

1. Evaluate the following line integrals.

(a) $\int_C \bar{z} dz$, where C is the straight-line segment connecting 0 to $2 + 2i$.

Answer. The curve C can be parametrized as

$$z(t) = t(2 + 2i) \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

We note that $z'(t) = 2 + 2i$. Using the definition of line integral, we then find that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \bar{z} dz &:= \int_0^1 \bar{z}(t)z'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t(2 - 2i)(2 + 2i) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 8t dt \\ &= [4t^2]_{t=0}^1 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

□

(b) $\int_C z \cos^2 z dz$, where C is the boundary of the triangle with vertices 0, i , and $1 + i$ traversed once around in the counter-clockwise direction.

Answer. The function $f(z) = z \cos^2 z$ is an entire function (since $\cos z$ and z are entire and products of entire functions are entire). Since the curve is closed, the closed curve theorem implies that

$$\int_C z \cos^2 z dz = 0.$$

□

2. (a) State the Cauchy Integral Formula. In your statement, use **complete sentences** to explain all notation and any assumptions which are necessary for the Cauchy Integral Formula to be true.

Answer. Let D be a closed disk, C the boundary circle of the disk traversed once in the counterclockwise direction, g an analytic function on the disk D , and a a point in the interior of D . Then the Cauchy Integral Formula says that

$$g(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{g(z)}{z - a} dz.$$

□

- (b) Let $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 2z + 2}$. Evaluate the line integral $\int_C f(z) dz$ where C is the smooth curve defined by:

Before answering the individual questions, we rewrite the function f by factoring the denominator. Using the quadratic formula, we find that the zeroes of $z^2 + 2z + 2$ occur at

$$z = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1)(2)}}{2} = -1 \pm i$$

so we find that $z^2 + 2z + 2 = (z - [-1 + i])(z - [-1 - i])$, and hence the function f can be rewritten $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z - [-1 + i])(z - [-1 - i])} = \frac{z^2}{(z + 1 - i)(z + 1 + i)}$.

- i. $z(t) = i + 2e^{it} \quad t \in [0, 2\pi]$

Answer. The curve in question here is a circle of radius 2 centered at i travelled once in the counterclockwise direction. Computing the distance from $-1 \pm i$ to i we see that the point $-1 + i$ is in the interior of the disk enclosed by C , and the point $-1 - i$ is outside the disk enclosed by C . Thus the function $g(z) = \frac{z^2}{z + 1 + i}$ is analytic on the closed disk enclosed by C so we can apply the Cauchy Integral Formula with $a = -1 + i$ to find that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 2z + 2} dz &= \int_C \frac{z^2 / (z + 1 + i)}{z - (-1 + i)} dz = \int_C \frac{g(z)}{z - (-1 + i)} dz \\ &= 2\pi i g(-1 + i) = 2\pi i \frac{(-1 + i)^2}{-1 + i + 1 + i} = \pi(-1 + i)^2 \\ &= -2\pi i. \end{aligned}$$

□

ii. $z(t) = -1 - i + e^{-i2t} \quad t \in [0, 2\pi]$

Answer. The curve is the boundary of a disk of radius 1 centered at $-1 - i$ traversed twice in the clockwise direction. The point $-1 - i$ is clearly in the interior of the disk (since it's the center) while the point $-1 + i$ is distance two to the center so it is outside the disk. Thus the function $g(z) = \frac{z^2}{z+1-i}$ is analytic on the closed disk enclosed by C . We can therefore apply the Cauchy Integral Formula with $a = -1 - i$ and with C' the boundary of this disk traversed once in the counterclockwise direction to find:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C'} \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 2z + 2} dz &= \int_{C'} \frac{z^2/(z+1-i)}{z - (-1-i)} dz = \int_{C'} \frac{g(z)}{z - (-1-i)} dz \\ &= 2\pi i g(-1-i) = 2\pi i \frac{(-1-i)^2}{-1-i+1-i} \\ &= -\pi(-1-i)^2 = -2\pi i. \end{aligned}$$

Thus for the curve C (which traces C' twice in the opposite direction) we need to multiply the above by -2 to get

$$\int_C \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 2z + 2} dz = 4\pi i.$$

□

3. Suppose that the power series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(z-4)^k$ satisfies

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(z-4)^k = \frac{\cos z}{z^2+9}$$

for all z in some open set containing $z = 4$. Find the radius of convergence of this power series, and explain why you know your answer is correct.

Proof. We saw in class that a function can be written as a convergent power series centered at $z = 4$ on the largest disk centered at $z = 4$ on which the function is analytic. Since $\cos z$ and $z^2 + 9$ are entire functions, $\frac{\cos z}{z^2+9}$ will be analytic wherever the denominator is nonzero, i.e. for all $z \neq \pm 3i$. Computing the distance from 4 to $\pm 3i$, we find $|4 - \pm 3i| = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5$ so $\frac{\cos z}{z^2+9}$ is analytic on an open disk of radius 5 centered at $z = 4$. Therefore, there exists a power series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k(z-4)^k$ with radius of convergence equal to 5 and with

$$\frac{\cos z}{z^2+9} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k(z-4)^k$$

for all z with $|z-4| < 5$. By the assumption that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(z-4)^k = \frac{\cos z}{z^2+9}$$

on some open set containing $z = 4$, the uniqueness theorem for power series tells us that $a_k = b_k$ for all k . Therefore the radius of convergence of $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k(z-4)^k$ is 5. \square

4. Suppose that f is an entire function satisfying

$$|f(z)| \leq |z|^5$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Show that the k -th derivative $f^{(k)}(z)$ satisfies $f^{(k)}(0) = 0$ for all $k \geq 6$. (Recall that since f is entire

$$f^{(k)}(0) = \frac{k!}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{z^{k+1}} dz$$

where C is a circle centered at 0 traversed once in the counter-clockwise direction. What happens as the radius of C gets large?)

Proof. Let C_R denote the circle of radius R centered at 0. The assumption that $|f(z)| \leq |z|^5$ for all z implies that $|f(z)| \leq R^5$ on C_R , and hence

$$\left| \frac{f(z)}{z^k} \right| \leq \frac{R^5}{R^{k+1}} = R^{4-k}$$

for any z on C_R . Using the ML -formula with the fact that the arclength of C_R is $2\pi R$, we then get that

$$\left| f^{(k)}(0) \right| = \left| \frac{k!}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} \frac{f(z)}{z^{k+1}} dz \right| = \frac{k!}{2\pi} \left| \int_{C_R} \frac{f(z)}{z^{k+1}} dz \right| \leq \frac{k!}{2\pi} R^{4-k} (2\pi R) = k! R^{5-k}$$

If $k \geq 6$, then $5 - k \leq -1 < 0$ so we find that

$$0 \leq \left| f^{(k)}(0) \right| = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left| f^{(k)}(0) \right| \leq \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} k! R^{5-k} = 0$$

We conclude that $\left| f^{(k)}(0) \right| = 0$ and hence $f^{(k)}(0) = 0$ for all $k \geq 6$. □

5. Let $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous (but not necessarily analytic) function, and for $z \in \mathbb{C}$ let C_z be the smooth curve defined by

$$z(t) = tz \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

so that C_z is the straight line segment connecting 0 and z . Define a function $F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$F(z) = \int_{C_z} f(w) dw.$$

Prove that $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(z)}{z} = f(0)$.

Proof. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. Since f is continuous, there is a $\delta > 0$ so that for $0 < |z| < \delta$, $|f(z) - f(0)| < \varepsilon$. Then for $|z| < \delta$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{F(z)}{z} - f(0) \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{z} \int_{C_z} f(w) dw - f(0) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{z} \int_{C_z} f(w) dw - f(0) \frac{1}{z} \int_{C_z} 1 dw \right| && \text{since } \int_{C_z} 1 dw = [w]_{w=0}^z = z \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{z} \int_{C_z} f(w) - f(0) dw \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{|z|} \left| \int_{C_z} f(w) - f(0) dw \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|z|} \varepsilon \operatorname{arclength}(C_z) && \text{ML-formula with } |f(w) - f(0)| < \varepsilon \text{ on } C_z \\ &= \frac{1}{|z|} \varepsilon |z| = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(z)}{z} = f(0)$. □

Alternate proof. Write $f(z) = u(z) + iv(z)$ with $u(z) = \operatorname{Re}(f(z))$ and $v(z) = \operatorname{Im}(f(z))$. Using the definition of line integral we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(z)}{z} &= \frac{1}{z} \int_{C_z} f(w) dw \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \int_0^1 f(tz) z dt \\ &= \int_0^1 f(tz) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 u(tz) dt + i \int_0^1 v(tz) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since u and v are continuous, the mean value theorem for integrals from calculus tells us there are point $s_z, t_z \in [0, 1]$ so that

$$\int_0^1 u(tz) dt = (1 - 0)u(s_z z) = u(s_z z) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 v(tz) dt = v(t_z z),$$

so we can write

$$\frac{F(z)}{z} = u(s_z z) + iv(t_z z).$$

Letting $z \rightarrow 0$, we have that $s_z z \rightarrow 0$ and $t_z z \rightarrow 0$ since $s_z, t_z \in [0, 1]$ so, by continuity of u and v , we conclude that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(z)}{z} = u(0) + iv(0) = f(0).$$

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