

MA/PHY 507 Spring 2019
Midterm Exam - 100 Points
8 March 2019

INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE WORK ALL FOUR PROBLEMS BELOW. NO
BOOKS, PAPERS, OR NOTES ARE ALLOWED.

NAME: Solutions

PROBLEM	MAXIMUM GRADE	SCORE
1	25	
2	25	
3	25	
4	25	
TOTAL	100	

Problem 1. (25 points.) Laurent expansions, poles, and residues:

- i. Find the Laurent expansion of f about $z_0 = 0$. Identify the order of the pole, the residue, and the region where the expansion is valid.

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

- ii. Identify the poles and their orders and calculate the residues for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{e^z}{e^{2z} - 1}$$

(i) Singularity at $z_0 = -1$ so expect LE in $(z - z_0) = (z + 1)$

$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)^2} \cdot 2z^2$ only need to express $2z^2$ in terms of $(z+1)$: $z^2 = (z+1-1)^2 = (z+1)^2 - 2(z+1) + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } f(z) &= \frac{2(z+1)^2 - 4(z+1) + 2}{(z+1)^2} = 2 - 4 \frac{1}{z+1} + \frac{2}{(z+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{(z+1)^2} - 4 \frac{1}{z+1} + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Res}(f, -1) = -4$; $z_0 = -1$ is a 2nd order pole.

You can also use $\lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \left(\frac{d}{dz} (z+1)^2 f(z) \right) = \text{Res}(f, -1)$

(ii) Poles at $e^{2z} = 1 \Leftrightarrow e^{2x} \cos 2y = 1$ (1)

so $y = \frac{\pi k}{2}$. Substitute into (1) $e^{2x} \sin 2y = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 2y = 0$ or $2y = \pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $e^{2x} \cos \pi k = (-1)^k e^{2x} = 1 \Rightarrow x = 0, k = 2m, \text{ even}$

so $(x=0, y=m\pi)$, Note that e^z doesn't vanish at these points.

let $h(z) = e^{2z} - 1$, $h'(z) = 2e^{2z}$, and $g(z) = e^z = g'(z) \neq 0$.

$$\text{Res}(f, im\pi) = \frac{g(im\pi)}{h'(im\pi)} = \frac{(-1)^m}{2} = \frac{(-1)^m}{2}$$

All the poles are simple.

Problem 2. (25 points.) Compute the following integrals. Clearly explain your methods.

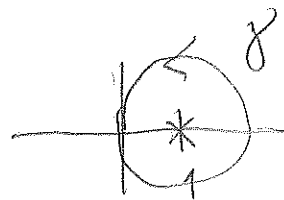
1.

$$\oint_{|z-1|=1} \frac{e^{z^2}}{(z-1)^3} dz$$

ii.

$$\oint_{|z|=3} \frac{z}{z^2 + 2z + 5} dz$$

(i) $f(z) = e^{z^2}$ entire; γ contains $z_0 = 1$
 Cauchy's formula with $k=2$

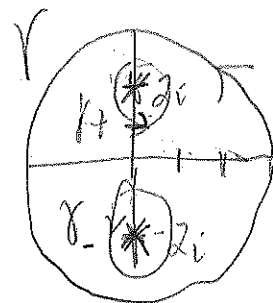


$$\begin{aligned} f^{(2)}(1) &= \frac{2}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f(z)}{(z-1)^3} dz = \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} e^{z^2} \right]_{z=1} \\ &= \left[e + 2ze^{z^2} \right]_{z=1} \\ &= 6e. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\oint_{|z-1|=1} \frac{e^{z^2}}{(z-1)^3} dz = 6e\pi i}$$

(ii) $z^2 + 2z + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow z_{\pm} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 20}}{2} = -1 \pm 2i$

both simple poles inside γ



Deform γ to $\gamma_+ \cup \gamma_-$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{|z|=3} \frac{z}{(z-z_+)(z-z_-)} dz &= \oint_{\gamma_+} \frac{z}{z-z_+} + \oint_{\gamma_-} \frac{z}{z-z_-} dz \\ &= 2\pi i \left(\frac{z_+}{z_+ - z_-} + \frac{z_-}{z_- - z_+} \right) = 2\pi i \end{aligned}$$

You can also use the Residue theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{z}{z^2 + 2z + 5} dz &= 2\pi i \left[\text{Res}(f, z_+) + \text{Res}(f, z_-) \right] \\ &= 2\pi i \left[\frac{z_+}{z_+ - z_-} + \frac{z_-}{z_- - z_+} \right] = 2\pi i \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3. (25 points.)

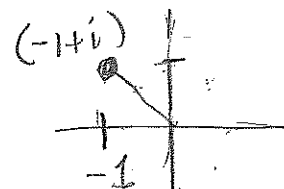
- Compute the real and imaginary parts of $(-1+i)^{4i}$ using (1) the principal branch, and (2) the branch determined by $[\pi, 3\pi)$.
- Is the function $u(x,y) = y^3 - 3x^2y$ the real part of an analytic function? Why or why not? If so, find such an analytic function.

(i.) $(-1+i)^{4i} = e^{4i \log(-1+i)}$. Recall $\log z = \log|z| + i \arg z$

PB

$\arg z \in [-\pi, \pi)$.

$\arg_{PB}(-1+i) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$



2nd Branch

$\arg z \in [\pi, 3\pi)$

$\arg_2(-1+i) = \frac{11\pi}{4}$

$|z| = \sqrt{2}$

$\Rightarrow \log_{PB}(-1+i) = \frac{1}{2} \log 2 + \frac{3\pi}{4}i$ and $\log_2(-1+i) = \frac{1}{2} \log 2 + \frac{11\pi}{4}i$

$\Rightarrow (-1+i)^{4i} = e^{-3\pi} (\cos(2 \log 2) + i \sin(2 \log 2))$ w PB

$(-1+i)^{4i} = e^{-11\pi} (\cos(2 \log 2) + i \sin(2 \log 2))$ w Branch 2

(ii) $u(x,y) = y^3 - 3x^2y$. $\left. \begin{array}{l} \partial_x u = -6xy, \partial_x^2 u = -6y \\ \partial_y u = 3y^2 - 3x^2, \partial_y^2 u = 6y \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2)u = 0 \\ u \text{ harmonic.} \end{array}$

CR $\Rightarrow$

$\partial_x u = \partial_y v$ so $v = \int dy (\partial_x u) + g(x)$

$= -3xy^2 + g(x)$ Check: $\partial_y v = -6xy = \partial_x u$ ✓

$\partial_y u = -\partial_x v$ so $v = -\int dx (\partial_y u) + h(y)$ Check: $\partial_x v = -3y^2 + 3x^2$ ✓

$= -3y^2x + x^3 + h(y)$

Compare: $v(x,y) = -3y^2x + x^3 + C$

$f = iz^3 + D$

For $f = u + iv = (y^3 - 3x^2y) + i(x^3 - 3xy^2) + D = (x+iy)^3 i + D$

Problem 4. (25 points.) Compute the following real integral:

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

There are at least two ways to do this. One method might need the formula:

$$\text{Res}(f, z_0) = 2 \frac{g'(z_0)}{h''(z_0)} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{g(z_0)h'''(z_0)}{[h''(z_0)]^2}.$$

$$(x^2+1)^2=0 \Leftrightarrow x^2+1=0 \Leftrightarrow x=\pm i$$

Close the contour $\int_{-R}^R f(x) dx$ in a semi-

circle in the upper half $\mathbb{C}$ -plane

$$\oint \frac{z^2}{(z^2+1)^2} dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}(f, i) = 2\pi i \left(-\frac{i}{4}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

γ_R

If you use the lower half $\mathbb{C}$ -plane γ_R^- the orientation

is CW : $-\int_{\gamma_R^-} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}(f, -i).$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}(f, i) &= \text{let } g(z) = z^2 \quad g'(z) = 2z \\ h(z) &= (z^2+1)^2 \quad h'(z) = 2(z^2+1)z \\ h''(z) &= 4(z^2+1) + 8z^2 \\ h'''(z) &= 24z \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Res}(f, i) = \frac{2^2 i}{-8} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{(i) 24i}{64} = -\frac{i}{2} + \frac{i}{4} = -\frac{i}{4}$$

[Easier: write $\oint_{\gamma_R} \frac{z^2}{(z+i)^2} dz = 2\pi i \left[\frac{d}{dz} \frac{z^2}{(z+i)^2} \right]_{z=i} = \frac{\pi}{2}$]

Finally! $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{R^2 e^{2i\theta}}{(R^2 e^{2i\theta} + 1)^2} \right) R i e^{i\theta} d\theta \right| \leq \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{R^3}{(R^2-1)^2} = 0.$

