

COMPLEX ANALYSIS - Solved Problems 4

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PROBLEMS

Problem 1 Compute:

1a $(1-3i)^2 + (\overline{1-2i}) + \frac{1-i}{1+i} + i^7 + |5-12i|.$

1b $e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} + e^{1+\pi i} + \cos(2i).$

1c $(z^4 + \frac{1}{z^2} - \sin z^2 + ze^{2iz})'.$

1d $\log(2+2\sqrt{2}i).$

Problem 2 Expand the function

$$f: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{z-z^2}$$

2a in a power series around $z_0=0$ (series of powers of z),

2b in a power series around $z_0=i$ (series of powers of $(z-i)$).

Problem 3

3 By using the definition of the complex integral, compute

$$I = \int_{\gamma} \frac{z}{z-1} dz,$$

where γ is the circle $\{z \mid |z-1| = \frac{1}{2}\}.$

Problem 3

Compute the residues of the functions

4a $f: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1, i, -i\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)^2(z^2+1)}$

4b $g: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad g(z) = \frac{1}{z \sin z}$

4c $h: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad h(z) = z^3 e^{\frac{1}{z}} \cos \frac{1}{z}$

at the corresponding singular points.

Problem 5

Compute the integrals

5a $I_a = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(2+\cos t)^2} dt.$

5b $I_b = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx.$

SOME DEFINITIONS AND THEOREMS

D1 Definition

$$(x_1+y_1i)(x_2+y_2i) = (x_1x_2 - y_1y_2) + (x_1y_2 + x_2y_1)i$$

$$\overline{x+yi} = x-yi,$$

$$|x+yi| = \sqrt{x^2+y^2},$$

$$|z_1 - z_2| = \text{distance between } z_1 \text{ and } z_2,$$

$$|z| = \text{distance between } z \text{ and } 0,$$

$$e^{it} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \cos t + i \sin t \quad (\text{Euler's formula}),$$

$$e^{x+yi} = e^x \cos y + i e^x \sin y,$$

$$z = |z| e^{i \arg z}, \quad \text{where } -\pi < \arg z \leq \pi,$$

$$\cos z = \frac{1}{2}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz}),$$

$$\sin z = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{iz} - e^{-iz}),$$

$$\log z = \ln |z| + i \arg z, \quad \log_k z = \ln |z| + i(\arg z + 2k\pi).$$

D2 Definition Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be an open set, and $z_0 \in D$.

A function $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is **complex-differentiable** \iff there exists and is finite $f'(z_0) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$.
(\mathbb{C} -differentiable) at z_0

D3 Definition

$f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined on an open set D is called \mathbb{C} -differentiable if (or holomorphic function)

f is \mathbb{C} -differentiable at any point $z_0 \in D$.

T1 Theorem

$$(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g' \quad (z^n)' = n z^{n-1}$$

$$(fg)' = f'g + fg' \quad (e^z)' = e^z$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2} \quad (\sin z)' = \cos z$$

$$(f(\varphi(z)))' = f'(\varphi(z)) \varphi'(z) \quad (\cos z)' = -\sin z.$$

T2 Theorem

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots \text{ for } |z| < 1$$

$$e^z = 1 + \frac{z}{1!} + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \dots \text{ for any } z$$

D4 Definition

Let $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be an open set,
 $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous function,
 $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow D$ be a path of class C^1 .

The complex line integral of f along γ is

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt$$

T3 Theorem

$$g: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ is a primitive of } f \text{ (that is } g' = f) \implies \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = g(\gamma(b)) - g(\gamma(a))$$

If $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ admits a primitive and γ is closed, then $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$.

D5 Definition Let D be an open set and $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic.

$z_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D$ is an *isolated singular point* if there exists $r > 0$ such that $\{z \mid 0 < |z - z_0| < r\} \subset D$.

$z_0 \in D$ is a *zero of multiplicity k* if $f(z_0) = f'(z_0) = \dots = f^{(k-1)}(z_0) = 0$ and $f^{(k)}(z_0) \neq 0$.

$z_0 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus D$ is a *pole of order k of f* if z_0 is a zero of multiplicity k of $\frac{1}{f}$.

T4 Theorem Let D be an open set and $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic.

z_0 is an isolated singular point and $\{z \mid 0 < |z - z_0| < r\} \subset D$

\implies there exists a unique Laurent series such that $f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$, for z satisfying $0 < |z - z_0| < r$.

The number $\text{Res}_{z_0} f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}} a_{-1}$ is the **residue** of f in z_0 .

T5 Theorem

If z_0 pole of order k , then around z_0 the function f admits an expansion of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{a_{-k}}{(z-z_0)^k} + \dots + \frac{a_{-1}}{(z-z_0)} + a_0 + a_1(z-z_0) + \dots$$

and

$$\text{Res}_{z_0} f = \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} ((z-z_0)^k f(z))^{(k-1)}$$

D6 Definition (*Index* of a point z_0 with respect to a path).

For a closed path γ not passing through z_0 ,

$$n(z_0, \gamma) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z - z_0} dz \text{ shows how many turns around } z_0, \gamma \text{ makes.}$$

D7 Definition. Let D be an open set.

A closed path $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow D$ is called *homotopic to zero in D* if γ can be continuously deformed inside D up to a constant path (a path having as image just a point).

T6 Theorem of Residues. For an open set $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$:

$$f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ holomorphic function} \implies \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{z \in S} n(z, \gamma) \text{Res}_{z_0} f$$

S set of isolated singular points
 γ path homotopic to zero in $D \cup S$

T7 Lemma 1. For $\gamma_r: [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \gamma_r(t) = r e^{it}$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_r} f(z) dz = 0 \implies \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_r} z f(z) dz = 0$$

SOLUTIONS

Problem 1

1a By using D1, we get

$$(1-3i)^2 = 1 - 6i - 9 = -8 - 6i,$$

$$(1-2i) = 1 + 2i,$$

$$\frac{1-i}{1+i} = \frac{(1-i)^2}{(1-i)(1+i)} = \frac{1-2i-1}{2} = -i,$$

$$i^7 = i^4 i^2 i = 1(-1)i = -i,$$

$$|5-12i| = \sqrt{5^2+12^2} = 13,$$

whence

$$(1-3i)^2 + (1-2i) + \frac{1-i}{1+i} + i^7 + |5-12i| = 6 - 6i.$$

1b By using D1, we get

$$e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} = \cos \frac{3\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i,$$

$$e^{1+\pi i} = e e^{\pi i} = e(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi) = -e,$$

$$\cos(2i) = \frac{e^{2i^2} + e^{-2i^2}}{2} = \frac{e^{-2} + e^2}{2},$$

whence

$$e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} + e^{1+\pi i} + \cos(2i) = -e + \frac{e^{-2} + e^2}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i.$$

1c By using D1 and T1, we obtain

$$(z^4 + \frac{1}{z^2} - \sin z^2 + ze^{2iz})' = 4z^3 - \frac{2}{z^3} - 2z \cos z^2 + e^{2iz} + 2ize^{2iz}.$$

1d By using D1, we get $\log(2+2\sqrt{2}i) =$

$$= \ln|2+2\sqrt{2}i| + i \arg(2+2\sqrt{2}i) = \ln(2\sqrt{3}) + i \arctan \sqrt{2}.$$

Problem 2

2a By using T2, around $z_0 = 0$, we get

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

$$= \frac{1}{z}(1+z+z^2+z^3+\dots) = \frac{1}{z} + 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots \text{ for } |z| < 1.$$

2b By using T2, around $z_1 = i$, we get

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

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{i+z-i} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{1-\frac{z-i}{i}} = -i \frac{1}{1-i(z-i)} = -i[1+i(z-i)+i^2(z-i)^2+\dots]$$

$$= -i + (z-i) + i(z-i)^2 + \dots \text{ for } |z-i| < 1,$$

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{1}{1-i-(z-i)} = \frac{1}{1-i} \frac{1}{1-\frac{z-i}{1-i}} = \frac{1+i}{1-i} \frac{1}{1-\frac{z-i}{1-i}}$$

$$= \frac{1+i}{2} [1 + \frac{1+i}{2}(z-i) + \frac{(1+i)^2}{2^2}(z-i)^2 + \dots]$$

$$= \frac{1+i}{2} + \frac{(1+i)^2}{2^2}(z-i) + \frac{(1+i)^3}{2^3}(z-i)^2 + \dots$$

for $|\frac{1+i}{2}(z-i)| < 1$, that is $|z-i| < \sqrt{2}$.

Problem 3

3 By using the definition D4 and the parametrization

$$\gamma: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}, \quad \gamma(t) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}e^{it}$$

we get

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{2}{z-1} dz = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2}{1+\frac{1}{2}e^{it}-1} (1+\frac{1}{2}e^{it})' dt$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2}{\frac{1}{2}e^{it}} \frac{1}{2}i e^{it} dt = 2i \int_0^{2\pi} dt = 4\pi i.$$

Problem 4

4a We use D1, D5, T5. The singular points are 1, i and -i.

The point $z_0 = 1$ is a pole of order 2, and consequently

$$\mathbf{Res}_1 f = \frac{1}{1!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} ((z-1)^2 f(z))' = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \left((z-1)^2 \frac{1}{(z-1)^2(z^2+1)} \right)'$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{1}{z^2+1} \right)' = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{-2z}{(z^2+1)^2} = \frac{-2}{2^2} = \frac{-1}{2}.$$

The points $z_{1,2} = \pm i$ are poles of order 1, and consequently

$$\mathbf{Res}_{\pm i} f = \frac{1}{0!} \lim_{z \rightarrow \pm i} (z \mp i) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow \pm i} (z \mp i) \frac{1}{(z-1)^2(z-i)(z+i)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow \pm i} \frac{1}{(z-1)^2(z \pm i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\pm i-1)^2(\pm i \pm i)} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

4b We use D1, D5, T5. Since $\frac{1}{g(z)} = z \sin z$, and

$$\left(\frac{1}{g(z)} \right)' = \sin z + z \cos z, \quad \left(\frac{1}{g(z)} \right)'' = 2 \cos z - z \sin z,$$

$$\frac{1}{g(0)} = \left(\frac{1}{g(z)} \right)' \Big|_{z=0} = 0, \quad \left(\frac{1}{g(z)} \right)'' \Big|_{z=0} = 2 \neq 0,$$

the point 0 is a pole of order 2, and consequently

$$\mathbf{Res}_0 g = \frac{1}{1!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (z^2 g(z))' = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (z^2 \frac{1}{z \sin z})' = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{z}{\sin z} \right)'$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin z - z \cos z}{\sin^2 z} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z - \frac{1}{3!}z^3 + \frac{1}{5!}z^5 - \dots - z(1 - \frac{1}{2!}z^2 + \frac{1}{4!}z^4 - \dots)}{(z - \frac{1}{3!}z^3 + \frac{1}{5!}z^5 - \dots)^2} = 0.$$

4c We use T2 and T4. The only singular point 0 is not a pole.

So, we have to use the Laurent series of h around 0,

$$h(z) = z^3(1 + \frac{1}{1!}\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2!}\frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{3!}\frac{1}{z^3} + \dots)(1 - \frac{1}{2!}\frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{4!}\frac{1}{z^4} - \frac{1}{6!}\frac{1}{z^6} + \dots)$$

$$= (z^3 + \frac{1}{1!}z^2 + \frac{1}{2!}z + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!}\frac{1}{z} + \dots)(1 - \frac{1}{2!}\frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{4!}\frac{1}{z^4} - \frac{1}{6!}\frac{1}{z^6} + \dots)$$

$$= \dots + (\frac{1}{24} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{24})\frac{1}{z} = \dots \text{ Consequently } \mathbf{Res}_0 h = -\frac{1}{6}.$$

Problem 5

5a We use D1, D4, T5, T6. By using D1, the expression

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(2+\cos t)^2} dt$$

can be written as

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(2+\frac{1}{2}(e^{it}+e^{-it}))^2} dt$$

or

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{4}{(4+e^{it}+e^{-it})^2} \frac{1}{ie^{it}} (e^{it})' dt.$$

This formula, written as

$$I = -4i \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(4+e^{it}+e^{-it})^2} \frac{1}{e^{it}} (e^{it})' dt.$$

is the complex integral $I = -4i \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{(4+z+\frac{1}{z})^2} \frac{1}{z} dz$

that is

$$I = -4i \int_{\gamma} \frac{z}{(z^2+4z+1)^2} dz$$

along the circular path $\gamma: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\gamma(t) = e^{it}$.

It can be computed by using the theorem T6. Since

$z^2 + 4z + 1 = (z+2)^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2 = (z-z_1)(z-z_2)$,
the singular points are $z_1 = -2 + \sqrt{3}$ and $z_2 = -2 - \sqrt{3}$,
but only z_1 is inside the domain with the frontier γ .

The point z_1 is a pole of order 2, and by using T5,

$$\mathbf{Res}_{z_1} \frac{z}{(z^2+4z+1)^2} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \left((z-z_1)^2 \frac{z}{(z-z_1)^2(z-z_2)^2} \right)' = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \left(\frac{z}{(z-z_2)^2} \right)'$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \frac{(z-z_2)^2 - 2z(z-z_2)}{(z-z_2)^4} = \frac{z_1 - z_2 - 2z_1}{(z_1 - z_2)^3} = \frac{2\sqrt{3} - 2(-2 + \sqrt{3})}{(2\sqrt{3})^3} = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}.$$

Therefore,

$$I = -4i 2\pi i \mathbf{Res}_{z_1} \frac{z}{(z^2+4z+1)^2} = \frac{8\pi}{6\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}.$$

In view of T6, for $r > 1$, by integrating the function

$$f: D = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{z_1, z_2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{1+z+z^2} = \frac{1}{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)}$$

where $z_1 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$ and $z_2 = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$

along the closed path obtained by composing the paths

$$\gamma_r: [0, \pi] \rightarrow D, \quad \gamma_r(t) = r e^{it} \text{ and}$$

$$\gamma: [-r, r] \rightarrow D, \quad \gamma(t) = t,$$

we get the relation

$$\int_{\gamma_r} \frac{1}{1+z+z^2} dz + \int_{-r}^r \frac{1}{1+x+x^2} dx = 2\pi i \mathbf{Res}_{z_1} \frac{1}{1+z+z^2} \quad (*).$$

The point z_1 is a pole of order 1, and by using T5,

$$\mathbf{Res}_{z_1} \frac{1}{1+z+z^2} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} (z-z_1) \frac{1}{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \frac{1}{z-z_2} = \frac{1}{z_1-z_2} = \frac{1}{i\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

By using the relations

$$|z+z'| \leq |z|+|z'| \quad \text{and} \quad ||z|-|z'|| \leq |z-z'|$$

satisfied for any $z, z' \in \mathbb{C}$, we get

$$0 \leq \left| \int_{\gamma_r} \frac{1}{1+z+z^2} dz \right| = \frac{|z|}{|1+z+z^2|} = \frac{|z|}{|z^2 - (-z-1)|} \leq \frac{|z|}{||z|^2 - |-z-1||}$$

$$= \frac{|z|}{||z|^2 - |z+1||} \leq \frac{|z|}{||z|^2 - |z| - 1|} \leq \frac{1}{|z| - 1 - \frac{1}{|z|}} \xrightarrow{|z| \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

By using T7, we get $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_r} \frac{1}{1+z+z^2} dz = 0$, and

consequently, for $r \rightarrow \infty$, the relation (*) becomes

$$0 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x+x^2} dx = 2\pi i \mathbf{Res}_{z_1} \frac{1}{1+z+z^2} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}}.$$