

Solution to the Midterm Exam. AM205, Nov 5, 2009.

1. (a) $\cos z$ has no singularity in finite part of z -plane. It is an entire function.

(b) $\ln z$ has a branch point at $z=0$, It need a branch cut from $z=0$ to $z=\infty$. It's not entire.

(c) $\frac{\ln(1-z)}{z}$ has a branch point $z=1$. It need a branch cut. It's not entire. $z=0$ is not a singularity since $\ln(1-z) = -z + \frac{z^2}{2} - \dots$ $\therefore \frac{\ln(1-z)}{z} = -1$ as $z \rightarrow 0$.

(d) $\frac{\sin \pi z}{z^2-1}$, $z=\pm 1$ are not poles, since $\sin \pi z = \pm \pi(z \pm 1)$. It's an entire function.

(e) $\frac{e^{iz}}{z}$ has a simple pole at $z=0$.

(f) $\frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{z} = 2i$ as $z \rightarrow 0$. It's an entire function.

2. We have

$$2b \frac{e^{2\phi/\alpha} + 1}{e^{2\phi/\alpha} - 1} = l$$

$$a = b \sqrt{\left(\frac{e^{2\phi/\alpha} + 1}{e^{2\phi/\alpha} - 1}\right)^2 - 1}$$

From there, we can solve for b and α as in terms of a and l . and ϕ .

$$b = \frac{l}{2} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4a^2}{l^2}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2\phi}{\ln \frac{l+2b}{l-2b}}$$

The solution $T(x,y) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \ln \frac{(x-b)^2 + y^2}{(x+b)^2 + y^2}$.

Now $a=1$.

$$l=4 \text{ and } \phi=1.$$

We get $b=\sqrt{3}$.

$$\alpha = \frac{2}{\ln \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}}} = 0.7543.$$

$$\text{So } T(x,y) = 0.3796 \cdot \ln \frac{(x-\sqrt{3})^2 + y^2}{(x+\sqrt{3})^2 + y^2}.$$

$$3. I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x}{x^2-1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x}{x^2-1} dx.$$

$$\text{At } x=\pm 1, \cos \frac{\pi}{2} x = 0,$$

One can consider the Taylor series of $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x$ at $x=x_0$ at $x=\pm 1$

Denote
 $x_0 = \pm 1,$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} x_0 + \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} x_0\right)(x-x_0) + \left(-\frac{\pi^2}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{2} x_0\right)(x-x_0)^2 + O((x-x_0)^3)$$

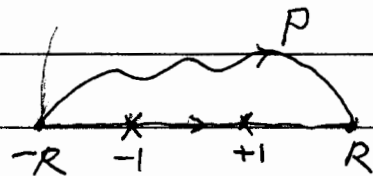
$$= -\frac{\pi}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} x_0 (x-x_0) + O((x-x_0)^3)$$

$$\frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x}{x-x_0} = -\frac{\pi}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{2} x_0 = +\frac{\pi}{2}$$


So $\frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} z}{z^2-1}$ is an entire function:


$$\int_{-R}^R \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x}{x^2-1} dx = \int_{-R}^R \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} z}{z^2-1} dz$$

(along the path P, say)



$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-R}^R \frac{e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}z} + e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}z}}{z^2-1} dz.$$

$$\text{For } \int_{-R}^R \frac{e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}z}}{z^2-1} dz, = \oint \frac{e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}z}}{z^2-1} dz = 0. \quad \text{Jordan's lemma.}$$


$$\int_{-R}^R \frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}z}}{z^2-1} dz = \oint \frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}z}}{z^2-1} dz = (-2\pi i) \left(\frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}}}{2} - \frac{e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}}{2} \right) = -2\pi$$


Thus

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2}x}{x^2-1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-2\pi) = -\pi$$

$$I = -\frac{\pi}{2}$$