

Complex integration.

1. Compute

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{e^z}{z} dz, \quad \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^z}{(z - 1/2)^2} dz,$$

where $\gamma = \{e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$.

Sol.: The function e^z is holomorphic on \mathbf{C} and coincides with all its derivatives. Hence by Cauchy integral formulas we have

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{e^z}{z} dz = 2\pi i e^0 = 2\pi i$$

and

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{e^z}{(z - 1/2)^2} dz = 2\pi i (e^z)'|_{z=1/2} = 2\pi i e^{1/2}.$$

2. Compute

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{(z - 1)(z - 2i)} dz,$$

where $\gamma = \{4e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$.

Sol.: Both $z = 1$ and $z = 2i$ are inside the circle of center 0 and radius 4. Write

$$\frac{1}{(z - 1)(z - 2i)} = \frac{a}{(z - 1)} + \frac{b}{(z - 2i)}, \quad a = (1 + 2i)/5, \quad b = -(1 + 2i)/5.$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{(z - 1)(z - 2i)} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{a}{(z - 1)} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{b}{(z - 2i)} = a + b = 0,$$

by direct computation or by applying Cauchy integral formula to the constant functions $f(z) = a$ and $g(z) = b$.

3. Compute

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{\cos z}{(z - \pi/2)^{10}} dz,$$

where $\gamma = \{2e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$.

Sol.: The point $\pi/2$ is inside the circle of center 0 and radius 2 and the function $\cos z$ is holomorphic on \mathbf{C} . Hence

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{\cos z}{(z - \pi/2)^{10}} dz = 2\pi i \frac{1}{9!} \cos^{(9)}(\pi/2),$$

where $\cos^{(9)}(\pi/2) = -\sin(\pi/2) = -1$.

4. Let $|a| < 1 < |b|$. For $n, m \in \mathbf{Z}$, compute

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{(z-b)^m}{(z-a)^n} dz,$$

where $\gamma = \{e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}$.

Sol.: Observe that $(z-b)^m$ is holomorphic inside the unit disc, for every $m \in \mathbf{Z}$. Hence

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{(z-b)^m}{(z-a)^n} dz = 0,$$

for all $m \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $n \leq 0$. Now let $m \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $n > 0$. Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{(z-b)^m}{(z-a)^n} dz = cf^{(n-1)}(a),$$

where $f(z) = (z-b)^m$ and $c \in \mathbf{C}$ is some constant...to be computed.

Cauchy's formulas, identity principle, Liouville theorem.

5. Let $\Omega \subset \mathbf{C}$ be an open connected set. Let $f, g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ be holomorphic functions such that $f \cdot g \equiv 0$. Then either $f \equiv 0$ or $g \equiv 0$.

Sol.: Suppose for example that $f \not\equiv 0$. Then there exist a point $z_0 \in \Omega$ and an open neighbourhood U_{z_0} of z_0 in Ω such that $f(z) \neq 0$, for all $z \in U_{z_0}$. But then $g(z) = 0$, for all $z \in U_{z_0}$ and, by the identity principle, $g \equiv 0$ on Ω .

6. Let $f: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ be a holomorphic function, such that $|f(z)| \leq |e^z|$, for all $z \in \mathbf{C}$. Prove that $f(z) = ce^z$, for some constant $c \in \mathbf{C}$.

Sol.: Consider the function $g(z) := f(z)/e^z$. Since e^z is holomorphic and $\neq 0$ for all $z \in \mathbf{C}$, the function g is well defined and holomorphic on \mathbf{C} . Moreover $|g(z)| \leq 1$, for all $z \in \mathbf{C}$. Hence $g \equiv c$, for some constant $c \in \mathbf{C}$ and $f(z) = ce^z$, as stated.

7. Let $f: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ be a holomorphic function. Assume that there exist positive constants M and c for which $|f(z)| \leq M(c + |z|^n)$, for all $z \in \mathbf{C} \setminus B(0, R)$, with $R > 0$.

(a) Show that f is a polynomial of degree $\leq n$.

(b) Assume $|f(z)| \leq M|z|^2$. Determine $f(0)$ and $f'(0)$.

Sol.: (a) As f is entire, it admits a series expansion around 0,

$$f(z) = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_k z^k, \quad a_k = \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=R} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi^{k+1}} d\xi, \quad (\forall R > 0),$$

converging on all \mathbf{C} . We need to show that $a_k = 0$, for all $k > n$.

We have

$$|a_k| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} 2\pi R \frac{\sup_{|z|=R} |f(z)|}{R^{k+1}} \leq \frac{M(c + R^n)}{R^k},$$

which tends to 0, for $k > n$, when $R \rightarrow \infty$.

(b) It is clear that $f(0) = 0$, since $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 0} |f(z)| = 0$.

Moreover $\frac{|f(z)-f(0)|}{|z|} \leq M|z|$. Hence $|f'(0)| = \lim_{|z| \rightarrow 0} \frac{|f(z)-f(0)|}{|z|} \leq M|z| = 0$.

8. Determine all the zeros of $\sin z$ and $\cos z$. Let $U = \mathbf{C} \setminus \{\pi/2 \pm k\pi, k \in \mathbf{Z}\}$. Let f be a holomorphic function on U , such that $f(\pi/n) = \tan(\pi/n)$, $n \geq 3$. Deduce that f is not holomorphic on all \mathbf{C} and that it does not assume the value i .

Sol.: Let $z = x + iy \in \mathbf{C}$. One has

$$\sin z = \sin x \cosh y + i \cos x \sinh y, \quad \cos z = \cos x \cosh y + i \sin x \sinh y.$$

Hence

$$\sin z = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \sin x = 0 \\ \sinh y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow z = k\pi, k \in \mathbf{Z};$$

$$\cos z = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \cos x = 0 \\ \sinh y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow z = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, k \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

The functions $f(z)$ and $\tan(z)$ are holomorphic on the same open connected set U , containing 0. Since $\{\frac{\pi}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 3}}$ is a set with an accumulation point in 0, it is a “uniqueness set” for f . It follows that $f(z) = \tan(z)$, for all $z \in U$. In particular f is unbounded near the points $\{\frac{\pi}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbf{Z}_{\geq 3}}$ and cannot be holomorphic on all of \mathbf{C} . Now assume that f takes the value i for some $z_0 \in U$. Then

$$f(z_0) = \tan(z_0) = i \Leftrightarrow \sin(z_0)/\cos(z_0) = i \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \sin x_0(\cosh y_0 - \sinh y_0) = 0 \\ \cos x_0(\cosh y_0 + \sinh y_0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Since $\cos x \neq 0$ on U and $\sinh y + \cosh y = e^y \neq 0$, we have a contradiction.