

5.3.1 Find the poles and residues of the following functions:

- a. $\frac{1}{z^2 + 5z + 6}$
- b. $\frac{1}{(z^2 - 1)^2}$
- c. $\frac{1}{\sin z}$
- d. $\cot z$
- e. $\frac{1}{\sin^2 z}$
- f. $\frac{1}{z^m(1-z)^n}$, (m, n positive integers)

Solution a. Notice that $z^2 + 5z + 6 = (z + 2)(z + 3)$. Thus, by partial fractions

$$\frac{1}{(z + 2)(z + 3)} = \frac{1}{z + 2} - \frac{1}{z + 3}.$$

It has poles at -2 and -3 .

By definition, the residue at -2 is 1 and the residue at -3 is -1 , since if we subtract off a fraction removes the associated singularity.

b. Using partial fractions again,

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

The poles are -1 and 1 .

So, the residue at -1 is $1/4$ and the residue at 1 is $-1/4$.

c. Notice that

$$\sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}.$$

Thus, the function has a pole whenever $e^{iz} = e^{-iz} \implies 2iz = 2\pi in \implies z = \pi n$, for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We'll show that the poles are simple. Notice that if n is integer, then $e^{n\pi} = (-1)^n$. Then

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \pi n} \frac{2i(z - \pi n)}{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{2iz}{e^{i(z + \pi n)} - e^{-i(z + \pi n)}} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (-1)^n \frac{2iz}{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}} = (-1)^n \frac{1}{(e^z)'} \Big|_{z=0} = (-1)^n,$$

so the poles are simple.

Moreover, if we write the function as a Laurent series, it is easy to see that the residue is simply the coefficient of $1/(z - z_0)$, which is a_{-1} , if we use uniform convergence, Cauchy's integral formula, and Goursat's theorem. Thus, if f has an isolated singularity at z_0 ,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0)f(z) = a_{-1}.$$

Thus, if we apply this to our calculation, we see that $\text{Res}(1/\sin z, \pi n) = (-1)^n$.

d. Notice that the poles of this function are exactly the same as the poles of $1/\sin z$, since there are no z such that $\cos z = \sin z = 0$.

By the same argument as the above,

$$\text{Res}(\cot z, \pi n) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi n} \frac{z - \pi n}{\sin z} \cos z = (-1)^n \cos \pi n = (-1)^n (-1)^n = 1.$$

So the residue at every pole πn is 1 .

- e. Like before, the poles are at πn , for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Notice

$$\frac{d}{dz} - \cot z = \frac{1}{\sin^2 z}.$$

Thus,

$$\text{Res}\left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 z}, \pi n\right) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{1}{\sin^2 z} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C (-\cot z)' dz = 0,$$

for every pole.

- f. Notice that if we write f in its Laurent series, if z_0 is a pole of order n , we can find the residue via

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dz^{n-1}} (z - z_0)^n f(z).$$

Indeed, the residue is the coefficient a_{-1} , and after multiplying by $(z - z_0)^n$, f becomes analytic in a neighborhood of z_0 , and a_{-1} is the coefficient on $(z - z_0)^{n-1}$.

Thus,

$$\text{Res}\left(\frac{1}{z^m(1-z)^n}, 0\right) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dz^{n-1}} \frac{z^m}{z^m(1-z)^n} = (-1)^{m-1} \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-m)}{(m-1)!}.$$

Similarly,

$$\text{Res}\left(\frac{1}{z^m(1-z)^n}, 1\right) = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{m(m-1) \cdots (m-n)}{(n-1)!}$$

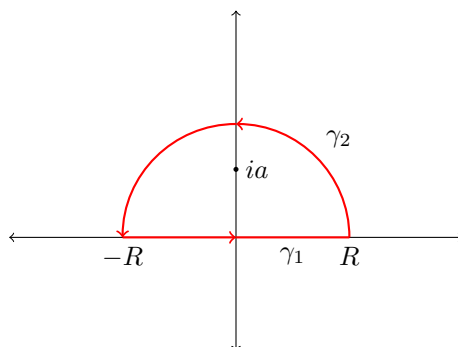
5.3.3d

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + a^2)^3} dx, \quad a \text{ real}$$

Solution Notice that the integrand is even, so the following integral gives us the same result:

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + a^2)^3} dx.$$

Consider the curve γ , which is a semicircle of radius $R > a$ centered at the origin in the upper-half plane.



γ_1 is the horizontal segment and γ_2 is the curve.

Over this contour, we have

$$\int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \frac{z^2}{(z^2 + a^2)^3} dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}\left(\frac{z^2}{(z^2 + a^2)^3}, ai\right).$$

By Cauchy's integral formula, we see

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \frac{z^2}{(z^2 + a^2)^3} dz &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \frac{1}{(z - ai)^3} \left(\frac{z^2}{(z + ai)^3} \right) dz \\
&= \frac{2\pi i}{2} \left(\frac{z^2}{(z + ai)^3} \right)'' \Big|_{z=ai} \\
&= \pi i \left(\frac{12(ai)^2}{(ai + ai)^5} - \frac{12ai}{(ai + ai)^4} + \frac{2}{(ai + ai)^3} \right) \\
&= \frac{\pi}{16a^3}.
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{z^2}{(z^2 + a^2)^3} dz \right| \leq \frac{\pi R^3}{2(R^2 - a^2)^3} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Indeed, we can write the denominator as $z^2 - (ai)^2$, and the closest point on γ_2 to ai is Ri .

So,

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + a^2)^3} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{z^2}{(z^2 + a^2)^3} dz = \frac{\pi}{16a^3} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + a^2)^3} dx = \frac{\pi}{16a^3}.$$

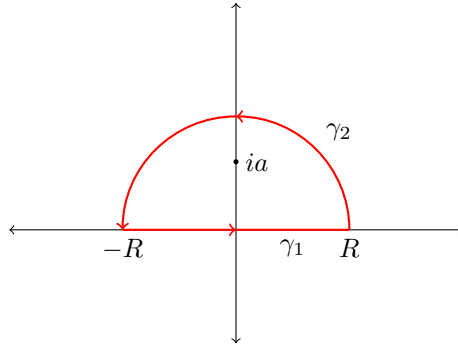
5.3.3e

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + a^2} dx, \quad a \text{ real}$$

Solution Consider the integral

$$\int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \frac{e^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz,$$

where γ_1 and γ_2 are the same contours as the previous problem.



By the residue theorem and Cauchy's integral formula, since e^{iz} is entire and ai is a simple pole,

$$\int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \frac{e^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res} \left(\frac{e^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2}, ai \right) = 2\pi i \cdot \frac{e^{-a}}{2ai} = \frac{\pi e^{-a}}{a}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\gamma_1} \frac{e^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz &= \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{e^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + a^2} dx \\
\left| \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{e^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz \right| &\leq \frac{\pi R}{R^2 - a^2} \sup_{x+iy \in \gamma_2} |e^{ix} e^{-y}| \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0,
\end{aligned}$$

since y is positive, which means e^{-y} is bounded.

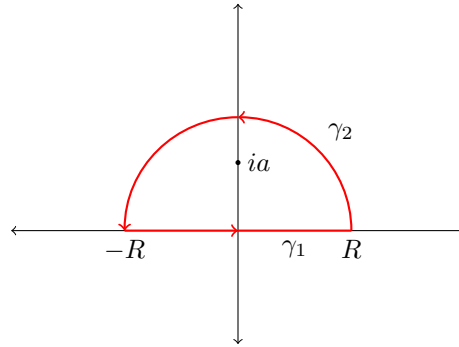
Thus, since the original integrand was even,

$$\operatorname{Re} \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \frac{e^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{\pi e^{-a}}{a} \implies \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{\pi e^{-a}}{2a}.$$

5.3.3f

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x \sin x}{x^2 + a^2} dx, \quad a \text{ real}$$

Solution We can use the same contour as the previous problems.



By the residue theorem,

$$\int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}\left(\frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2}, ai\right).$$

The residue here is given by

$$\frac{aie^{-a}}{2ai} = \frac{e^{-a}}{2},$$

by a simple application of Cauchy's integral formula. Thus,

$$\int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz = 2\pi i \cdot \frac{e^{-a}}{2} = i\pi e^{-a}.$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz &= \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x \sin x}{x^2 + a^2} dx \\ \left| \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{ze^{iz}}{z^2 + a^2} dz \right| &\leq \frac{\pi R^2}{R^2 - a^2} \sup_{x+iy \in \gamma_2} |e^{ix} e^{-y}| \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0, \end{aligned}$$

by the same argument as the previous problem.

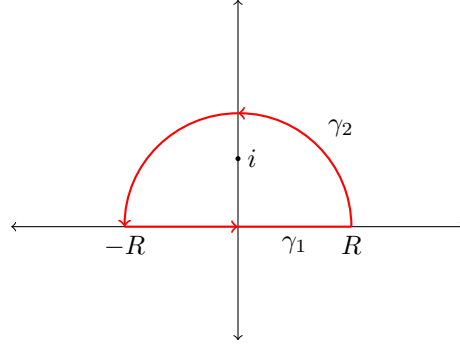
Thus, if we send $R \rightarrow \infty$ and use the fact that our original integrand is even and the imaginary part of the integrand we used,

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x \sin x}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{\pi e^{-a}}{2}.$$

5.3.3g

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/3}}{1+x^2} dx$$

Solution We'll use the same contour as before.



Consider

$$\int_\gamma \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz.$$

While $z^{1/3}$ has a branch singularity at 0, we can simply take the contour to have a small arc around the origin and shrink it to get the same result.

The residue of the function at i is

$$\frac{i^{1/3}}{2i} = \frac{e^{i\pi/6}}{2i},$$

so

$$\int_\gamma \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz = 2\pi i \frac{e^{i\pi/6}}{2i} = \pi e^{i\pi/6}$$

Notice that

$$\left| \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz \right| \leq \frac{\pi R^{4/3}}{R^2-1} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Also notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz + \int_0^\infty \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{(-z)^{1/3}}{1+(-z)^2} dz + \int_0^\infty \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz \\ &= (1 + e^{i\pi/3}) \int_0^\infty \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz, \end{aligned}$$

since $\arg z \in [0, \pi)$. Thus, taking $R \rightarrow \infty$,

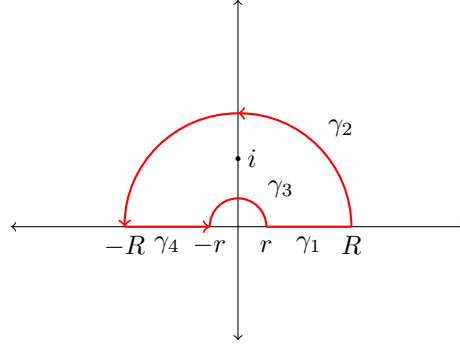
$$\int_\gamma \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz = (1 + e^{i\pi/3}) \int_0^\infty \frac{z^{1/3}}{1+z^2} dz = \pi e^{i\pi/6} \implies \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/3}}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{\pi e^{i\pi/6}}{1 + e^{i\pi/3}} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

The last equality is gotten by expanding the exponentials and simplifying.

5.3.3h

$$\int_0^\infty (1+x^2)^{-1} \log x \, dx$$

Solution We'll use the same contour, but with a bump.



Then $\log z$ is analytic and single-valued on the region bounded by the contour.

We'll also take the branch of the logarithm with angle between 0 and 2π , since we don't make a full loop around the origin.

By the residue theorem

$$\int_{\gamma_1+\gamma_2+\gamma_3} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz = 2\pi i \frac{\log i}{2i} = \pi \frac{\pi i}{2} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} i.$$

Next, notice that

$$\left| \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz \right| \leq \frac{\pi R((\log R)^2 + \pi^2)^{1/2}}{R^2 - 1} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\left| \int_{\gamma_3} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz \right| \leq \frac{\pi r((\log r)^2 + \pi^2)^{1/2}}{1 - r^2} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} 0,$$

since $x \log x \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} 0$, which is easy to see with L'Hôpital's.

Thus, if we take $r \rightarrow 0$ and $R \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\int_{\gamma_1+\gamma_2+\gamma_3} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz = \frac{\pi^2}{2} i = \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz.$$

If we split the integral, we see

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} + \frac{\pi i}{1+z^2} dz + \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz + \pi i \arctan x \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz + \frac{\pi^2}{2} i. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz + \frac{\pi^2}{2} i = \frac{\pi^2}{2} i \implies \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log z}{1+z^2} dz = 0.$$

5.3.3i

$$\int_0^\infty \log(1+x^2) \frac{dx}{x^{1+\alpha}}, \quad (0 < \alpha < 2)$$

Solution We first integrate by parts to see that

$$\int_0^\infty \log(1+x^2) \frac{dx}{x^{1+\alpha}} = -\frac{x^{-\alpha}}{\alpha} \log(1+x^2) \Big|_0^\infty + \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{2x}{x^\alpha(1+x^2)} dx.$$

By L'Hôpital's,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\log(1+x^2)}{x^\alpha} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{2x}{(1+x^2)x^{\alpha-1}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{2}{2x^\alpha + (\alpha-1)(1+x^2)x^{\alpha-2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{2x^{2-\alpha}}{2x^2 + (\alpha-1)(1+x^2)} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

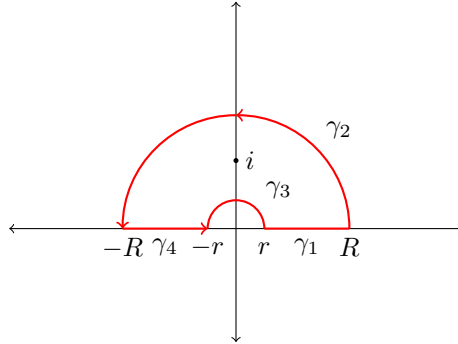
Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\log(1+x^2)}{x^\alpha} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{2x}{(1+x^2)x^{\alpha-1}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{2}{2x^\alpha + (\alpha-1)(1+x^2)x^{\alpha-2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} \frac{2x^{2-\alpha}}{2x^2 + (\alpha-1)(1+x^2)} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

This is because $2 > 2 - \alpha > 0$, by assumption. So, the integral reduces to

$$\int_0^\infty \log(1+x^2) \frac{dx}{x^{1+\alpha}} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{2x}{x^\alpha(1+x^2)} dx.$$

We'll use the same contour, but with a bump.



Thus, by the residue theorem,

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} \int_0^\infty \frac{2z}{z^\alpha(1+z^2)} dz = 2\pi i \frac{2i}{i^\alpha 2i} = \frac{2\pi}{\alpha} e^{i(1-\alpha)\pi/2}.$$

Notice that because $\alpha > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{2z}{z^\alpha(1+z^2)} dz \right| &\leq \frac{2\pi R^2}{R^\alpha(R^2-1)} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0 \\ \left| \int_{\gamma_3} \frac{2z}{z^\alpha(1+z^2)} dz \right| &\leq \frac{2\pi r^2}{r^\alpha(r^2-1)} = \frac{2\pi r^{2-\alpha}}{r^2-1} \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\log(1+z^2)}{z^{1+\alpha}} dz &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\log(1+z^2)}{z^{1+\alpha}} dz + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log(1+z^2)}{z^{1+\alpha}} dz \\
&= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log(1+(-z)^2)}{(-z)^{1+\alpha}} dz + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log(1+z^2)}{z^{1+\alpha}} dz \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{e^{i\pi(1+\alpha)} + 1} \right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log(1+z^2)}{z^{1+\alpha}} dz.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, when we take $R \rightarrow \infty$ and $r \rightarrow 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{2\pi}{\alpha} e^{i(1-\alpha)\pi/2} &= \int_{\gamma_1+\gamma_2+\gamma_3} \frac{\log(1+z^2)}{z^{1+\alpha}} dz = \left(\frac{1}{e^{i\pi(1+\alpha)} + 1} \right) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log(1+z^2)}{z^{1+\alpha}} dz \\
\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log(1+z^2)}{z^{1+\alpha}} dz &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{2\pi e^{i(1-\alpha)\pi/2}}{1 + e^{-i\pi(1+\alpha)}} = \frac{\pi \csc \frac{\pi\alpha}{2}}{\alpha}.
\end{aligned}$$

The last equality comes from expanding the exponential and simplifying via rationalization.

5.3.5 Show that if $f(z)$ is analytic and bounded for $|z| < 1$ and if $|\zeta| < 1$, then

$$f(\zeta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{|z|<1} \frac{f(z) dx dy}{(1 - \bar{z}\zeta)^2}$$

Solution By the Cauchy integral formula,

$$f(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{f(z)}{z - \zeta} dz.$$

Green's theorem for complex variables says that if we write $F(z)$ for the integrand,

$$\int_{|z|=1} F(z) dz = 2i \iint_{|z|<1} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{z}} dx dy,$$

Next, since $z = 1/\bar{z}$ for z on the unit circle,

$$F(z) = \frac{f(z)}{z - \zeta} = \frac{\bar{z}f(z)}{1 - \bar{z}\zeta},$$

so because $\partial f / \partial \bar{z} = 0$ if f is analytic, we get

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \bar{z}} = \frac{f(z)(1 - \bar{z}\zeta) + \bar{z}f(z)\zeta}{(1 - \bar{z}\zeta)^2} = \frac{f(z)}{(1 - \bar{z}\zeta)^2}.$$

Thus, we get

$$f(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \iint_{|z|<1} F_y - F_x dx dy = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \iint_{|z|<1} \frac{f(z)}{(1 - \bar{z}\zeta)^2} dx dy$$

as desired.