

Complex Analysis – Homework 4

1. Let γ be the counterclockwise rectangular path whose vertices are $n + 1/2 + ni, -n - 1/2 + ni, -n - 1/2 - ni, n + 1/2 - ni$. Evaluate

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{\pi \cot \pi z}{(z + a)^2} dz,$$

for a not an integer. Show that the limit of this integral as $n \rightarrow \infty$ is zero, and use this fact to prove that

$$\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi a} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(a + n)^2}.$$

2. Evaluate

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4 + 1}.$$

3. Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x^2} dx, \\ & \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^a}{1 + x} dx, \quad a < 0, \\ & \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^a}{(1 + x)^2} dx, \quad 0 < a < 1. \end{aligned}$$

4. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ax}}{1 + e^x} dx &= \frac{\pi}{\sin a\pi} \text{ if } 0 < a < 1 \\ \int_0^{2\pi} \log \sin^2 \theta d\theta &= 4 \int_0^{\pi} \log \sin \theta d\theta = -4\pi \log 2. \end{aligned}$$

Note in the second example the relationship to the Lobachevski function

$$\Lambda(\theta) = - \int_0^{\theta} \log |2 \sin \theta| d\theta$$

or the Clausen function

$$\text{Cl}_2(\theta) = - \int_0^{\theta} \log |2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2}| d\theta.$$

5. Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \frac{x^4}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} dx \\ & \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{(x+a)(x+b)} dx, \quad a, b > 0. \end{aligned}$$