

Exam training I

Exercise 1. Find a holomorphic function $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that its real part is:

$$u(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + e^{-x} \cos y$$

Answer: Using the Cauchy-Riemann equations we get

$$\begin{cases} u_x = 2x - e^{-x} \cos y = v_y \\ u_y = -2y - e^{-x} \sin y = -v_x \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} v_y = 2x - e^{-x} \cos y \\ v_x = 2y + e^{-x} \sin y \end{cases}$$

From the second equation we get

$$v(x, y) = \alpha(y) + 2xy - e^{-x} \sin y.$$

By taking the derivative of v with respect to y , and using the first equation, we get

$$\alpha'(y) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha(y) = \alpha_0 = \text{constant}.$$

Consequently

$$f = u + iv = (x^2 - y^2) + e^{-x} \cos y + i(2xy - e^{-x} \sin y) + i\alpha_0.$$

But since $z^2 = x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy$ and $\cos y - i \sin y = e^{-iy}$, we get

$$f(z) = z^2 + e^{-z} + i\alpha_0$$

with $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{R}$.

Exercise 2. Using the Cauchy Theorem and the Cauchy integral formula compute the following integrals:

(1)

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{z^3 + 2z^2 + 2}{z - 2i} dz \quad \text{where} \quad \Gamma = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - 2i| = \frac{1}{4} \right\}$$

(2)

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{3z^2 + 2z + \sin(z+1)}{(z-2)^2} dz \quad \text{where} \quad \Gamma = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z-2| = 1\}$$

Answer:

(1) Using the Cauchy integral formula we have

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{z^3 + 2z^2 + 2}{z - 2i} dz = 2\pi i (z^3 + 2z^2 + 2) \Big|_{z=2i} = 16\pi - 12i$$

(2) Using the Cauchy integral formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{3z^2 + 2z + \sin(z+1)}{(z-2)^2} dz &= \frac{2\pi i}{1!} (3z^2 + 2z + \sin(z+1))^{(1)} \Big|_{z=2} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{1!} (6z + 2 + \cos(z+1)) \Big|_{z=2} = 2\pi i (14 + \cos(3)) \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3. For the following functions, compute the Laurent expansion around z_0 and determine whether z_0 is a regular or singular point; in the latter case, say what is the order of pole at z_0 . Recall that if f is holomorphic at z_0 its Laurent expansion is simply the Taylor expansion.

(1) $f(z) = \frac{z}{1+z^2}$ and $z_0 = 1$

(1) $f(z) = \frac{z^2+2z+1}{1+z}$ and $z_0 = -1$

(3) (Bonus) $f(z) = \frac{z^2+z+1}{z^2-1}$ and $z_0 = 1$

Answer:

(1) Since the function $h(z) = z$ is holomorphic in \mathbb{C} , $g(z) = \frac{1}{1+z^2}$ is holomorphic except in $z = \pm i$, we can conclude that $z_0 = 1$ is a regular point and therefore Laurent series is equal to Taylor series around z_0 . We start by deducing that

$$\begin{aligned} g(z) &= \frac{1}{1+z^2} = \frac{-1}{2i} \left(\frac{1}{i-z} + \frac{1}{i+z} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{2i} \left(\frac{1}{(i-1)-(z-1)} + \frac{1}{(i+1)+(z-1)} \right) \\ &= \frac{-1}{2i} \left[\frac{1}{i-1} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{z-1}{i-1}} + \frac{1}{i+1} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\frac{z-1}{i+1}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Using the formula of Taylor expansion of $\frac{1}{1+x}$ at points $\frac{z-1}{i-1}$ and $\frac{z-1}{i+1}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} g(z) &= \frac{-1}{2i} \left[\frac{1}{i-1} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(i-1)^n} (z-1)^n + \frac{1}{i+1} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(i+1)^n} (z-1)^n \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{2i} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(i-1)^{n+1}} + \frac{(-1)^n}{(i+1)^{n+1}} \right) (z-1)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2i} \left[\frac{1}{(1-i)^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{(1+i)^{n+1}} \right] (z-1)^n \end{aligned}$$

By noting

$$1 - i = \sqrt{2}e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} \quad \text{et} \quad 1 + i = \sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

The coefficient c_n associated with the term $(z - 1)^n$ can be simplified as

$$c_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{2i} \left[\frac{1}{(1 - i)^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{(1 + i)^{n+1}} \right] = (-1)^n \frac{\sin \left[(n + 1) \frac{\pi}{4} \right]}{2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}$$

Finally

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= zg(z) \\ &= (z - 1 + 1) \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} c_n (z - 1)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} c_n (z - 1)^{n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} c_n (z - 1)^n \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} c_{m-1} (z - 1)^m + c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} c_n (z - 1)^n \\ &= c_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (c_{n-1} + c_n) (z - 1)^n \end{aligned}$$

(2)

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

therefore $z_0 = -1$ is a regular point. In this case, the Taylor expansion has the trivial expression $f(z) = z + 1$.

(3)

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

$f(z)$ has two singular points $z = \pm 1$, the convergence happens when $0 < |z - 1| < 2$, the Taylor expansion of $\frac{1}{1+z}$ around $z_0 = 1$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{z + 1} &= \frac{1}{2 + (z - 1)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{z-1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{z - 1}{2} \right)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} (z - 1)^n. \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{z - 1} + 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}} (z - 1)^n \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{z - 1} + \frac{3}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+2}} (z - 1)^n \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4. Compute the following real integrals:

(1)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos(\theta) \sin(2\theta)}{5 + 3 \cos(2\theta)} d\theta$$

(2)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{x^2}{1 + x^6} dx$$

Answer:

(1) We let $z = e^{i\theta}$ and we find

$$\cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} = \frac{z + \frac{1}{z}}{2} = \frac{z^2 + 1}{2z} \quad (1)$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = \frac{e^{2i\theta} + e^{-2i\theta}}{2} = \frac{z^4 + 1}{2z^2} \quad \text{et} \quad \sin(2\theta) = \frac{e^{2i\theta} - e^{-2i\theta}}{2i} = \frac{z^4 - 1}{2iz^2}. \quad (2)$$

then we define for $f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = \cos \theta \sin(2\theta)(5 + 3 \cos(2\theta))^{-1}$

$$\tilde{f}(z) = \frac{1}{iz} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right), \frac{1}{2i}\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)\right) = \frac{-(z^2 + 1)(z^4 - 1)}{6z^2(z^2 + 3)(z^2 + \frac{1}{3})}. \quad (3)$$

We then find that the only singularities inside the unit circle are 0 which is a pole of order 2 and $\pm \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}$ which are poles of order 1. Their residues are therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}}(\tilde{f}) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}} \left[\frac{-(z^2 + 1)(z^4 - 1)}{6z^2(z^2 + 3)\left(z + \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \right] = \frac{i}{6\sqrt{3}} \\ \text{Res}_{\frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}}(\tilde{f}) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}} \left[\frac{-(z^2 + 1)(z^4 - 1)}{6z^2(z^2 + 3)\left(z - \frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \right] = -\frac{i}{6\sqrt{3}} \\ \text{Res}_0(\tilde{f}) &= -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dz} \left[\frac{z^6 + z^4 - z^2 - 1}{3z^4 + 10z^2 + 3} \right] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

We find that if γ is the unit circle, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos \theta \sin(2\theta)}{5 + 3 \cos(2\theta)} d\theta &= \int_{\gamma} \tilde{f}(z) dz \\ &= 2\pi i \left[\text{Res}_{\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}}(\tilde{f}) + \text{Res}_{\frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}}(\tilde{f}) + \text{Res}_0(\tilde{f}) \right] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

This result could have been deduced immediately due to the symmetry.

(2) By the triangle inequality, we have, if $z = re^{i\theta}$

$$|z^6 + 1| \geq ||z^6| - 1| = |r^6 - 1|. \quad (6)$$

We write for $r > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{C_r} \frac{z^2}{1+z^6} dz \right| &= \left| \int_0^\pi \frac{(re^{i\theta})^2}{1+(re^{i\theta})^6} ire^{i\theta} d\theta \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^\pi \frac{r^3}{r^6-1} d\theta = \frac{\pi r^3}{r^6-1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } r \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Let $r > 1$ and $\gamma_r = C_r \cup L_r$, where C_r is defined in the second question and L_r , is the line segment $[-r, r]$ on the real axis. The singularities of $f(z) = \frac{1+z^2}{1+z^6}$ are the zeros of $1+z^6$. Or

$$1+z^6=0 \Leftrightarrow z^6=-1=e^{i(\pi+2\pi n)} \Leftrightarrow z=e^{\frac{i\pi(1+2n)}{6}}, n=0,1,\dots,5. \quad (8)$$

Only z_0, z_1 and z_2 are inside γ_r and they are poles of order 1. We therefore have that their residues are given using Proposition 11.5 (let $p(z) = z^2$ and $q(z) = 1+z^6$ which implies $q'(z) = 6z^5$) by

$$\text{Res}_{z_n} \left(\frac{1+z^2}{1+z^6} \right) = \frac{1}{6z_n^3} = e^{-\frac{i\pi(1+2n)}{2}} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{6} i, n=0,1,2. \quad (9)$$

The residue theorem therefore allows us to write

$$\int_{\gamma_r} f(z) dz = \int_{C_r} f(z) dz + \int_{L_r} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{n=0}^2 \text{Res}_{z_n}(f) = \frac{\pi}{3}. \quad (10)$$

As

$$\int_{L_r} f(z) dz = \int_{-r}^r \frac{x^2}{1+x^6} dx \rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{1+x^6} dx, \text{ when } r \rightarrow \infty \quad (11)$$

(cf. the second question) we deduce that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{1+x^6} dx = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_r} f(z) dz = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad (12)$$

Exercise 5. With the help of the Table of Laplace transforms, find the Laplace transform of:

$$f(t) = e^{-2t}(3\cos(6t) - 5\sin(6t))$$

Answer: see exercise 4 of session 7

Exercise 6. For $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and y_0, y_1 arbitrary values, find the solutions to:

$$\begin{cases} y''(x) + \lambda y(x) = 0, t > 0 \\ y(0) = y_0 \quad y'(0) = y_1 \end{cases}$$

Answer: Let $Y(z) = \mathfrak{L}(y)(z)$. We know that $\mathfrak{L}(y'')(z) = z^2 Y(z) - zy_0 - y_1$. Thus we have

$$z^2 Y - zy_0 - y_1 + \lambda Y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y = \frac{zy_0 + y_1}{z^2 + \lambda} = y_0 \frac{z}{z^2 + \lambda} + y_1 \frac{1}{z^2 + \lambda}.$$

We study the three cases $\lambda = 0, \lambda < 0$ and $\lambda > 0$.

Cas 1: $\lambda = 0$. Then the solution is trivially given by

$$y(x) = y_0 + y_1 x$$

Cas 2: $\lambda < 0$. Let $\lambda = -\mu^2$. Then using the Table of Laplace transforms we get

$$y(x) = y_0 \cosh(\mu x) + \frac{y_1}{\mu} \sinh(\mu x).$$

Cas 3: $\lambda > 0$. Let $\lambda = \mu^2$. Then using the Table of Laplace transforms we get

$$y(x) = y_0 \cos(\mu x) + \frac{y_1}{\mu} \sin(\mu x).$$