

# Complex Analysis : (M.Sc. Sem-II)

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## CONTOUR INTEGRATION CONTINUED

(1.1) Contour integration of trigonometric integrand.

(i) **Evaluate**  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{1+3\cos^2 t} dt$

**Solution :-** Put  $z = e^{it}$

$$\frac{1}{z} = e^{-it}$$

$$\cos t = \frac{1}{2}(e^{it} + e^{-it}) = \frac{1}{2}\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)$$

and  $\frac{dz}{dz} = iz; \quad dt = \frac{dz}{iz}$

Taking  $C$  to be the unit circle we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{1+3\cos^2 t} dt &= \oint_C \frac{1}{1+\frac{3}{4}\left(z+\frac{1}{z}\right)^2} \frac{1}{iz} dz \\ &= \oint_C \frac{-i}{z+\frac{3}{4}z\left(z^2+\frac{1}{z^2}+2\right)} dz \\ &= -i \oint_C \frac{dz}{\frac{3}{4}z^3 + \frac{5}{2}z + \frac{3}{4z}} \\ &= -i \oint_C \frac{4}{3z^3 + 10z + \frac{3}{z}} dz \\ &= -4i \oint_C \frac{z dz}{3z^4 + 10z^2 + 3} \\ &= -\frac{4i}{3} \oint_C \frac{z dz}{(z+\sqrt{3}i)(z-\sqrt{3}i)\left(z+\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(z-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

The singularities to be considered are at  $\frac{\pm i}{\sqrt{3}}$

Let  $C_1$  be a small circle about  $\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}$  and  $C_2$  be a small circle about  $\frac{-i}{\sqrt{3}}$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{-4i}{3} \left[ \oint_{C_1} \left( \frac{\frac{z}{(z^2+3)\left(z+\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}}{z-\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}} \right) dz + \oint_{C_2} \left( \frac{\frac{z}{(z^2+3)\left(z-\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}\right)}}{z+\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}} \right) dz \right] \\
&= \frac{-4i}{3} \left[ 2\pi i \left( \frac{z}{(z^2+3)\left(z+\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \right)_{i=\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}} + 2\pi i \left( \frac{z}{(z^2+3)\left(z-\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \right)_{i=-\frac{i}{\sqrt{3}}} \right] \\
&= \frac{8\pi}{3} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} + \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} \right] = \frac{8\pi}{3} \left[ \frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}}{\frac{16}{3\sqrt{3}}} \right] \\
&= \frac{8\pi}{3} \times \frac{3}{8} = \pi
\end{aligned}$$

(ii) **Evaluate**  $I = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 t} dt$

**Solution :-** On making substitution  $z = e^{it}$

We get  $I = \frac{1}{4} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{4iz}{z^4 - 6z^2 + 1} dz$

$$= \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{iz}{z^4 - 6z^2 + 1} dz$$

The poles of this function are at  $1 \pm \sqrt{2}$  and  $-1 \pm \sqrt{2}$  of these only  $1 - \sqrt{2}$  and  $-1 + \sqrt{2}$  are inside the unit circle.

Residues at  $1 + \sqrt{2}$

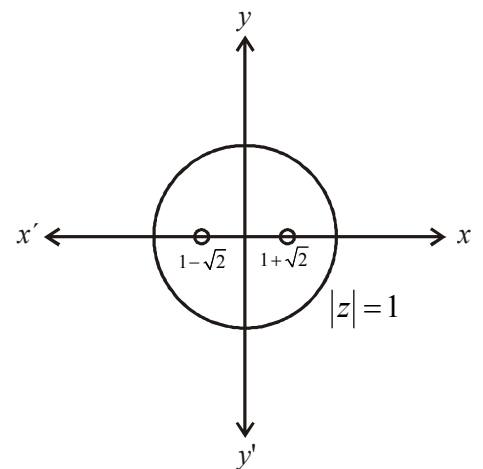
$$\begin{aligned}
R(f, 1 + \sqrt{2}) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1 + \sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{iz}{z^4 - 6z^2 + 1} \right) \\
&= -\frac{i\sqrt{2}}{16}
\end{aligned}$$

Also

$$R(f, -1 + \sqrt{2}) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1 + \sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{iz}{z^4 - 6z^2 + 1} \right) = \frac{-i\sqrt{2}}{16}$$

Hence,

$$I = 2\pi i [\text{sum of residues}] = 2\pi i \left( -\frac{i\sqrt{2}}{16} - \frac{i\sqrt{2}}{16} \right)$$



$$= 2\pi i \left[ -\frac{i\sqrt{2}}{8} \right] = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

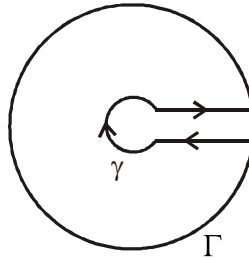
### III. BRANCH CUTS

**Evaluate :**  $\int_0^\infty \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 6x + 8} dx$

**Solution :-** We start by formulating the complex integral

$$I = \int_C \frac{\sqrt{z}}{z^2 + 6z + 8} dz$$

Note that  $z^{\frac{1}{2}} = e^{\frac{1}{2} \text{Log } z}$  So has a branch cut this affects our choice of the Contour C.



Normally the logarithm branch cut is defined as the calculation of the integral slightly more complicated. so we define it to be the positive real axis. We use the keyhole contour which consists of a small circle about the origin of radius  $\epsilon$  (say) extending to a line segment parallel and close to the positive real axis but not touching it to an almost full circle returning to a line segment parallel close and below the positive real axis in the negative sense returning to the small circle in the middle.

Note that  $z = -2$  and  $z = -4$  are inside the big circle these are two remaining poles.

Let  $\gamma$  be the small circle of radius  $\epsilon$ ,  $\Gamma$  the larger, with radius  $R$ , then

$$\int_C f(z) dz = \int_{\epsilon}^R f(z) dz + \int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz + \int_R^{\epsilon} f(z) dz + \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$$

It can be shown that  $\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz$  &  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$

both going to zero as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and  $R \rightarrow \infty$

$\therefore z^{\frac{1}{2}} = e^{\frac{1}{2} \text{Log } z}$  on the contour outside the branch cut, we have gained  $2\pi$  in argument along  $\gamma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_R^{\epsilon} f(z) dz &= \int_R^{\epsilon} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2} \text{Log } z}}{z^2 + 6z + 8} dz = \int_R^{\epsilon} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}(\text{Log}|z| + i \arg z)}}{z^2 + 6z + 8} dz \\ &= \int_R^{\epsilon} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2} \log|z|} e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\pi i)}}{z^2 + 6z + 8} dz \\ &= \int_R^{\epsilon} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2} \log|z|} e^{\pi i}}{z^2 + 6z + 8} dz \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_R^{\epsilon} \frac{-\sqrt{z}}{z^2 + 6z + 8} dz = \int_{\epsilon}^R \frac{\sqrt{z}}{z^2 + 6z + 8} dz$$

$$\therefore \int_C \frac{\sqrt{z}}{z^2 + 6z + 8} dz = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 6x + 8} dx$$

By using residue theorem

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x} dx}{x^2 + 6x + 8} = \pi i \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - i \right) = \pi \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$