

# Homework 4 - Thomas Boyko - 30191728

1. Consider the function  $z^n$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(a) Calculate the integral

$$\oint_{\gamma} z^n dz.$$

$\mathfrak{R}.$

Where  $\gamma$  is the boundary of the pentagon whose vertices are the 5th roots of 1, traversed once clockwise.

For  $n \geq 0$ , we know that  $z^n$  is holomorphic in its domain  $\mathbb{C}$ , so  $\gamma$  will be homotopic to a constant contour and the integral will be zero.

For  $n < -1$ , we notice that our curve  $\gamma$  is homotopic to the unit circle traveled clockwise, the integral over which will be the negative of the typical unit circle parameterization, call it  $\delta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\gamma} z^n dz &= - \oint_{\delta} z^n dz \\ &= - \int_0^{2\pi} e^{nti} i e^{it} dt \\ &= -i \int_0^{2\pi} e^{(n+1)it} dt \\ &= -i \left( \frac{e^{it(n+1)}}{n+1} \right)_0^{2\pi} \\ &= -i \left( \frac{e^{i2\pi(n+1)}}{n+1} - \frac{e^0}{n+1} \right) \\ &= -i \left( \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We can see in our calculations that the primitive we found in this example is undefined for  $n = -1$ , which motivates a separate case.

For  $n = -1$ , we have the same homotopy and we can use the same parameterization; so we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\delta} \frac{1}{z} dz &= -i \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{it}}{e^{it}} dz \\ &= -i \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dz \\ &= -2\pi i. \end{aligned}$$

So for  $n = -1$ , the integral is  $-2\pi i$ , and for any other  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the integral is 0.

(b) Calculate the integral of  $z^n$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , on the first side of the same pentagon, originating from 1 and moving clockwise.

We start by finding the necessary 5th roots of unity, which are given by  $z_0 = 1$  and  $z_1 = e^{\frac{8\pi}{5}i}$ . First let's take the case  $n \neq -1$ , where our integral is not path-dependent. So we only depend on the endpoints, 1 and  $e^{i\frac{8\pi}{5}}$ , and a primitive for  $z^n$  which is  $\frac{z^{n+1}}{n+1}$  for  $n \neq -1$ .

$$\int_{\gamma} z^n dz = F(e^{\frac{8\pi}{5}i}) - F(1) = \frac{1}{n+1} \left( e^{\frac{8\pi}{5}(n+1)} - 1 \right).$$

For  $n = -1$ , we notice that though  $\frac{1}{z}$  does not have a primitive in its domain, it does have a primitive in the domain of  $\ln$ ,  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$  since this domain is simply connected. This primitive is given by  $\ln z$ ; and so we can evaluate the integral:

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} dz = \ln e^{\frac{8\pi}{5}i} - \ln 1 = \frac{8\pi}{5}i.$$

2. Calculate the integral

$$\oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z^2 - 4z + 3} dz.$$

where  $\gamma$  is the circle centred on 0 and of radius 2, traversed once counterclockwise.

We can see singularities of this function at  $z = 1, 3$ . We also note that  $\gamma$  is a positively oriented Jordan curve. Now if we let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-3}$ , we can modify our integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z^2 - 4z + 3} dz &= \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z-1} dz \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z-1} dz \\ &= 2\pi i f(1) \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{1-3} \\ &= -\pi i. \end{aligned}$$

So;

$$\oint_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z^2 - 4z + 3} dz = -\pi i.$$