

Problem 1)

Express the following delta function in terms of delta functions of the variable x :

$$\delta\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right). \quad (1)$$

Recall that we can write

$$\delta(f(x)) = \sum_i \frac{\delta(x - x_i)}{|f'(x_i)|}, \quad (2)$$

where $f(x)$ has simple roots x_i ¹. Observe that $\sin x/x$ has zeros when $\sin x = 0$ or $x = n\pi$ for $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ and $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x/x|_{x=n\pi} = [\cos x/x - \sin x/x^2]_{x=n\pi} = (-1)^n/n\pi$. Note that there is not a zero when $n = 0$ (i.e. $x = 0$) since the $1/x$ makes the function indeterminate and $\sin x/x \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

Thus,

$$\delta\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n n\pi \left[\delta(x - n\pi) - \delta(x + n\pi) \right]. \quad (3)$$

Problem 2)

Calculate

$$I(z) = \Gamma(1+z)\Gamma(1-z) \quad (4)$$

at $z = 1/4$.

Problem 3)

Using the definition of the complete elliptical integrals $E(m)$ and $K(m)$, express the derivative $\partial E(m)/\partial m$ in terms of $K(m)$ and $E(m)$.

Problem 4)

Find the values of $e^{\pm i\pi/2}$, $e^{i\pi n}$, $\ln(-1)$ where $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

¹Otherwise we should expand to higher orders in the Taylor series of $f(x)$ around its root x_i

Problem 5)

Calculate the following series:

$$I_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^n \sin(qn) \quad \text{and} \quad I_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^n \cos(qn), \quad (5)$$

where p and q are real parameters.

HINT: Use the sum of geometric series with complex r .

Observe the following:

$$I = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p^n e^{iqn} = I_2 + iI_1. \quad (6)$$

That is $I_2 = \operatorname{Re}(I)$ and $I_1 = \operatorname{Im}(I)$. We can use the geometric series formula with complex $r = pe^{iq}$, giving

$$I = \frac{1}{1 - pe^{iq}} = \frac{1}{(1 - p \cos q) - ip \sin q} = \frac{(1 - p \cos q) + ip \sin q}{(1 - p \cos q)^2 + p^2 \sin^2 q}. \quad (7)$$

Taking real and imaginary parts of I , we have

$$I_1 = \frac{p \sin q}{1 + p^2 - 2p \cos q} \quad (8)$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1 - p \cos q}{1 + p^2 - 2p \cos q}. \quad (9)$$