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Problem Set 8

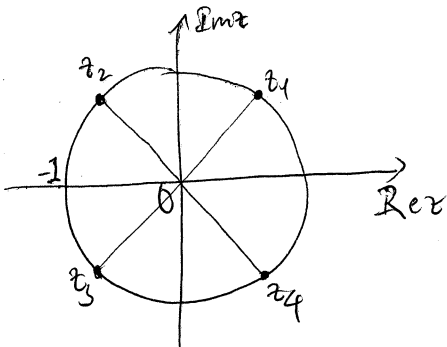
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① We'll find the residues at all singularities of the following functions:

4/15 (a) $f(z) = \frac{z}{z^4 + 1}$

5/5 The equation $z^4 + 1 = 0$ gives four distinct roots $z_1 = e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$, $z_2 = e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}}$, $z_3 = e^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}}$, $z_4 = e^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}}$ which are the four 4th roots of -1 .



Thus z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 are simple poles of $f(z)$, and $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)(z-z_3)(z-z_4)}$

The residues of f at these poles are given by

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} (z-z_1) f(z) = \frac{z_1}{(z_1-z_2)(z_1-z_3)(z_1-z_4)}$$

The picture above suggests $z_1 - z_2 = 2 \operatorname{Re}(z_1) = 2 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}$,

$$z_1 - z_3 = 2z_1, \text{ and}$$

$$z_1 - z_4 = 2i \operatorname{Im}(z_1) = 2i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = i\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Thus } \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z) = \frac{z_1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot 2z_1 \cdot i\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{4i} = -\frac{i}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

Similarly,

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$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_2} f(z) = \frac{z_2}{(z_2-z_1)(z_2-z_3)(z_2-z_4)}, \quad \text{where } \begin{aligned} z_2-z_1 &= -\sqrt{2}, \\ z_2-z_3 &= i\sqrt{2}, \\ z_2-z_4 &= 2z_2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_2} f(z) = \frac{z_2}{-\sqrt{2}(i\sqrt{2})(2z_2)} = \frac{1}{-4i} = \frac{i}{4}.$$

Similarly,

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_3} f(z) = \frac{z_3}{(z_3-z_1)(z_3-z_2)(z_3-z_4)}, \quad \text{where } \begin{aligned} z_3-z_1 &= 2z_3, \\ z_3-z_2 &= -i\sqrt{2}, \\ z_3-z_4 &= -\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_3} f(z) = \frac{z_3}{(2z_3)(-i\sqrt{2})(-\sqrt{2})} = \frac{1}{i4} = -\frac{i}{4}.$$

Similarly,

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_4} f(z) = \frac{z_4}{(z_4-z_1)(z_4-z_3)(z_4-z_2)} = \frac{z_4}{(-i\sqrt{2})(+i\sqrt{2})(2z_4)} = \frac{1}{-4i} = \frac{i}{4}.$$

(b)

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

The candidates for poles are $z_1 = 0$ and $z_2 = \pi$. Because $\lim_{z \rightarrow \pi} (\pi-z)f(z) =$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin z}{z^2} = \frac{\sin \pi}{\pi^2} = 0, \quad z_2 \text{ is a removable singularity. We have}$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin z}{z(\pi-z)} = \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin z}{z} = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

Thus $z_1 = 0$ is a pole of order one of f . Then $\operatorname{Res}_{z=0} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z f(z) = \frac{1}{\pi}.$

$$(c) \quad f(z) = \frac{z e^{iz}}{(z-\pi)^2}$$

The potential pole is $z = \pi$. Since $\lim_{z \rightarrow \pi} (z-\pi)^2 f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi} z e^{iz} = \pi e^{i\pi} = -\pi$,

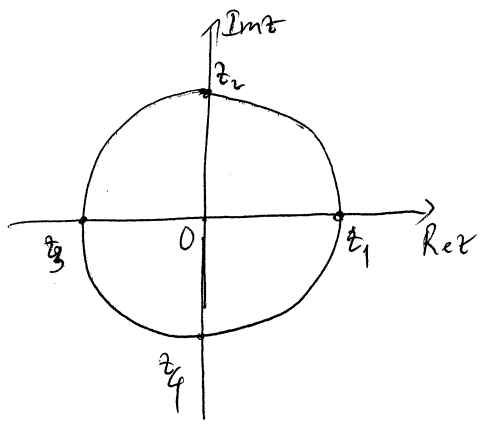
π is a pole of order two of $f(z)$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{z=\pi} f(z) &= \left. \frac{d}{dz} ((z-\pi)^2 f(z)) \right|_{z=\pi} = \left. \frac{d}{dz} (z e^{iz}) \right|_{z=\pi} = \left. (e^{iz} + iz e^{iz}) \right|_{z=\pi} \\ &= e^{i\pi} + i\pi e^{i\pi} \\ &= -1 - i\pi. \end{aligned}$$

(d) $f(z) = \frac{z^3 + 5z}{(z^4 - 1)(z + 1)}$ *okay!*

We have $f(z) = \frac{z^4 + 5z}{z^4 - 1} + 1 = \frac{(z^4 - 1) + (5z + 1)}{z^4 - 1} + 1 = \frac{5z + 1}{z^4 - 1} + 2$

The equation $z^4 - 1 = 0$ gives four distinct roots $z_1 = 1, z_2 = i, z_3 = -1, z_4 = -i$, which are the 4th roots of +1. Since all of them are not zeros of $5z + 1$,



they are simple poles of f . We have

$$f(z) = \frac{5z + 1}{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)(z-z_3)(z-z_4)} + 2$$

As the picture suggests, we have the differences

$$z_1 - z_2 = 1 - i; \quad z_1 - z_3 = 2; \quad z_1 - z_4 = 1 + i;$$

$$z_2 - z_1 = -1 + i; \quad z_2 - z_3 = 1 + i; \quad z_2 - z_4 = 2i;$$

$$z_3 - z_4 = -2; \quad z_3 - z_2 = -1 - i; \quad z_3 - z_1 = -1 + i;$$

$$z_4 - z_1 = -1 - i; \quad z_4 - z_2 = -2i; \quad z_4 - z_3 = 1 - i.$$

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$$\text{Thus, } (z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)(z_1 - z_4) = (1-i)2(1+i) = (1^2 - i^2)2 = 4,$$

$$(z_2 - z_1)(z_2 - z_3)(z_2 - z_4) = (-1+i)(1+i)2i = (i^2 - 1)2i = -4i,$$

$$(z_3 - z_1)(z_3 - z_2)(z_3 - z_4) = -2(-1-i)(-1+i) = -2(1^2 - i^2) = -4,$$

$$(z_4 - z_1)(z_4 - z_2)(z_4 - z_3) = (-1-i)(-2i)(1-i) = -2i(i^2 - 1^2) = 4i.$$

Then we get

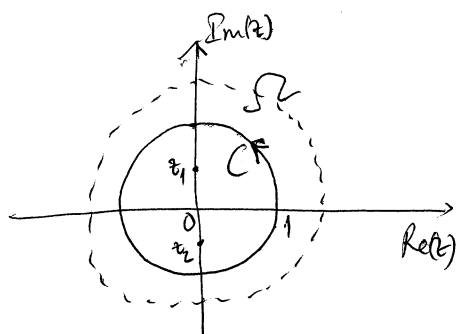
$$\text{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} (z - z_1) f(z) = \frac{5z_1 + 1}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)(z_1 - z_4)} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2},$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=z_2} f(z) = \frac{5z_2 + 1}{(z_2 - z_1)(z_2 - z_3)(z_2 - z_4)} = \frac{5i + 1}{-4i} = \frac{1}{4}(-5 + i),$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=z_3} f(z) = \frac{5z_3 + 1}{(z_3 - z_1)(z_3 - z_2)(z_3 - z_4)} = \frac{-4}{-4} = 1,$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=z_4} f(z) = \frac{5z_4 + 1}{(z_4 - z_1)(z_4 - z_2)(z_4 - z_3)} = \frac{-5i + 1}{4i} = \frac{1}{4}(-5 - i).$$

(2) (a) We'll compute the integral over C , the unit circle traversed counter-clockwise, of $f(z) = \frac{e^{\pi z}}{4z^2 + 1}$.



The (simple) poles of $f(z)$ are the roots of the equation $4z^2 + 1 = 0$, and these are namely $z_1 = \frac{i}{2}$ and $z_2 = -\frac{i}{2}$. Since z_1 and z_2 lie in the same connected component on the plane determined by C , we

have $n(C, z_1) = n(C, z_2) = n(C, 0) = 1$. Let Ω is a disk of radius a bit larger than 1. Then C is homologous with respect to Ω . Thus,

$$(2\pi i)^{-1} \int_C f(z) dz = \text{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z) + \text{Res}_{z=z_2} f(z).$$

Since z_1 and z_2 are simple poles, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} (z-z_1) f(z) = \frac{e^{\pi z_1}}{4(z_1-z_2)} = \frac{e^{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) z_1}{4 \cdot 2z_1} \quad (\text{note that } z_2 = -z_1) \\ &= \frac{e^{\pi}}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,
$$\text{Res}_{z=z_2} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_2} \frac{e^{\pi z_2}}{4(z_2-z_1)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_2} \frac{e^{\pi z_2}}{4(z_2-z_1)} = \frac{e^{\pi} z_2}{4 \cdot 2z_2} = \frac{e^{\pi}}{8}.$$

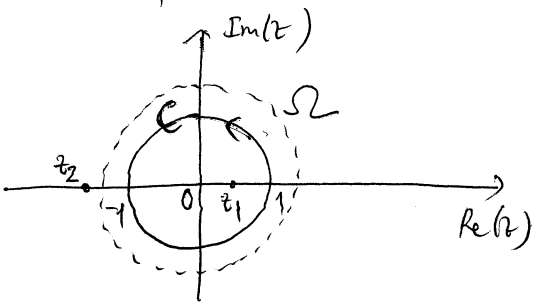
Thus
$$(2\pi i)^{-1} \int_C f(z) dz = \frac{e^{\pi}}{8} + \frac{e^{\pi}}{8} = \frac{e^{\pi}}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_C f(z) dz = \frac{e^{\pi} 2\pi i}{4} = \frac{\pi e^{\pi}}{2} i.$$

(b) We'll compute $\int_C f(z) dz$ where C is the same path as above and

$$f(z) = \frac{e^z}{\left(z^2 + z - \frac{3}{4}\right)^2}.$$

The equation $z^2 + z - \frac{3}{4} = 0$ gives us two distinct roots $z_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $z_2 = -\frac{3}{2}$.

None of them vanishes e^z . Thus z_1 and z_2 are poles of order two of $f(z)$.



Let Ω be the disk centered at 0 of radius $\frac{5}{4}$. Then z_2 lies outside Ω , C is homologous to 0 with respect to Ω , and $n(C, z_1) = 1$.

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Therefore, $(2\pi i) \int_C f dz = \text{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z)$.

Since z_1 is a pole of order two, we have $\text{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \left((z-z_1)^2 f(z) \right) \Big|_{z=z_1}$.

We have $f(z) = \frac{e^z}{(z-z_1)^2(z-z_2)^2}$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} \left((z-z_1)^2 f(z) \right) &= \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{e^z}{(z-z_2)^2} \right) = \frac{e^z(z-z_2)^2 - e^z 2(z-z_2)}{(z-z_2)^4} = \frac{e^z(z-z_2) - 2e^z}{(z-z_2)^3} \\ &= e^z \frac{z-2-z_2}{(z-z_2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\text{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z) = e^{z_1} \frac{z_1-2-z_2}{(z_1-z_2)^3} = 0$ because $z_1-z_2=2$.

Thus $\int_C f dz = 0$. A consequence of this nice accidental result is that f has an antiderivative in Ω .

② (3) We will find the following integral $I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{14 \cos \theta}{2 + \sin \theta} d\theta$.

First, we rename θ by t because we wish to consider I as the definition form of the integral line-integral of some complex function:

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dt}{2 + \sin t}$$

The interval $[0, 2\pi]$ hints us to choose the path γ as the unit circle, i.e. $\gamma(t) = e^{it}$. With this path, we want to find a complex function $f(z)$ such

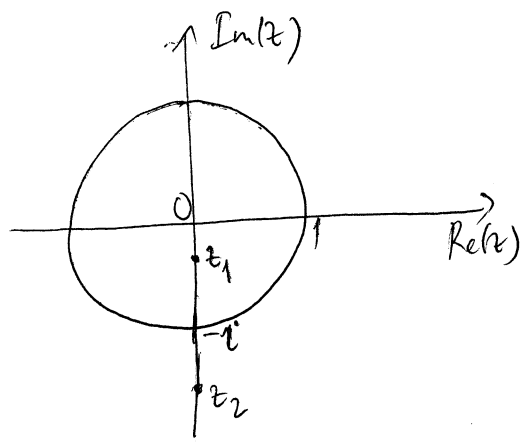
that $f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) = \frac{1}{2+smt}$, or equivalently $f(\gamma(t)) d(\gamma(t)) = \frac{dt}{2+smt}$

Put $z = \gamma(t) = e^{it}$, we have $smt = \frac{z^2-1}{2iz}$ and $dt = \frac{dz}{iz}$. Thus,

$$\frac{dt}{2+smt} = \frac{\frac{dz}{iz}}{2 + \frac{z^2-1}{2iz}} = \frac{dz}{2iz + \frac{z^2-1}{2}} = \frac{2}{z^2+4iz-1} dz.$$

Thus we choose $f(z) = \frac{2}{z^2+4iz-1}$. Then

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt = \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz.$$



The equation $z^2+4iz-1=0$ has discriminant $\Delta = (4i)^2 + 4 = -3$. Thus it has two distinct complex solutions $z_1 = -2i + \sqrt{3}i = (-2+\sqrt{3})i$ and $z_2 = -2i - \sqrt{3}i = (-2-\sqrt{3})i$. Then

we can write $z^2+4iz-1 = (z-z_1)(z-z_2)$.

Thus f has only one pole enclosed by γ . This pole is z_1 , which is a simple pole and $n(\gamma, z_1) = 1$. Thus,

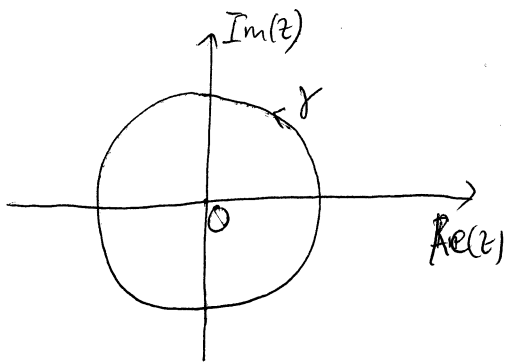
$$I = \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_1} f(z) = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_1} \frac{2}{(z-z_1)(z-z_2)} = 2\pi i \left. \frac{2}{z-z_2} \right|_{z=z_1}$$

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$$= \frac{4\pi i}{z_1 - z_2} = \frac{4\pi i}{2\sqrt{3}i} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \pi$$

④ Problem 1, Ahlfors p. 154

We will find the number of roots of the equation $z^7 - 2z^5 + 6z^3 - z + 1 = 0$ in the disk $|z| < 1$.



Put $f(z) = z^7 - 2z^5 + 6z^3 - z + 1$. Then f is analytic everywhere in the plane. Take γ to be the unit circle $\gamma(t) = e^{i2\pi t}$, for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. We want to find the number

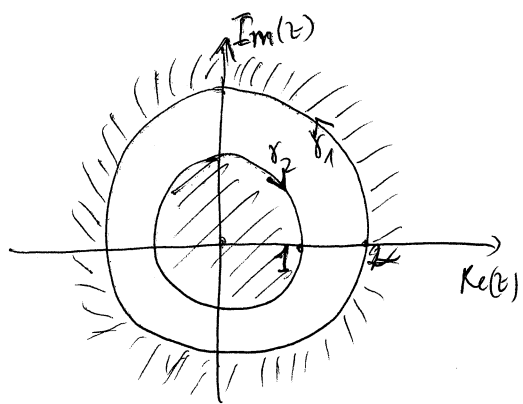
of zeros of f enclosed by γ . To do so, we put $P(z) = 6z^3$. On γ , we have $|P(z) - f(z)| = |z^7 - 2z^5 - z + 1| \leq |z|^7 + 2|z|^5 + |z| + 1 = 5 < \underset{||}{6} = |P(z)|$.

Thus, by Rouché's theorem, f and P have the same number of zeros in the disk $|z| < 1$. Since the equation $P(z) = 0$ gives a triple solution $z = 0$, this number is 3. Therefore f has exactly 3 roots in $|z| < 1$.

9/5 ⑤ Problem 2, Ahlfors p. 154

We'll find the number of roots of the equation $z^4 - 6z + 3 = 0$ in the annulus $\text{Ann}(0, 1, 2) = \{z : 1 < |z| < 2\}$.

We'll analyse the problem first, then solve it.



Put $f(z) = z^4 - 6z + 3$. We want to find the number of zeros of f in $\text{Ann}(0, 1, 2)$. To apply Rouché's theorem, we need a cycle γ on which we have some inequality.

The only cycle that we can choose is exactly to boundary of $\text{Ann}(0, 1, 2)$, which is composed of two circles. Let γ_1 be the circle of radius 2 directed counterclockwise $\gamma_1(t) = 2e^{2\pi it}$ and γ_2 be the circle of radius 1 directed clockwise $\gamma_2(t) = e^{-i2\pi t}$. Then

$$n(\gamma_2, a) = \begin{cases} -1, & a \in \text{disk } |z| < 1 \\ 0, & a \in \text{Ann}(0, 1, 2) \\ 0, & a \in |z| > 2 \end{cases}$$

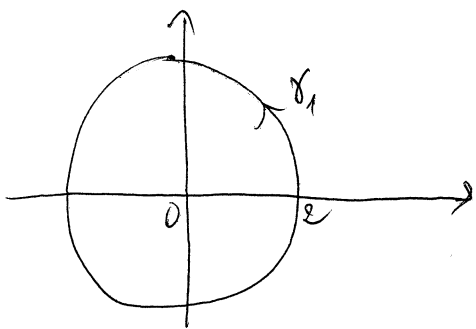
$$n(\gamma_1, a) = \begin{cases} 1, & a \text{ in the disk } |z| < 1 \\ 4, & a \text{ in Ann}(0, 1, 2) \\ 0, & a \text{ in } |z| > 2 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, if we put $\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$ then

$$n(\gamma, a) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } a \text{ in } |z| < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } a \text{ in Ann}(0, 1, 2) \\ 0 & \text{if } a \text{ in } |z| > 2 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, γ is eligible for Rouché's theorem (in other words, the theorem can apply to γ). The domain (region) enclosed by γ is $\text{Ann}(0, 1, 2)$ because $n(\gamma, a) = 1$ holds only if $a \in \text{Ann}(0, 1, 2)$. To use Rouché's theorem, we need to find an analytic function $g(z)$ such that $|f(z) - g(z)| < |g(z)|$ on γ . Thus, we have 2 inequalities " $|f(z) - g(z)| < |g(z)|$ for $|z| = 1$ " and " $|f(z) - g(z)| < |g(z)|$ for $|z| = 2$ ". The problem is that it's hard to find a function $g(z)$ satisfying both inequalities. It seems to be not a good idea to compose γ_1 and γ_2 into one cycle γ and then try to apply Rouché's theorem for γ .

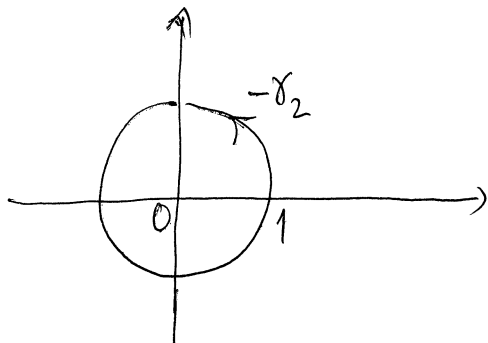
Instead, we'll treat γ_1 and γ_2 separately. By applying the theorem to $-\gamma_2$, we'll find the number of zeros of $f(z)$ in $|z| < 1$. By applying it to γ_1 , we'll find the number of zeros in $|z| < 2$. Then by subtraction, with a caution on γ_2 , we get the number of zeros in $\text{Ann}(0, 1, 2)$.



Put $P_1(z) = z^4$. We have

$$|f(z) - P_1(z)| = |-6z + 3| \leq 6|z| + 3 = 15 < 16 = |P_1(z)|^*$$

Thus # of zeros of f in $|z| < 2$ is equal to # of zeros of P_1 in $|z| < 2$, which is 4.



Put $P_2(z) = -6z$. We have

$$|f(z) - P_2(z)| = |z^4 + 3| \leq |z|^4 + 3 = 4 < 6 = |P_2(z)|$$

Thus we have 2 conclusions:

- f has no zeros on γ_2 ,
- # of zeros of f in $|z| < 1$ is equal to # of zeros of P_2 in $|z| < 1$, which is 1.

Thus, # of zeros of $f(z)$ in $|z| \leq 1$ is 1. Therefore, $f(z)$ has exactly

$4 - 1 = 3$ zeros in the annulus $\text{Ann}(0, 1, 2)$. ✓

(6) Problem 1, Ahlfors p. 161.

(b) We'll find poles and residues of the following function

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

We have $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)^2(z+1)^2}$. Thus f has two poles -1 and 1 , each of which

has order two. We have

$$\text{Res}_{z=1} f(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \left((z-1)^2 f(z) \right) \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{(z+1)^2} \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{-2}{(z+1)^3} \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{-2}{2^3} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

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$$\text{Res}_{z=-1} f(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \left((z+1)^2 f(z) \right) \Big|_{z=-1} = \frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} \Big|_{z=-1} = \frac{-2}{(z-1)^3} \Big|_{z=-1} = \frac{-2}{-8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

(e) We'll find all poles and residues of the following function

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

Write $z = x + iy$. We'll solve the equation $\sin(x + iy) = 0$ for x and y .

$$0 = \sin(x + iy) = \sin(x) \cosh(y) + i \cos(x) \sinh(y)$$

where $\sinh(y) = \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2}$ and $\cosh(y) = \frac{e^y + e^{-y}}{2}$. The equation is equivalent

to

$$\begin{cases} \sin x \cosh y = 0 \\ \cos x \sinh y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \sin x = 0 \\ \sinh y = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = n\pi \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{Z} \\ y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Thus, the poles of $f(z)$ are $z_n = n\pi$ for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since $\sin(z - n\pi) = (-1)^n \sin z$,

we get $\sin^2(z - n\pi) = \sin^2 z$ and thus

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_n} (z - z_n)^2 f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow n\pi} (z - n\pi)^2 \frac{1}{\sin^2 z} = \lim_{z \rightarrow n\pi} \frac{(z - n\pi)^2}{\sin^2(z - n\pi)} = \lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{w^2}{\sin^2 w} = 1$$

Hence $n\pi$ is a pole of order 2. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{z=n\pi} f(z) &= \frac{d}{dz} \left((z - n\pi)^2 f(z) \right) \Big|_{z=n\pi} = \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{(z - n\pi)^2}{\sin^2 z} \right) \Big|_{z=n\pi} \\ &= \left((z - n\pi)^2 (-2) \cos z \sin^{-3} z + 2(z - n\pi) \sin^{-2} z \right) \Big|_{z=n\pi} \\ &= \frac{-2 \cos z (z - n\pi)^2 + 2(z - n\pi) \sin z}{\sin^3 z} \Big|_{z=n\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{-2 \cos z \cdot 2(z-n\pi) + 2 \sin z (z-n\pi)^2 + 2 \sin z + 2(z-n\pi) \cos z}{3 \cos z \sin^2 z} \Big|_{z \rightarrow n\pi} \quad (\text{L'Hospital}) \\
 &= \frac{-2(\cos z)(z-n\pi) + 2 \sin z [(z-n\pi)^2 + 1]}{3 \cos z \sin^2 z} \Big|_{z \rightarrow n\pi} \\
 &= \frac{2(\sin z)(z-n\pi) - 2 \cos z + 2 \cos z [(z-n\pi)^2 + 1] + 2 \sin z \cdot 2(z-n\pi)}{-3 \sin^3 z + 6 \cos^2 z \sin z} \Big|_{z \rightarrow n\pi} \quad (\text{L'Hospital}) \\
 &= \frac{6(\sin z)(z-n\pi) + 2(\cos z)(z-n\pi)^2}{(-3 \sin^2 z + 6 \cos^2 z) \sin z} \Big|_{z \rightarrow n\pi} \\
 &= \left(\lim_{z \rightarrow n\pi} \frac{z-n\pi}{\sin z} \right) \left(\lim_{z \rightarrow n\pi} \frac{6 \sin z + 2(z-n\pi) \cos z}{-3 \sin^2 z + 6 \cos^2 z} \right) \\
 &= 1 \cdot 0 \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

(f) We'll find the poles and residues of the following function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^m(1-z)^n} \quad (m, n \text{ positive integers})$$

We see that f has two poles, $z=0$ of order m and $z=1$ of order n . We have

$$\text{Res}_{z=0} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \frac{1}{(1-z)^n} \Big|_{z=0}, \text{ which is equal to } 1 \text{ if } m=1.$$

We'll show by induction on $k \geq 1$ that $\frac{d^k}{dz^k} \left(\frac{1}{(1-z)^n} \right) = n(n+1)\dots(n+k-1) \frac{1}{(1-z)^{n+k}}$ (*)

For $k=1$, we have $\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{1}{(1-z)^n} \right) = \frac{d}{dz} \left((1-z)^{-n} \right) = (-n)(-1)(1-z)^{-n-1} = n \frac{1}{(1-z)^{n+1}}$.

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Suppose that (*) is true for k . We'll show that it's true for $k+1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^{k+1}}{dz^{k+1}} \left(\frac{1}{(1-z)^n} \right) &= \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{d^k}{dz^k} \frac{1}{(1-z)^n} \right) = \frac{d}{dz} \left(n(n+1)\dots(n+k-1) \frac{1}{(1-z)^{n+k}} \right) \\ &= n(n+1)\dots(n+k-1) [-(n+k)] (-1) (1-z)^{-n-k-1} \\ &= n(n+1)\dots(n+k) \frac{1}{(1-z)^{n+k+1}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus (*) is also true for $k+1$, and hence it's true for every $k \geq 1$.

For $k = m-1$, in particular, we get $\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \frac{1}{(1-z)^n} = (n)(n+1)\dots(n+m-2) \frac{1}{(1-z)^{n+m-1}}$

Thus, $\text{Res}_{z=0} f(z) = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} n(n+1)\dots(n+m-2) \frac{1}{(1-z)^{n+m-1}} \Big|_{z=0}$
 $= \frac{n(n+1)\dots(n+m-2)}{(m-1)!}$ for $m \geq 2$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{z=1} f(z) &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dz^{n-1}} \left[(z-1)^n f(z) \right] \Big|_{z=1} \\ &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{d^{n-1}}{dz^{n-1}} \frac{1}{z^m} \right) \Big|_{z=1} \end{aligned}$$

Put $w = 1-z$, (*) gives us

$$(-1)^k \frac{d^k}{dw^k} \frac{1}{w^n} = n(n+1)\dots(n+k-1) \frac{1}{w^{n+k}}$$

Replacing n by m , and k by $n-1$, we get

$$(-1)^{n-1} \frac{d^{n-1}}{dw^{n-1}} \frac{1}{w^m} = m(m+1)\dots(m+n-2) \frac{1}{w^{m+n-1}}$$

Thus,

$$\text{Res}_{z=1} f(z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(n-1)!} (-1)^{n-1} m(m+1)\dots(m+n-2) \frac{1}{z^{m+n-1}} \Big|_{z=1}$$

$$= - \frac{m(m+1)\dots(m+n-2)}{(n-1)!} \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

$$\text{For } n=1, \quad \text{Res}_{z=1} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{-1}{z^m} = -1.$$

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$$(c) \quad I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx \quad \text{where} \quad f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x + 2}{x^4 + 10x^2 + 9}$$

Since $f(z) = \frac{z^2 - z + 2}{z^4 + 10z^2 + 9}$ is a rational function on the plane and has no poles on the real line, I can be computed through the residues of $f(z)$. But

first we should find the poles of $f(z)$.

$$z^4 + 10z^2 + 9 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (z^2 + 5)^2 - 4^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (z^2 + 1)(z^2 + 9) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow z = \pm i \quad \text{or} \quad z = \pm 3i$$

Therefore $f(z)$ has four poles $\pm i, \pm 3i$, each of which are simple. We can write

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

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Therefore,

$$\text{Res}_{z=i} f(z) = \frac{z^2 - z + 2}{(z+i)(z-3i)(z+3i)} \Big|_{z=i} = \frac{i^2 - i + 2}{2i(-2i)(4i)} = \frac{1-i}{16i} = \frac{i+1}{-16} = -\frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{16}i$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=-i} f(z) = \frac{z^2 - z + 2}{(z-i)(z-3i)(z+3i)} \Big|_{z=-i} = \frac{i^2 + i + 2}{(-2i)(-4i)(2i)} = \frac{1+i}{-16i} = \frac{i-1}{16} = -\frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16}i$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=3i} f(z) = \frac{z^2 - z + 2}{(z-i)(z+i)(z+3i)} \Big|_{z=3i} = \frac{9i^2 - 3i + 2}{2i \cdot 4i \cdot 6i} = \frac{-7-3i}{-48i} = \frac{-7i+3}{48} = \frac{3}{48} - \frac{7}{48}i$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=-3i} f(z) = \frac{z^2 - z + 2}{(z-i)(z+i)(z+3i)} \Big|_{z=-3i} = \frac{9i^2 + 3i + 2}{-4i \cdot (-2i) \cdot (-6i)} = \frac{-7+3i}{48i} = \frac{-7i-3}{-48} = \frac{3}{48} + \frac{7}{48}i$$

Then $I = 2\pi i (\text{Res}_{z=i} + \text{Res}_{z=3i}) = 2\pi i \left(-\frac{10}{48}i\right) = \frac{5\pi}{12}$ ✓

(d) $I = \int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx$, where $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{(x^2+a^2)^3}$, a is real.

For $a=0$, we have $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^6} = \frac{1}{x^4}$. Then $I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4} dx = \infty$.

For $a \neq 0$, we can assume $a > 0$ without loss of generality. Since $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z^2+a^2)^3}$

is a rational function such that the numerator's degree is two less than the denominator's degree, and $f(z)$ has no zeros on the real line, I can be computed

via the residue of $f(z)$. We have

$$f(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z-ia)^3(z+ia)^3}$$

Thus the pole in the upper half domain is ia , which is of order three. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx &= 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=ia} f(z) = 2\pi i \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \frac{z^2}{(z+ia)^3} \Big|_{z=ia} \\
 &= \pi i \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (z^2(z+ia)^{-3}) \Big|_{z=ia} \\
 &= \pi i \frac{d}{dz} (2z(z+ia)^{-3} - 3z^2(z+ia)^{-4}) \Big|_{z=ia} \\
 &= \pi i (2(z+ia)^{-3} - 6z(z+ia)^{-4} - 6z(z+ia)^{-4} + 12z^2(z+ia)^{-5}) \Big|_{z=ia} \\
 &= \pi i (2(2ia)^{-3} - 6(ia)(2ia)^{-4} - 6(ia)(2ia)^{-4} + 12(ia)^2(2ia)^{-5}) \\
 &= \pi i (ia)^{-3} (2 \cdot 2^{-3} - 6 \cdot 2^{-4} - 6 \cdot 2^{-4} + 12 \cdot 2^{-5}) \\
 &= \frac{\pi i}{i^3 a^3} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} \right) \\
 &= -\frac{\pi}{a^3} \left(-\frac{1}{8} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{8a^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since f is an even function, $I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{\pi}{16a^3}$ ✓

$$(e) \quad I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + a^2} dx$$

If $a = 0$ then $I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{x^2} dx$. On the interval $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{3})$, we have

$\cos x \geq \frac{1}{2}$. Thus $\frac{\cos x}{x^2} \geq \frac{1}{2x^2}$ and hence $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{x^2} dx \geq \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{1}{2x^2} dx = \infty$

Therefore, I diverges.

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For $a \neq 0$, we can assume $a > 0$ without loss of generality. We see that

$$J = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ix}}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + a^2} dx + i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x^2 + a^2} dx$$

$$\text{Thus } \operatorname{Re}(J) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + a^2} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + a^2} dx \quad (\text{since the integrand is even})$$

$$= 2I$$

Hence, we'll evaluate J instead of I since J is of the form we know how to deal with. The function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + a^2}$ has only one pole in the upper half plane $z = ia$. Thus,

$$J = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=ia} f(z) e^{iz} = 2\pi i \left. \frac{e^{iz}}{2ia} \right|_{z=ia} = 2\pi i \frac{e^{-a}}{2ia} = \frac{\pi}{a} e^{-a}$$

Therefore,
$$I = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(J) = \frac{\pi}{2a} e^{-a} \quad \checkmark$$

$$(g) I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{1/3}}{1+x^2} dx$$

Put $x = t^3$, then $dx = 3t^2 dt$. We get
$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t}{1+t^6} 3t^2 dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{3t^3}{1+t^6} dt.$$

Put $u = t^2$, then $du = 2t dt$. We get

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{3t^2}{1+t^6} 2t dt = \frac{3}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{3u}{1+u^3} du$$

Here we're facing difficulty because what we want is an integral over the whole real line, not the positive half like this. Even the change of variable $v = -u$ doesn't help. We should follow a different approach.

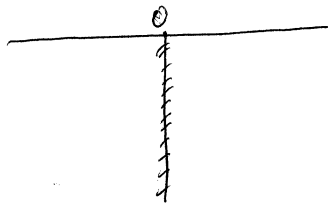
Put $f(z) = \frac{1}{1+z^2}$. Then $f(z)$ is analytic everywhere on the plane except at two poles $z=i$ and $z=-i$. We have $I = \int_0^{\infty} x^{1/3} f(x) dx$.

To relate I to an integral over $(-\infty, \infty)$, we should find an analytic extension of $x^{1/3}$ on the upper half plane and the negative real line. By definition,

$$x^{1/3} := \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} \log x\right)$$

Thus, we need an extension of $\log x$ to the upper half plane and the negative real line. $\log z$ is not a good choice because it's not analytic on the negative real line. We choose $g(z) = \log(-iz) + i\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Then $g(z)$ coincides $\log x$ on the positive real ray and $g(z)$ is analytic on the domain we want.



Then $h(z) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} g(z)\right)$ is the extension of $x^{1/3}$ that we want. For $y > 0$,

$$\text{we have } g(-y) = \log(iy) + i\frac{\pi}{2} = \log y + i\pi = \log(-iy) + i\frac{\pi}{2} + i\pi = g(y) + i\pi.$$

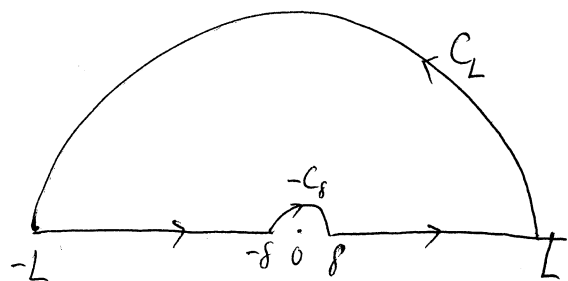
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } h(-y) &= \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} g(-y)\right) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} g(y) + \frac{i\pi}{3}\right) = \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{3}\right) \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} g(y)\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{3}\right) h(y). \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that $f(z)$ is even, we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 h(x) f(x) dx \stackrel{y=-x}{=} \int_0^{\infty} h(-y) f(-y) dy = \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{3}\right) \int_0^{\infty} h(y) f(y) dy = \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{3}\right) I$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, pr.v. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(z) f(z) dz &= \int_0^{\infty} h(x) f(x) dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 h(z) f(z) dz \\ &= I + \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{3}\right) I \\ &= I \left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{3}\right)\right) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$



Put $\gamma_{L\delta} = [-L, -\delta] + [\delta, L] - C_\delta + C_L$ as in the figure. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |h(z)| &= \left| \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} \log(-iz)\right) \right| \\ &= \left| \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} \log(-iz)\right) \right| \\ &= (\text{Im } z)^{1/3} \leq |z|^{1/3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \left| \int_{C_L} h(z) f(z) dz \right| &\leq \int_{C_L} |h(z)| |f(z)| |dz| \leq \int_{C_L} |z|^{1/3} \frac{1}{|1+z^2|} |dz| \\ &\leq \int_{C_L} \frac{|z|^{1/3}}{|z|^2-1} |dz| = \frac{L^{1/3}}{L^2-1} \pi L \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as $L \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{On the other hand } \left| \int_{-C_\delta} h(z) f(z) dz \right| &\leq \int_{-C_\delta} |z|^{1/3} \frac{1}{|1+z^2|} |dz| \\ &\leq \int_{-C_\delta} |z|^{1/3} \frac{1}{1-|z|^2} |dz| = \frac{\delta^{1/3}}{1-\delta^{2/3}} \pi \delta \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \delta \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } \lim_{\substack{\delta \rightarrow 0 \\ L \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{\gamma_{L\delta}} h(z) f(z) dz = \text{pr.v. } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(z) f(z) dz \stackrel{(1)}{=} I \left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{3}\right)\right). \quad (2)$$

Since $h(z)$ has no pole in the upper half plane and $f(z)$ has only one (simple) pole $z=i$ in the upper half plane, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{\substack{\delta \rightarrow 0 \\ L \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{\delta}^L h(z) f(z) dz &= 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=i} h(z) f(z) \\
 &= 2\pi i h(z) \frac{1}{z+i} \Big|_{z=i} = 2\pi i h(i) \frac{1}{2i} \\
 &= \pi \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} g(i)\right) \\
 &= \pi \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} \left(\log 1 + i\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) = \pi \exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{6}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

then together with (2), we get

$$\pi \exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = I \left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{i\pi}{3}\right)\right)$$

Thus

$$I = \pi \frac{\exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{1 + \exp\left(i\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} = \pi \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + i\frac{1}{2}}{1 + \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \pi \frac{\sqrt{3} + i}{3 + i\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

Therefore,

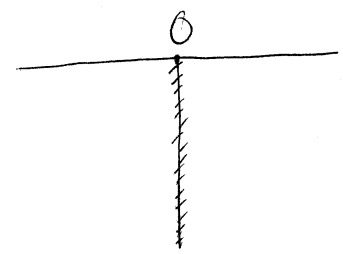
$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{1/3}}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{3}.$$

(h)

$$I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{1+x^2} dx$$

The idea is similar to the above problem. We want to extend $\log x$ to an analytic function on the upper half plane and the negative real ray. Thus

we choose $g(z) = \log(-iz) + i\frac{\pi}{2}$ as above.



For $y > 0$, we have $g(-y) = g(y) + i\pi$.

Put $f(z) = \frac{1}{1+z^2}$. Using the fact

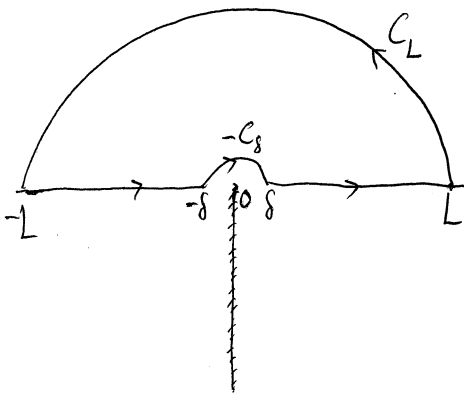
that f is even, we get

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^0 g(x) f(x) dx &\stackrel{y=-x}{=} \int_0^{\infty} g(-y) f(y) dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} (g(y) + i\pi) f(y) dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} g(y) f(y) dy + i\pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dy}{1+y^2} \\
 &= I + i\pi \arctan(y) \Big|_{y=0}^{y \rightarrow \infty} \\
 &= I + i \frac{\pi^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, pr. v. $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(z) f(z) dz = \int_0^{\infty} g(z) f(z) dz + \int_{-\infty}^0 g(z) f(z) dz$

$$= I + I + i \frac{\pi^2}{2} = 2I + i \frac{\pi^2}{2} \quad (1)$$



Put $\gamma_{Ls} = [-L, -s] - C_s + [s, L] + C_L$ as in the figure. We get have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |g(z)| &= \left| \log(-iz) + i \frac{\pi}{2} \right| \\
 &= \left| \log(-ix+y) + i \frac{\pi}{2} \right| \\
 &= \left| \log|z| + i(\arg(z) + \frac{\pi}{2}) \right| \\
 &\leq \sqrt{(\log|z|)^2 + (\arg(-iz) + \frac{\pi}{2})^2} \\
 &\leq \sqrt{(\log|z|)^2 + \frac{9\pi^2}{4}}
 \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_{C_L} g(z) f(z) dz \right| &\leq \int_{C_L} |g(z)| |f(z)| |dz| \leq \int_{C_L} \sqrt{(\log|z|)^2 + \frac{g\pi^2}{4}} \frac{1}{|z^2+1|} |dz| \\
 &\leq \int_{C_L} \sqrt{\log^2 L + \frac{g\pi^2}{4}} \frac{1}{L^2-1} |dz| \\
 &= \pi L \sqrt{\log^2 L + \frac{g\pi^2}{4}} \frac{1}{L^2-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $L \rightarrow \infty$ because the logarithmic

function creeps to infinity slower than the identity function. On the other

hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_{-C_\delta} g(z) f(z) dz \right| &\leq \int_{-C_\delta} |g(z)| |f(z)| |dz| \leq \int_{-C_\delta} \sqrt{(\log|z|)^2 + \frac{g\pi^2}{4}} \frac{1}{|1+z^2|} |dz| \\
 &\leq \int_{C_\delta} \sqrt{\log^2 \delta + \frac{g\pi^2}{4}} \frac{1}{1-\delta^2} |dz| \\
 &= \pi \delta \sqrt{\log^2 \delta + \frac{g\pi^2}{4}} \frac{1}{1-\delta^2} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{1-\delta^2} \sqrt{(\delta \log \delta)^2 + \frac{g\pi^2}{4} \delta^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $\delta \rightarrow 0$ because $\delta \log \delta \rightarrow 0$ as $\delta \rightarrow 0$.

Thus, $\lim_{\substack{\delta \rightarrow 0 \\ L \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{C_L} g(z) f(z) dz = \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(z) f(z) dz \stackrel{(1)}{=} 2I + i \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2)$

Since $g(z)$ has no zero in the upper half plane and $f(z)$ has only one pole in this domain, namely $z=i$, which is simple, we have

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{\substack{R \rightarrow \infty \\ L \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{\gamma_{LR}} g(z) f(z) dz &= 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=i} g(z) f(z) \\
 &= 2\pi i g(i) \frac{1}{z+i} \Big|_{z=i} = 2\pi i g(i) \frac{1}{2i} \\
 &= \pi g(i) = \pi \left(\log 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = i \frac{\pi^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Together with (2), we get $i \frac{\pi^2}{2} = 2I + i \frac{\pi^2}{2}$. Then $I = 0$

Therefore $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{1+x^2} dx = 0$.

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