

Complex Function Theory

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1 Calculating integrals using sums

Let R be a rational function, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. If:

- There are no poles in $\mathbb{R}$.
- $\lambda \neq 0$, $R(x) \leq \frac{C}{1+|x|}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.
- $\lambda = 0$, $R(x) \leq \frac{C}{1+|x|^2}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(x)e^{i\lambda x} dx = \begin{cases} 2\pi i \sum_{\Im a > 0} \text{res}_a \left(R(z)e^{i\lambda z} \right) & \lambda \geq 0 \\ 2\pi i \sum_{\Im a < 0} \text{res}_a \left(R(z)e^{i\lambda z} \right) & \lambda < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_\rho} R(z)e^{i\lambda z} dz = 2\pi i \sum_{\Im a > 0} \text{res}_a \left(R(z)e^{i\lambda z} \right)$$

For big enough ρ , where $c_\rho = \{z : |z| = \rho, \Im z > 0\}$ and $\Gamma_\rho = [-\rho, \rho] + C_\rho$

Lemma 1 (Jordan).

$$\int_{C_\rho} R(z)e^{i\lambda z} dz \xrightarrow{\rho \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{C_\rho} \right| &= \left| \int_0^\pi R(\rho e^{i\theta}) e^{i\lambda \rho e^{i\theta}} \frac{dz}{i} \rho e^{i\theta} d\theta \right| \leq \int_0^\pi \left| R(\rho e^{i\theta}) \right| e^{-\lambda \rho \sin \theta} \rho d\theta \leq C \int_0^\pi e^{-\lambda \rho \sin \theta} d\theta \\ &= 2c \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-\lambda \rho \sin \theta} d\theta \leq 2c \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{\frac{2\lambda}{\pi} \rho \theta} d\theta < 2c \overbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{\frac{2\lambda}{\pi} \rho \theta} d\theta}^{\xrightarrow{\rho \rightarrow \infty} 0} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Example 1. Let $\alpha, \beta > 0$, there are poles at $z \pm i\beta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos \alpha x}{x^2 + \beta^2} dx &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{i\alpha x} + e^{-i\alpha x}}{x^2 + \beta^2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \left[2\pi i \text{res}_{i\beta} \frac{e^{i\alpha z}}{(z+i\beta)(z-i\beta)} - 2\pi i \text{res}_{-i\beta} \frac{e^{-i\alpha z}}{(z+i\beta)(z-i\beta)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2\pi i \left[\frac{e^{i\alpha \cdot i\beta}}{i\beta + i\beta} - \frac{e^{-i\alpha(-i\beta)}}{-i\beta - i\beta} \right] = \frac{\pi i}{2} \frac{1}{2i\beta} [e^{\alpha\beta} + e^{-\alpha\beta}] = \frac{\pi}{2\beta} e^{-\alpha\beta} \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if $\beta = 1$ then

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\cos \alpha x}{x^2 + 1} dx = e^{-|\alpha|}$$

Example 2.

$$I = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^n}{1+x^{2n}} dx$$

What is the integral over $\Gamma_R = \{0, R\} \cup \{Re^{i\theta} : \theta < \pi/4\} \cup \{xe^{i\pi/4} : 0 \leq x \leq R\}$?

$$\int_{\Gamma_R} \frac{z^n}{1+z^{2n}} dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{res}_{e^{i\pi/2n}} \left(\frac{z^n}{1+z^{2n}} \right) = 2\pi i \frac{e^{i\pi/2}}{2ne^{(2n-1)i\pi/2n}} = -\pi i \frac{i}{ne^{i\pi/2n}} = \frac{\pi}{n} e^{i\pi/2n}$$

As $R \rightarrow \infty$, $II = 0$, since $|II| \leq \frac{C \cdot R}{R^n} \rightarrow 0$ and of course,

$$I \rightarrow \int_0^\infty \frac{x^n}{1+x^{2n}} dx := J$$

$$III = - \int_0^R \frac{xe^{i\pi/n}}{1+(xe^{i\pi/n})^{2n}} e^{dz^{i\pi/n}} dx = e^{i\pi/n}$$

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Example 3.

$$I(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^\alpha}{1+x} dx, -1 < \Re(\alpha) < 0$$

Define $\Gamma_{\varepsilon, R}$ as the “key-hole contour”.

$$\int_{\Gamma_{\varepsilon, R}} \frac{z^\alpha}{1+z} dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{res}_{z=-1} \frac{z^\alpha}{1+z} = 2\pi i z^\alpha \Big|_{z=-1=e^{i\pi}} = 2\pi i e^{i\pi\alpha}$$

Let $\Gamma_{\varepsilon, R} = -I + II + III + IV$, where

- I is the circle with a radius of ε .
- II is the Line from ε to R just above the real line.
- III is the Line from ε to R just below the real line.
- IV is the circle with a radius of R .

$$II = \int_\varepsilon^R \frac{x^\alpha}{1+x} dx \xrightarrow[\varepsilon \rightarrow 0]{R \rightarrow \infty} J(\alpha)$$

$$III = - \int_\varepsilon^R \frac{x^\alpha e^{2\pi i \alpha}}{1+x} dx \rightarrow e^{2i\pi\alpha} J(\alpha)$$

$$|I| \leq 2\pi\varepsilon e^{2\pi|\Im\alpha|} \cdot \frac{\varepsilon^{\Re(\alpha)}}{C} \leq C_1 e^{1+Re(\alpha)} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} 0$$

$$|IV| \leq 2\pi R e^{2\pi|\Im\alpha|} \frac{R^{\Re(\alpha)}}{R-1} C R^{\Re(\alpha)} \rightarrow 0$$

$$(1 - e^{2\pi i \alpha}) J(\alpha) = 2\pi i e^{i\pi\alpha}$$

$$J(\alpha) = \frac{e^{i\pi\alpha}}{1 - e^{2i\pi\alpha}} 2\pi i = -\frac{1}{\frac{e^{\pi i \alpha} - e^{-\pi i \alpha}}{i}} = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi\alpha)}$$

Another way of calculating the integral is as follows, letting $x = e^\xi$ and $\zeta = i\nu$:

$$I(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^\alpha}{1+x} dx = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{(\alpha+1)\xi}}{1+e^\xi} d\xi = \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{\beta\xi}}{1+e^\xi} d\xi$$

Setting Γ_A as the rectangle with vertices at $(-A, 0), (A, 0), (A, 2\pi i)$ and $(-A, 2\pi i)$. Then:

$$\int_{\Gamma_A} \frac{e^{\beta\zeta}}{1+e^\zeta} d\zeta = 2\pi i \operatorname{res}_{\zeta=\pi i} \frac{e^{\beta\zeta}}{1+e^\zeta} = 2\pi i \frac{e^{\beta\zeta}}{e^\zeta} \Big|_{\zeta=\pi i} = 2\pi i \frac{e^{\beta\pi i}}{-1} = -2\pi i e^{\beta\pi i}$$

$$\int_{\Gamma_A} \int_{-A}^A \frac{e^{\beta\zeta}}{1+e^\zeta} d\zeta - \int_{-A}^A \frac{e^{\beta\zeta}}{1+e^\zeta} d\zeta \cdot e^{2\pi i\beta} + I + II$$

Since (H.W) $|I|, |II| \xrightarrow{A \rightarrow \infty} 0$ we have $J(\alpha) (1 - e^{2\pi i\beta}) = -2\pi i e^{\pi i\beta}$.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{\beta\zeta}}{1+e^\zeta} d\zeta = -2\pi i \frac{e^{\pi i\beta}}{1 - e^{2\pi i\beta}} = \pi \frac{1}{\frac{e^{\pi i\beta} - e^{-\pi i\beta}}{2i}} = \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi\beta}$$

Corollary 1.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{!!!!!!}$$

1.1 Sums

1.

$$\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi z} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(z - n)^2}$$

2.

$$\cot \pi z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \left(\frac{1}{z - n} + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

3.

$$\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{|n| \leq m} \frac{(-1)^n}{z - n}$$

4.

$$\sin \pi z = \pi z \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \left(1 - \frac{z}{n} \right) e^{z/n} = \pi z \prod_{n \geq 1} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2} \right)$$

Proof. 1.

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{(z - n)^2} + f(z)$$

Where f is an analytic function in a neighborhood of $z = n$. $\left(\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z} \right)^2$ is 1 periodic, therefore it is sufficient to check that this occurs around $n = 0$.

Using the taylor expansion of $\sin \pi z$ we have $\sin \pi z = \pi z + \mathcal{O}(z^3)$ when $z \rightarrow 0$.

$$\frac{1}{\sin \pi z} = \frac{1}{\pi z + \mathcal{O}(z^3)} = \frac{1}{\pi z} + \mathcal{O}(z), z \rightarrow 0$$

Meaning that the claim is correct at $n = 0$.

$$g(z) := \left(\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z} \right)^2 - \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(z - n)^2}$$

g is entire and $g(z + 1) = g(z)$, thus g is bounded in $\mathbb{C}$ and as a result of the Liouville theorem g is constant.

$$|\sin \pi z|^2 = |\sin \pi(x + iy)|^2 = \sin^2 \pi x + \sinh^2 \pi y \xrightarrow{y \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

Thus, as $|y| \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z}\right)^2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\left|\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(z-n)^2}\right| \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{|z-n|^2} \xrightarrow{|y| \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

2.

$$(\pi \cot \pi z)' = -\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi z}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n}\right)\right)' = -\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(z-n)^2}$$

Thus,

$$\pi \cot \pi z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n}\right) + \text{const}$$

Since these two functions are odd, $\text{const} = 0$.

3. Leaving this as homework.

4.

$$\frac{(\sin \pi z)'}{\sin z} = \pi \cot \pi z$$

$$\Pi(z) := \pi z \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}} \left(1 - \frac{z}{n}\right) e^{z/n}$$

Then

$$\frac{\Pi'}{\Pi}(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

Thus, using (2) we have

$$\frac{(\sin \pi z)'}{\sin \pi z} = \frac{\Pi'}{\Pi}(z) \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \pi z}{\Pi(z)} = \text{const}$$

$$\sin \pi z = Cz \prod_{n \neq 0} \left(1 - \frac{z}{n}\right) e^{z/n}$$

$$\frac{\sin \pi z}{\Pi(z)} \Big|_{z \rightarrow 0} \rightarrow \pi \Rightarrow C = \pi$$

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