2)]^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{[z - (\pi/2)]^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

Q10) Determine the nature of poles & find the residue at each pole.

$$(i) \frac{ze^z}{(z-a)^3}$$

$$(ii) \frac{1-e^{2z}}{z^3}$$

Sol(i))  $z=a$  is pole of order 3

$$\therefore \text{Residue of } f(z) \text{ (at } z=a) = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} [(z-a)^3 f(z)]$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left[ (z-a)^3 \frac{ze^z}{(z-a)^3} \right]$$

$\therefore$  Residue of  $f(z)$  ( $\text{at } z=a$ )

$$= \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (ze^z) = \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{d}{dz} (ze^z + e^z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow a} [ze^z + e^z + e^z] = \frac{1}{2} (ae^a + 2e^a) = \frac{1}{2} (a+2)e^a$$

(ii)  $z=0$  is a pole of order 3.  $\therefore$  Residue of  $f(z)$  ( $\text{at } z=0$ )

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} [z^3 f(z)] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left[ z^3 \frac{(1-e^{2z})}{z^3} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (1-e^{2z}) = \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dz} (-2e^{2z})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (-4e^{2z}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-4) = -2$$

Alternatively

$$f(z) = \frac{1-e^{2z}}{z^3} = \frac{1}{z^3} \left\{ 1 + 2z + \frac{4z^2}{2!} + \frac{8z^3}{3!} + \dots \right\} = -\frac{2}{z^2} - \frac{2}{z} -$$

$$\frac{4}{3} - \dots$$

$\therefore$  Residue ( $\text{at } z=0$ ) =  $b_1$  = coefficient of  $\frac{1}{z} = -2$