

PROBLEMS

■ **Problem 1**

Compute:

- 1a $(2-3i)^2 + (\overline{1+i}) + \frac{2-i}{1+i} + i^9 + |3+4i|.$
 1b $e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} + e^{2-\pi i/3} + \cos(2i).$
 1c $(z^4 + \frac{1}{z^2} - \cos z + z^3 e^{-iz})'.$
 1d $\log(2-2i).$

■ **Problem 2**

Compute the residues of the functions

- 2a $f: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, i\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z-i)^2}$
 2b $g: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-\pi\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad g(z) = (z+i)e^{\frac{1}{z-\pi}}$
 in the corresponding singular points.

■ **Problem 3**

Compute the integrals

- 3a $I_0 = \int_{\gamma_0} (1-2\bar{z})dz,$
 where $\gamma_0: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \gamma_0(t) = 1-t+ti.$
 3b $I_1 = \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{1}{z(z-\pi i)^2} dz,$
 where $\gamma_1: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \gamma_1(t) = 3 \cos t + 2i \sin t.$

■ **Problem 4**

Compute the integral $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$

- 4a - directly,
 4b - by using the theorem of residues.

SOME DEFINITIONS AND THEOREMS

D1 **Definition**

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1+y_1i)(x_2+y_2i) &= (x_1x_2-y_1y_2) + (x_1y_2+x_2y_1)i \\ x+y\bar{i} &= x-yi, \\ |x+yi| &= \sqrt{x^2+y^2}, \\ |z_1-z_2| &= \text{distance between } z_1 \text{ and } z_2, \\ |z| &= \text{distance between } z \text{ and } 0, \\ e^{it} &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \cos t + i \sin t \quad (\text{Euler's formula}), \\ e^{x+yi} &= e^x \cos y + i e^x \sin y, \\ z &= |z| e^{i \arg z}, \quad \text{where } -\pi < \arg z \leq \pi, \\ \cos z &= \frac{1}{2}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz}), \\ \sin z &= \frac{1}{2i}(e^{iz} - e^{-iz}), \\ \log z &= \ln |z| + i \arg z, \quad \log_k z = \ln |z| + i(\arg z + 2k\pi). \end{aligned}$$

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** $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ 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 f is $\mathbb{C}$ -differentiable at any point $z_0 \in D$.
 (or *holomorphic function*)

T1 **Theorem**

$$\begin{aligned} (f \pm g)' &= f' \pm g' & (z^n)' &= n z^{n-1} \\ (fg)' &= f'g + fg' & (e^z)' &= e^z \\ \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' &= \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2} & (\sin z)' &= \cos z \\ (f(\varphi(z)))' &= f'(\varphi(z)) \varphi'(z) & (\cos z)' &= -\sin z. \end{aligned}$$

T2 **Theorem**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1-z} &= 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots \text{ for } |z| < 1 \\ e^z &= 1 + \frac{z}{1!} + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \dots \text{ for any } z \end{aligned}$$

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**

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

(that is $g' = f$)

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.

$$\begin{aligned} z_0 \text{ is an isolated singular point and } \{z \mid 0 < |z - z_0| < r\} \subset D &\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} &\text{there exists a unique Laurent series such that} \\ &f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n, \\ &\text{for } z \text{ satisfying } 0 < |z - z_0| < r. \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$

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 ,

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

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 $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ holomorphic function} \\ S \text{ set of isolated singular points} \\ \gamma \text{ path homotopic to zero in } D \cup S &\Rightarrow \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{z \in S} n(z, \gamma) \text{Res}_z f \end{aligned}$$

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

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

SOLUTIONS

Problem 1

1a By using D1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}(2-3i)^2 &= 4-12i-9 = -5-12i, \\ (1+i) &= 1-i, \\ \frac{2-i}{1+i} &= \frac{(1-i)(2-i)}{(1-i)(1+i)} = \frac{1-3i}{2}, \\ i^9 &= i^8 i = (i^4)^2 i = i, \\ |3+4i| &= \sqrt{3^2+4^2} = 5,\end{aligned}$$

whence

$$(2-3i)^2 + (\overline{1+i}) + \frac{1-3i}{1+i} + i^9 + |3+4i| = \frac{3-27i}{2}.$$

1b By using D1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} &= \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \\ e^{2-i\frac{\pi}{3}} &= e^2 e^{-i\frac{\pi}{3}} = e^2 (\cos \frac{\pi}{3} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{e^2}{2} - i \frac{e^2 \sqrt{3}}{2}, \\ \cos(2i) &= \frac{e^{-2} + e^2}{2},\end{aligned}$$

whence

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

1c By using D1, we obtain

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

1d By using D1, we get

$$\log(2-2i) = \ln|2-2i| + i \arg(2-2i) = \ln(2\sqrt{2}) - i\frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Problem 2

2a We use T5 and D1. The singular points are 0 and i.

$z_0=0$ is a pole of order 1, and consequently

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res}_0 f &= \frac{1}{0!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \frac{1}{z(z-i)^2} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(z-i)^2} = \frac{1}{(-i)^2} = -1.\end{aligned}$$

$z_1=i$ is a pole of order 2, and consequently

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res}_i f &= \frac{1}{1!} \lim_{z \rightarrow i} ((z-i)^2 f(z))' = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \left((z-i)^2 \frac{1}{z(z-i)^2} \right)' \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \left(\frac{1}{z} \right)' = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \left(-\frac{1}{z^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{i^2} = 1.\end{aligned}$$

2b We use T2 and T4. The only singular point is π . It is not a pole. So, we have to use the Laurent series of g . By looking for a representation of $z+i$ of the form

$$z+i = \alpha(z-\pi) + \beta$$

we get

$$z+i = (z-\pi) + i + \pi.$$

$\text{Res}_\pi g$ is the coefficient of $\frac{1}{z-\pi}$ from the Laurent expansion of g around the point π .

By direct computation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}g(z) &= (z+i)e^{\frac{1}{z-\pi}} = [(z-\pi) + i + \pi] \\ &\times \left[1 + \frac{1}{1!} \frac{1}{z-\pi} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{(z-\pi)^2} + \frac{1}{3!} \frac{1}{(z-\pi)^3} + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{1}{(z-\pi)^4} + \dots \right] \\ &= \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2!} + i + \pi \right) \frac{1}{z-\pi} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $\text{Res}_\pi g = \frac{1}{2} + \pi + i$.

Problem 3

3a By using the definition D4 of the complex integral we get

$$\begin{aligned}I_0 &= \int_{\gamma_0} (1-2\bar{z}) dz = \int_0^1 [1-2(\overline{1-t+ti})](1-t+ti)' dt \\ &= (i-1) \int_0^1 (-1+2t+2ti) dt = (i-1)(-t+t^2+t^2i)|_0^1 \\ &= (i-1)(-1+1+i) = -1-i.\end{aligned}$$

3b Through the identification $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 : x+yi \mapsto (x, y)$, the image of the path γ_1 corresponds to the ellipsis

$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

The singular points are 0 and πi , but only 0 is inside the ellipsis, and it is a pole of order 1.

By using the theorem of residues T6, we get.

$$\begin{aligned}I_1 &= \int_{\gamma_1} \frac{1}{z(z-\pi i)^2} dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}_0 \frac{1}{z(z-\pi i)^2} \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \frac{1}{z(z-\pi i)^2} = 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(z-\pi i)^2} = -\frac{2}{\pi} i.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 4

4a We have

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \arctan x \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{2} - (-\frac{\pi}{2}) = \pi.$$

4b The integral is convergent: at infinity the function $x \mapsto \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ has the same behaviour as $x \mapsto \frac{1}{x^2}$ because

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+x^2}}{\frac{1}{x^2}} = 1.$$

We consider the the function

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

whose singular isolated points are $z_0=i$ and $z_1=-i$.

We use the theorem of residues T6 and the lemma T7.

By integrating the function f along the closed path obtained by composing

$$\Gamma_r: [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \Gamma_r(t) = r e^{it}$$

and

$$\gamma_r: [-r, r] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \gamma_r(t) = t,$$

we get for $r > 1$ the relation

$$\int_{\Gamma_r} f(z) dz + \int_{-\gamma_r} f(x) dx = 2\pi i \text{Res}_i f. \quad (*)$$

It is known that, for any complex numbers z_1 and z_2 , we have the inequality

$$||z_1| - |z_2|| \leq |z_1 - z_2|.$$

From the relation

$$0 \leq |z f(z)| = \frac{|z|}{|1+z^2|} = \frac{|z|}{|1-(-z^2)|} \leq \frac{|z|}{||1|-|-z^2||} = \frac{|z|}{|1-|z|^2|}$$

and

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|z|}{|1-|z|^2|} = 0$$

it follows that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} z f(z) = 0$$

and in view of lemma 1,

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

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

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = 2\pi i \text{Res}_i f.$$

The point $z_0=i$ is a pole of order 1. By using T5, we obtain

$$\text{Res}_i f = \text{Res}_i \frac{1}{1+z^2} = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} (z-i) \frac{1}{(z-i)(z+i)} = \frac{1}{2i},$$

and

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