

Math 2230A, Complex Variables with Applications

1. Show that the singular point of each of the following functions is a pole. Determine the order m of that pole and the corresponding residue B .

$$(a) \frac{1 - \cosh z}{z^3}; \quad (b) \frac{1 - \exp(2z)}{z^4}; \quad (c) \frac{\exp(2z)}{(z-1)^2}.$$

2. Suppose that a function f is analytic at z_0 , and write $g(z) = \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)}$. Show that

- (a) if $f(z_0) \neq 0$, then z_0 is a simple pole of g , with residue $f(z_0)$;
- (b) if $f(z_0) = 0$, then z_0 is a removable singular point of g .

Suggestion: As pointed out in Sec. 62, there is a Taylor series for $f(z)$ about z_0 since f is analytic there. Start each part of this exercise by writing out a few terms of that series.

3. In each case, find the order m of the pole and the corresponding residue B at the singularity $z=0$:

$$(a) f(z) = \frac{\sinh z}{z^4}; \quad (b) f(z) = \frac{1}{z(e^z - 1)}.$$

4. Find the value of the integral

$$\int_C \frac{3z^3 + 2}{(z-1)(z^2 + 9)} dz,$$

taken counterclockwise around the circle (a) $|z-2|=2$; (b) $|z|=4$.

5. Find the value of the integral

$$\int_C \frac{dz}{z^3(z+4)},$$

taken counterclockwise around the circle (a) $|z|=2$; (b) $|z+2|=3$.

6. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_C \frac{\cosh \pi z}{z(z^2 + 1)} dz$$

when C is the circle $|z|=2$, described in the positive sense.

7. Show that

- (a) $\operatorname{Res}_{z=\pi i/2} \frac{\sinh z}{z^2 \cosh z} = -\frac{4}{\pi^2};$
 (b) $\operatorname{Res}_{z=\pi i} \frac{\exp(zt)}{\sinh z} + \operatorname{Res}_{z=-\pi i} \frac{\exp(zt)}{\sinh z} = -2 \cos(\pi t).$

8. Show that

- (a) $\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_n} (z \sec z) = (-1)^{n+1} z_n$ where $z_n = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$ ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$);
 (b) $\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_n} (\tanh z) = 1$ where $z_n = (\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi)i$ ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$).

9. Let C denote the positively oriented circle $|z| = 2$ and evaluate the integral

$$(a) \int_C \tan z dz; \quad (b) \int_C \frac{dz}{\sinh 2z}$$

10. Let C_N denote the positively oriented boundary of the square whose edges lie along the lines

$$x = \pm \left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right) \pi \quad \text{and} \quad y = \pm \left(N + \frac{1}{2}\right) \pi,$$

where N is a positive integer. Show that

$$\int_{C_N} \frac{dz}{z^2 \sin z} = 2\pi i \left[\frac{1}{6} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(-1)^n}{n^2 \pi^2} \right].$$

Then, using the fact that the value of this integral tends to zero as N tends to infinity (Exercise 8, Sec. 47), point out how it follows that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{12}.$$