

Complex Analysis Tutorial Nine Solutions.

Question One. We have the integral

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/4}}{x^2 + 16} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{4u^4}{u^8 + 16} du = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{4u^4}{u^8 + 16} du.$$

This is just an application of the residue theorem. There are four simple poles above the axis. These are solutions of $z^8 = -16$ and are $z_1 = \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{\pi i}{8}}, z_2 = \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{3\pi i}{8}}, z_3 = \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{5\pi i}{8}}, z_4 = \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{7\pi i}{8}}$. We have for $f(z) = \frac{4z^4}{z^8 + 16}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}(f(z), \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{\pi i}{8}}) &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}i} e^{\frac{\pi i}{8}}, \\ \text{Res}(f(z), \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{3\pi i}{8}}) &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{\pi i}{8}}, \\ \text{Res}(f(z), \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{5\pi i}{8}}) &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} e^{-\frac{\pi i}{8}}, \\ \text{Res}(f(z), \sqrt{2}e^{\frac{7\pi i}{8}}) &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}i} e^{\frac{\pi i}{8}}. \end{aligned}$$

We then obtain after an elementary application of Euler's formula

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/4}}{x^2 + 16} dx = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) \right).$$

Question Two. We use the same contour as was in the last question of tutorial eight. We have $\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 - \gamma_3$, where $\gamma_1(t) = t, 0 \leq t \leq R$, $\gamma_2(t) = Re^{it}, 0 \leq t \leq \frac{2\pi}{5}$, $\gamma_3(t) = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}}t, 0 \leq t \leq R$.

Let $f(z) = \frac{z}{z^5 + 1}$. The poles are at the solutions to $z^5 = e^{\pi i + 2k\pi i}$. The only pole inside the contour is at $z_1 = e^{\frac{\pi i}{5}}$. So that by the Residue Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^R \frac{tdt}{1+t^5} + \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{5}} \frac{iR^2e^{2it}}{R^5e^{5it}+1} dt - e^{\frac{4\pi i}{5}} \int_0^R \frac{tdt}{(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}}t)^5+1} \\ &= (1 - e^{\frac{4\pi i}{5}}) \int_0^R \frac{dt}{t^5+1} + \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{5}} \frac{iR^2e^{2it}}{R^5e^{5it}+1} dt = 2\pi i \text{Res} \left(\frac{z}{1+z^5}, e^{\frac{\pi i}{5}} \right) \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{5} e^{\frac{-3\pi i}{5}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{5}} \frac{iR^2e^{2it}}{R^5e^{5it}+1} dt \right| &\leq \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{5}} \left| \frac{iR^2e^{2it}}{R^5e^{5it}+1} \right| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^{\frac{2\pi}{5}} \frac{R^2}{R^5-1} dt = \frac{R^2}{R^5-1} \frac{2\pi}{5} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

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as $R \rightarrow \infty$. So taking $R \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$(1 - e^{\frac{4\pi i}{5}}) \int_0^\infty \frac{t dt}{t^5 + 1} = \frac{2\pi i}{5} e^{-\frac{3\pi i}{5}},$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{t dt}{t^5 + 1} &= \frac{2\pi i}{5} \frac{e^{-\frac{3\pi i}{5}}}{(1 - e^{\frac{4\pi i}{5}})} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{5} \frac{e^{-\pi i}}{(e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{5}} - e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}})} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{5 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{5}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Question Three.

(a). We have $\int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{i\theta}) d\theta$ for an analytic function f . Let $z = e^{i\theta}$ and C be the unit circle. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{i\theta}) d\theta &= \int_C \frac{f(z)}{iz} dz \\ &= 2\pi \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z - 0} dz = 2\pi f(0) \end{aligned}$$

by the Cauchy integral formula.

(a). We have $\int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{i\theta}) \cos \theta d\theta$. As in the previous question we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} f(e^{i\theta}) \cos \theta d\theta &= \int_C f(z) \frac{1}{2} \left(z + \frac{1}{z} \right) \frac{dz}{iz} \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \int_C f(z) dz + \frac{1}{2i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z^2} dz \\ &= \pi \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - 0)^2} dz = \pi f'(0). \end{aligned}$$

The first integral on the second line is zero by Cauchy's Theorem.

Question Four.

(a)

We let $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z^2 + 1)^2}$. There are two poles of order 2 at $\pm i$. So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}(\pi \cot(\pi z) f(z), i) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{(z - i)^2 \pi \cot(\pi z)}{(z - i)^2 (z + i)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\pi^2 - \pi^2 \coth^2 \pi - \pi \coth \pi), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}(\pi \cot(\pi z) f(z), -i) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -i} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{(z + i)^2 \pi \cot(\pi z)}{(z - i)^2 (z + i)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (\pi^2 - \pi^2 \coth^2 \pi - \pi \coth \pi). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n^2 + 1)^2} &= -(\operatorname{Res}(\pi \cot(\pi z)f(z), i) + \operatorname{Res}(\pi \cot(\pi z)f(z), -i)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\pi \coth \pi + \pi^2 \operatorname{cosech}^2 \pi).\end{aligned}$$

(b)

We take $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^4 + 4}$ which has four simple poles. These are at $z_1 = \sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$, $z_2 = \sqrt{2}e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}$, $z_3 = \sqrt{2}e^{3i\frac{\pi}{4}}$, $z_4 = \sqrt{2}e^{-3i\frac{\pi}{4}}$. Then

$$\operatorname{Res}(f(z), z_1) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \frac{(z - z_1)\pi \cot(\pi z)}{z^4 + 4} = \frac{1}{16}(i - 1)\pi \coth \pi,$$

$$\operatorname{Res}(f(z), z_2) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_2} \frac{(z - z_2)\pi \cot(\pi z)}{z^4 + 4} = \frac{1}{16}(-i - 1)\pi \coth \pi,$$

$$\operatorname{Res}(f(z), z_3) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_3} \frac{(z - z_3)\pi \cot(\pi z)}{z^4 + 4} = \frac{1}{16}(-i - 1)\pi \coth \pi,$$

$$\operatorname{Res}(f(z), z_4) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_4} \frac{(z - z_4)\pi \cot(\pi z)}{z^4 + 4} = \frac{1}{16}(i - 1)\pi \coth \pi.$$

This gives

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4 + 4} = -\sum_{k=1}^4 \operatorname{Res}(f(z), z_k) = \frac{\pi}{4} \coth \pi.$$

Question Five.

(a) We have the Laplace transform $F(s) = \frac{s^2 - 1}{(s^2 + 4)(s^2 + 9)}$. This has poles at $\pm 2i$ and $\pm 3i$. Then we require

$$\operatorname{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, 2i) = \frac{1}{4}ie^{2it},$$

$$\operatorname{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, -2i) = -\frac{1}{4}ie^{-2it},$$

$$\operatorname{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, 3i) = -\frac{1}{3}ie^{3it},$$

$$\operatorname{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, -3i) = \frac{1}{3}ie^{-3it},$$

If $f(t)$ is the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}f(t) &= \frac{1}{4}ie^{2it} - \frac{1}{4}ie^{-2it} - \frac{1}{3}ie^{3it} + \frac{1}{3}ie^{-3it} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\sin(3t) - \frac{1}{2}\sin(2t).\end{aligned}$$

(b)

We have $F(s) = \frac{1}{s(e^s + 1)}$. This has infinitely many poles. There are simple poles at $s = 0$ and $s = \pm\pi i, \pm 3\pi i \dots$. Now

$$\text{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, s = 0) = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\text{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, s = \pi i) = \frac{i}{\pi}e^{i\pi t},$$

$$\text{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, s = -\pi i) = -\frac{i}{\pi}e^{-i\pi t},$$

$$\text{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, s = 3\pi i) = \frac{i}{3\pi}e^{3i\pi t},$$

$$\text{Res}(F(s)e^{st}, s = -3\pi i) = -\frac{i}{-3\pi}e^{3i\pi t},$$

etc. Thus the inverse Laplace transform is

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin((2n+1)\pi t)}{\pi(2n+1)}.$$