

Math 43: Spring 2020

Lecture 26 Part II

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Theorem (Plus One Residue Theorem)

Suppose that $p(z)$ and $q(z)$ are polynomials with *real coefficients* such that $\deg p(z) + 1 \leq \deg q(z)$ and such that $q(z)$ has no real roots. Let $a > 0$ and define $F(z) = \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} e^{iaz}$. Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \cos(ax) dx = \operatorname{Re} \left[2\pi i \sum_{\operatorname{Im}(z) > 0} \operatorname{Res}(F; z) \right] \quad \text{and}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \sin(ax) dx = \operatorname{Im} \left[2\pi i \sum_{\operatorname{Im}(z) > 0} \operatorname{Res}(F; z) \right]$$

An Example

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Compute $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x \sin(ax)}{x^2 + 2x + 1} dx$ where $a > 0$.

Solution.

Well, there really isn't much to do here except to apply the “Plus One Residue Theorem” properly. We need $F(z) = \frac{ze^{iaz}}{z^2 + 2z + 2}$. Then

$$I = \operatorname{Im}(2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(F; -1 + i)).$$

Solution Continued.

By the Simple Pole Lemma

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Res}(F; -1 + i) &= \left. \frac{ze^{iaz}}{2z + 2} \right|_{z=-1+i} = \frac{(-1 + i)e^{-ia-a}}{-2 + 2i + 2} \\ &= \frac{e^{-a}}{2i}(-1 + i)(\cos(a) - i\sin(a)) \\ &= \frac{e^{-a}}{2i}[\sin(a) - \cos(a) + i(\cos(a) + \sin(a))]\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$I = \operatorname{Im}(2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(F; -1 + i)) = \frac{\pi}{e^a}(\cos(a) + \sin(a)). \quad \square$$

Remark

After a Mathematica Demo, we'll see that we can't always use the contour Γ_R as we did the the Plus Two and Plus One Residue Theorems.

There will be a break after the Demo.