

Integrate z squared

Consider

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{z^2}{4 - z^2} dz$$

where $\gamma = |z + 1| = 2$. So the denominator of the function is

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

It has zeroes as $z = \pm 2$. Only the point $z = 2$ is inside our contour.

So if we split this by partial fractions

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

so we can rewrite the integral as

$$I = \int_{\gamma} \frac{z^2}{4} \left[\frac{1}{2 + z} + \frac{1}{2 - z} \right] dz$$

By Cauchy's Theorem, the first term is zero. The second one is:

$$I = \int_{\gamma} \frac{z^2}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2 - z} \right) dz$$

and the value of I is

$$I = 2\pi i f(z_0)$$

where

$$f(z_0) = \frac{z^2}{4} \bigg|_{z_0=2} = 1$$

so the integral is just $2\pi i$.