

Extra problems, not to be handed in

1: Find $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dt}{(5 + 3 \cos t)^2}$.

Solution: Write $I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dt}{(5 + 3 \cos t)^2}$. Let $\alpha(t) = e^{it}$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{\alpha} \frac{-\frac{i}{z} dz}{\left(5 + \frac{3}{2} \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)\right)^2} = \int_{\alpha} \frac{-4i z dz}{(10z + 3(z^2 + 1))^2} = \int_{\alpha} \frac{-4i z dz}{(3z^2 + 10z + 3)^2} = \int_{\alpha} \frac{-4i z dz}{9 \left(z + 3\right)^2 \left(z + \frac{1}{3}\right)^2} \\ &= 2\pi i \eta\left(\alpha, -\frac{1}{3}\right) F'\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 2\pi i F'\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where $F(z) = \frac{-4z}{9(z+3)^2}$. We have $F'(z) = -\frac{4i}{9} \cdot \frac{(z+3)^2 - 2z(z+3)}{(z+3)^4} = \frac{4i}{9} \cdot \frac{z-3}{(z+3)^3}$, and so

$$I = 2\pi i \cdot \frac{4i}{9} \cdot \frac{-\frac{10}{3}}{\left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^3} = 2\pi \cdot \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{10}{3} \cdot \frac{3^3}{8^3} = \frac{5\pi}{32}.$$

2: Find $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{x^4 + x^2 + 1}$.

Solution: Write $I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{x^4 + x^2 + 1}$. Let $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{z^4 + z^2 + 1}$. Note that

$$z^4 + z^2 + 10 \iff z^2 = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}i}{2} = e^{\pm i 2\pi/3} \iff z = \pm e^{\pm i \pi/3} \iff z = \pm e^{i \pi/3}, \pm e^{i 2\pi/3}.$$

Let α be the loop that follows first the line λ , given by $\lambda(t) = t$ for $-R \leq t \leq R$, and then the semicircle σ given by $\sigma(t) = Re^{it}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, so we have

$$\int_{\alpha} f = \int_{\lambda} f + \int_{\sigma} f.$$

Let α_1 be the loop around the right half of α and let α_2 be the loop around the left half of α so that α_1 winds once around $e^{i \pi/3}$, and α_2 winds once around $e^{i 2\pi/3}$, and we have

$$\int_{\alpha} f = \int_{\alpha_1} f + \int_{\alpha_2} f.$$

Let

$$F(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z + e^{i \pi/3})(z - e^{i 2\pi/3})(z + e^{i 2\pi/3})} \text{ and } G(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z - e^{i \pi/3})(z + e^{i \pi/3})(z + e^{i 2\pi/3})}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\alpha} f &= \int_{\alpha_1} f + \int_{\alpha_2} f = \int_{\alpha_1} \frac{F(z) dz}{z - e^{i \pi/3}} + \int_{\alpha_2} \frac{G(z)}{z - e^{i 2\pi/3}} \\ &= 2\pi i F(e^{i \pi/3}) + 2\pi i G(e^{i 2\pi/3}) \\ &= 2\pi i \cdot \frac{e^{i 2\pi/3}}{(2e^{i \pi/3})(1)(\sqrt{3}i)} + 2\pi i \cdot \frac{e^{i 4\pi/3}}{(-1)(\sqrt{3}i)(2e^{i 2\pi/3})} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} (e^{i \pi/3} - e^{i 2\pi/3}) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we have

$$\int_{\lambda} f = \int_{-R}^R \frac{t^2 dt}{t^4 + t^2 + 1} = 2 \int_0^R \frac{t^2 dt}{t^4 + t^2 + 1} \longrightarrow 2I \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$\left| \int_{\sigma} f \right| = \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(Re^{it})^2 (i Re^{it}) dt}{(Re^{it})^4 + (Re^{it})^2 + 1} \right| \leq 2\pi \cdot \frac{R^3}{R^4 - (R^2 + 1)} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty.$$

It follows that $2I = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$ and so $I = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}}$.

3: Find $\int_0^\infty \frac{x \sin x}{x^4 + 4} dx$.

Solution: Write $I = \int_0^\infty \frac{x \sin x}{x^4 + 4} dx$. Let $f(z) = \frac{z e^{iz}}{z^4 + 4}$. Note that

$$z^4 = 0 \iff z^4 = -4 = 4e^{i\pi} \iff z = \pm\sqrt{2}e^{\pm i\pi/4} \iff z = \pm 1 \pm i.$$

Let α be the loop which follows first the line λ given by $\lambda(t) = t$ for $-R \leq t \leq R$, then the semicircle σ given by $\sigma(t) = Re^{it}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ so that

$$\int_\alpha f = \int_\lambda f + \int_\sigma f.$$

Let α_1 be the loop around the right half of α and let α_2 be the loop around the left half of α so that α_1 winds once around $1 + i$ and α_2 winds once around $-1 + i$ and we have

$$\int_\alpha f = \int_{\alpha_1} f + \int_{\alpha_2} f.$$

Also, let

$$F(z) = \frac{z e^{iz}}{(z + (1 + i))(z - (-1 + i))(z + (-1 + i))}, \text{ and}$$

$$G(z) = \frac{z e^{iz}}{(z - (1 + i))(z + (1 + i))(z + (-1 + i))}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\alpha f &= \int_{\alpha_1} f + \int_{\alpha_2} f = \int_{\alpha_1} \frac{F(z) dz}{z - (1 + i)} + \int_{\alpha_2} \frac{G(z) dz}{z - (-1 + i)} \\ &= 2\pi i \eta(\alpha_1, 1 + i) F(1 + i) + 2\pi i \eta(\alpha_2, -1 + i) G(-1 + i) \\ &= 2\pi i \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{(1 + i)e^{-1+i}}{(2(i + 1))(2)(2i)} + 2\pi i \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{(-1 + i)e^{-1-i}}{(-2)(2i)(2(-1 + i))} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} (e^{-1+i} - e^{-1-i}) = \frac{\pi}{4} (2i e^{-1} \sin 1) = i \frac{\pi \sin 1}{2e}. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\int_\lambda f = \int_{-R}^R \frac{t e^{it}}{t^4 + 4} dt = \int_{-R}^R \frac{t \cos t}{t^4 + 4} dt + i \int_{-R}^R \frac{t \sin t}{t^4 + 4} dt \longrightarrow 0 + i 2I \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

and since $|e^{iRe^{it}}| = |e^{i(R \cos t + i R \sin t)}| = |e^{-R \sin t + i R \cos t}| = e^{-R \sin t} \leq 1$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ we have

$$\left| \int_\sigma f \right| = \left| \int_0^\pi \frac{(Re^{it}) (e^{iRe^{it}}) (iRe^{it})}{(Re^{it})^4 + 4} dt \right| \leq \frac{\pi R^2}{R^4 - 4} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty.$$

It follows that $2I = \frac{\pi \sin 1}{2e}$ so $I = \frac{\pi \sin 1}{4e}$.

4: Find $\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\ln x}{1+x^2} \right)^2 dx$.

Solution: Write $I = \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\ln x}{1+x^2} \right)^2 dx$. Let $f(z) = \left(\frac{\log z}{1+z^2} \right)^2$ where $\log z$ denotes the branch of the logarithm given by $\log z = \ln|z| + i\theta(z)$ with $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta(z) \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$. Let α be the loop which follows the line λ given by $\lambda(t) = t$ for $\epsilon \leq t \leq R$, then the semicircle σ given by $\sigma(t) = Re^{it}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, then the line segment μ^{-1} where μ is given by $\mu(t) = -t$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, and then the semicircle τ^{-1} where τ is given by $\tau(t) = \epsilon e^{it}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, so we have

$$\int_\alpha f = \int_\lambda f + \int_\sigma f - \int_\mu f - \int_\tau f.$$

Let $F(z) = \left(\frac{\log z}{z+i} \right)^2$. Note that $F'(z) = 2 \cdot \frac{\log z}{z+i} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{z}(z+i) - \log z}{(z+i)^2}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\alpha f &= \int_\alpha \frac{F(z) dz}{(z-i)^2} = 2\pi i \eta(\alpha, i) F'(i) = 2\pi i \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{i \frac{\pi}{2}}{2i} \cdot \frac{(-i)(2i) - i \frac{\pi}{2}}{(2i)^2} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left(2i - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = -\frac{\pi^3}{8} - i \frac{\pi^2}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\lambda f &= \int_\epsilon^R \left(\frac{\ln t}{1+t^2} \right)^2 dt \longrightarrow I \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } R \rightarrow \infty, \\ \left| \int_\sigma f \right| &= \left| \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{\ln R + it}{1+(Re^{it})^2} \right)^2 (iRe^{it}) dt \right| \leq \pi \left(\frac{\ln R + \pi}{R^2 - 1} \right)^2 R \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty, \\ \left| \int_\tau f \right| &= \left| \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{\ln \epsilon + it}{1+(\epsilon e^{it})^2} \right)^2 (i\epsilon e^{it}) dt \right| \leq \pi \left(\frac{\ln \epsilon + \pi}{1 - \epsilon^2} \right)^2 \epsilon \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\mu f &= \int_\epsilon^R \left(\frac{\ln t + i\pi}{1+t^2} \right)^2 (-1) dt = - \int_\epsilon^R \frac{((\ln t)^2 - \pi^2) + i2\pi \ln t}{(1+t^2)^2} dt \\ &= - \int_\epsilon^R \left(\frac{\ln t}{1+t^2} \right)^2 dt + \int_\epsilon^R \frac{\pi^2}{(1+t^2)^2} dt - i \int_\epsilon^R \frac{2\pi \ln t}{(1+t^2)^2} dt \\ &\longrightarrow -I + J - iK, \end{aligned}$$

where $J = \int_0^\infty \frac{\pi^2 dt}{(1+t^2)^2}$ and $K = \int_0^\infty \frac{2\pi \ln t}{(1+t^2)^2} dt$. Making the substitution $\tan \theta = t$, $\sec \theta = \sqrt{1+t^2}$, $\sec^2 \theta d\theta = dt$ gives

$$J = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\pi^2 \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\sec^4 \theta} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \pi^2 \cos^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{\pi^3}{4}$$

and so

$$\int_\mu f \longrightarrow -I + \frac{\pi^3}{4} - iK.$$

It follows that $2I - \frac{\pi^3}{4} + iK = -\frac{\pi^3}{8} - i \frac{\pi^2}{2}$ and so we have

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi^3}{4} - \frac{\pi^3}{8} \right) = \frac{\pi^3}{16}.$$

Incidentally, we also find that $K = -\frac{\pi^2}{2}$.

5: For a function $f(x)$ with $x \in \mathbf{R}$, the **Fourier transform** of $f(x)$ is defined to be the function $F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}(f)(\omega)$ defined for $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$ by

$$F(\omega) = \mathcal{F}(f)(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-i\omega x} dx.$$

Given $F(\omega)$ the function $f(x)$ can be recovered using the inverse transform

$$f(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(F)(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{i\omega x} d\omega.$$

Find the Fourier transform of $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$.

Solution: The Fourier transform is

$$F(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i\omega x}}{1+x^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_{\omega}(t) dt$$

where $g_{\omega}(z) = \frac{e^{-i\omega z}}{z^2 + 1}$ for $z \in \mathbf{C}$.

Suppose first that $\omega \leq 0$. Let α be the loop which follows first the line λ given by $\lambda(t) = t$ for $-R \leq t \leq R$, then the semicircle σ given by $\sigma(t) = R e^{it}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ so that

$$\int_{\alpha} g_{\omega} = \int_{\lambda} g_{\omega} + \int_{\sigma} g_{\omega}.$$

Setting $G_{\omega}(z) = \frac{e^{-i\omega z}}{z+i}$ we have $\int_{\alpha} g_{\omega} = 2\pi i G_{\omega}(i) = 2\pi i \frac{e^{\omega}}{2i} = \pi e^{\omega}$. On the other hand, we have

$$\int_{\lambda} g_{\omega} = \int_{-R}^R g_{\omega}(t) dt \longrightarrow F(\omega) \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty, \text{ and}$$

$$\left| \int_{\sigma} g_{\omega} \right| = \left| \int_0^{\pi} \frac{e^{-i\omega R e^{it}} i R e^{it}}{R^2 e^{i2t} + 1} dt \right| \leq \pi \cdot \frac{R}{R^2 - 1} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

since $|e^{-i\omega R e^{it}}| = e^{\omega R \sin t} \leq 1$ when $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ (since $\omega < 0$). It follows that $F(\omega) = \pi e^{\omega}$.

When $\omega \geq 0$, a similar argument, using the loop α which follows the line λ^{-1} where $\lambda(t) = t$ for $-R \leq t \leq R$ followed by the semicircle σ given by $\sigma(t) = -R e^{it}$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, and setting $G_{\omega}(z) = \frac{e^{-i\omega z}}{z-i}$ so that $\int_{\alpha} g_{\omega} = 2\pi i G_{\omega}(-i) = \pi e^{-\omega}$, shows that $F(\omega) = \pi e^{-\omega}$. Thus for all values of ω we have

$$F(\omega) = \pi e^{-|\omega|}.$$

6: For a function $f(t)$ defined for $0 < t \in \mathbf{R}$, the **Laplace transform** of $f(t)$ is the function $F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f)(s)$ defined for all s in a set of the form $\{s \in \mathbf{C} | \operatorname{Re}(s) > c\}$ for some $c \in \mathbf{R}$, by

$$F(s) = \mathcal{L}(f)(s) = \int_0^\infty f(t)e^{-st} dt.$$

Given $F(s)$ the function $f(t)$ can be recovered using the inverse transform

$$f(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}(F)(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\lambda_{a,R}} e^{st} F(s) ds,$$

where $a > c$ and $\lambda_{a,R}(u) = a + iu$ for $-R \leq u \leq R$.

Find the inverse Laplace transform of $F(s) = \frac{2s+3}{s^2+4}$ defined for $s \in \mathbf{C}$ with $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$.

Solution: The inverse Laplace transform of $F(s)$ is given by

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\lambda_R} e^{st} \cdot \frac{2s+3}{s^2+4} ds = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\lambda_R} g_t(z) dz$$

where $g_t(z) = e^{zt} \cdot \frac{2z+3}{z^2+4} = \frac{e^{zt}(2z+3)}{(z-2i)(z+2i)}$ for $z \in \mathbf{C}$ with $z \neq \pm 2i$ and where λ_R is the line given by $\lambda_R(u) = 1 + iu$ for $-R \leq u \leq R$.

Let $\alpha = \alpha_R$ be the loop which follows the line $\lambda = \lambda_R$, then the line μ^{-1} where $\mu = \mu_R$ is given by $\mu(u) = u + iR$ for $0 \leq u \leq 1$, then the semicircle $\sigma = \sigma_R$ given by $\sigma(u) = iRe^{iu}$ for $0 \leq u \leq \pi$, and then the line $\nu = \nu_R$ given by $\nu(u) = u - iR$ for $0 \leq u \leq 1$ so that we have

$$\int_\alpha g_t = \int_\lambda g_t - \int_\mu g_t + \int_\sigma g_t + \int_\nu g_t.$$

Let α_1 be the loop around the top half of α and let α_2 be the loop around the bottom half of α (so that $2i$ lies in α_1 and $-2i$ lies in α_2), and let $G_t(z) = \frac{e^{zt}(2z+3)}{(z+2i)}$ and $H_t(z) = \frac{e^{zt}(2z+3)}{(z-2i)}$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\alpha g_t &= \int_{\alpha_1} g_t + \int_{\alpha_2} g_t = 2\pi i G_t(2i) + 2\pi i H_t(-2i) = 2\pi i \left(\frac{e^{i2t}(4i+3)}{4i} + \frac{e^{-i2t}(-4i+3)}{-4i} \right) \\ &= 2\pi i \cdot 2\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{e^{i2t}(4i+3)}{4i} \right) = 2\pi i \cdot \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{(\cos 2t + i \sin 2t)(4i+3)}{2i} \right) = 2\pi i \left(2 \cos 2t + \frac{3}{2} \sin 2t \right) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\lambda g_t &\longrightarrow 2\pi i f(t) \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty, \\ \left| \int_\mu g_t \right| &= \left| \int_0^1 e^{(u+iR)t} \cdot \frac{2(u+iR)+3}{(u+iR)^2+4} du \right| \leq \frac{2(1+R)+3}{(R-1)^2-4} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty, \\ \left| \int_\nu g_t \right| &= \left| \int_0^1 e^{(u-iR)t} \cdot \frac{2(u-iR)+3}{(u-iR)^2+4} du \right| \leq \frac{2(1+R)+3}{(R-1)^2-4} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty, \text{ and} \\ \left| \int_\sigma g_t \right| &= \left| \int_0^\pi e^{itRe^{iu}} \cdot \frac{2iRe^{iu}+3}{(iRe^{iu})^2+4} \cdot (-Re^{iu}) du \right| \leq \int_0^\pi e^{-tR \sin u} \cdot \frac{2R^2+3R}{R^2-4} du \\ &= \frac{2R^2+R}{R^2-4} \cdot 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-tR \sin u} du \leq \frac{4R^2+2R}{R^2-4} \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-2tRu/\pi} du \\ &= \frac{4R^2+2R}{R^2-4} \cdot \frac{-\pi}{2tR} \left[e^{-2tRu/\pi} \right]_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{4R^2+2R}{R^2-4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2tR} (1 - e^{-tR}) \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$f(t) = 2 \cos 2t + \frac{3}{2} \sin 2t.$$