

Solutions to Assignment 2

14.1. Let C be the unit circle centered at the origin and oriented once in the counterclockwise direction. Parametrizing C by

$$z = e^{i\theta}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{2 + \sin \theta} \\ &= \int_C \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2i} \left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)} \frac{1}{iz} dz \\ &= \int_C \frac{2}{z^2 + 4iz - 1} dz. \\ &= \int_C \frac{2}{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)} dz, \end{aligned}$$

where $z_1 = (-2 + \sqrt{3})i$ and $z_2 = (-2 - \sqrt{3})i$. Let

$$f(z) = \frac{2}{z^2 + 4iz - 1} = \frac{2}{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)}.$$

Then z_1 and z_2 are simple poles of f . Since only z_1 is inside C , it follows from Cauchy's residue theorem that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{2 + \sin \theta} &= \int_C \frac{2}{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)} dz \\ &= 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f, z_1) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} (z - z_1) f(z) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \frac{2}{z - z_2} \\ &= 2\pi i \frac{2}{z_1 - z_2} = 2\pi i \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}i} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}}. \end{aligned}$$

14.2. Since $\frac{1}{(3+2\cos\theta)^2}$ is an even function of θ ,

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{d\theta}{(3+2\cos\theta)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^\pi \frac{d\theta}{(3+2\cos\theta)^2}.$$

Let C be the unit circle centered at the origin and oriented once in the counterclockwise direction. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \frac{d\theta}{(3+2\cos\theta)^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi}^\pi \frac{d\theta}{(3+2\cos\theta)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_C \frac{1}{\left(3 + \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)\right)^2} \frac{1}{iz} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \int_C \frac{z}{(z^2 + 3z + 1)^2} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} \int_C \frac{z}{(z - z_1)^2 (z - z_2)^2} dz, \end{aligned}$$

where $z_1 = \frac{-3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $z_2 = \frac{-3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ are poles of order 2 of the function

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{(z - z_1)^2 (z - z_2)^2}.$$

Since only the pole z_1 is inside C , we can use Cauchy's residue theorem to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C \frac{z}{(z - z_1)^2 (z - z_2)^2} dz &= 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f, z_1) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \frac{d}{dz} ((z - z_1)^2 f(z)) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{z}{(z - z_2)^2} \right) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \frac{(z - z_2)^2 - 2z(z - z_2)}{(z - z_2)^4} \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow z_1} \frac{-z - z_2}{(z - z_2)^3} = 2\pi i \frac{3}{5\sqrt{5}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{d\theta}{(3 + 2 \cos \theta)^2} = \frac{1}{2i} 2\pi i \frac{3}{5\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3\pi}{5\sqrt{5}}.$$

14.4. Let $b = \frac{1}{a}$, where $|a| > 1$. By 14.3,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{1 - 2b \cos \theta + b^2} d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{1 - b^2}.$$

Therefore

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{1 - 2\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \cos \theta + \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2} d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{1 - \frac{1}{a^2}}.$$

So,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{a^2}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2} d\theta = \frac{2\pi a^2}{a^2 - 1},$$

which is the same as

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2} d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{a^2 - 1}.$$

14.5. We first assume that $a \neq 0$. Let C be the unit circle centered at the origin and oriented once in the counterclockwise direction. Parametrizing C by

$$z = e^{i\theta}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2} d\theta \\ &= \int_C \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)}{1 - a \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right) + a^2 iz} \frac{1}{z} dz \\ &= -\frac{1}{2ia} \int_C \frac{z^2 + 1}{z(z - a) \left(z - \frac{1}{a}\right)} dz. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$f(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z(z-a)(z-\frac{1}{a})}.$$

Then f has three simple poles 0, a and $\frac{1}{a}$. Only 0 and a are inside C . So,

$$\int_C \frac{z^2 + 1}{z(z-a)(z-\frac{1}{a})} dz = 2\pi i (\text{Res}(f, 0) + \text{Res}(f, a)).$$

But

$$\text{Res}(f, 0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (zf(z)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^2 + 1}{(z-a)(z-\frac{1}{a})} = 1$$

and

$$\text{Res}(f, a) = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} ((z-a)f(z)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{z^2 + 1}{z(z-\frac{1}{a})} = \frac{a^2 + 1}{a(a-\frac{1}{a})}.$$

Therefore

$$\int_C \frac{z^2 + 1}{z(z-a)(z-\frac{1}{a})} dz = 2\pi i \left(1 + \frac{a^2 + 1}{a^2 - 1} \right) = 2\pi i \frac{2a^2}{a^2 - 1}.$$

So,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos \theta}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2} d\theta = -\frac{1}{2ia} 2\pi i \frac{2a^2}{a^2 - 1} = \frac{2\pi a}{1 - a^2}.$$

If $a = 0$, then

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{1 - 2a \cos \theta + a^2} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta d\theta = 0 = \frac{2\pi a}{1 - a^2}.$$

15.1. By definition,

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 2x + 2} = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 2x + 2}.$$

Let C_ρ^+ be the upper semicircle with center at the origin, radius ρ and oriented once in the counterclockwise direction. Let Γ_ρ be the contour given by

$$\Gamma_\rho = C_\rho^+ + [-\rho, \rho].$$

Let

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + 2z + 2} = \frac{1}{(z - z_+)(z - z_-)},$$

where $z_+ = -1 + i$ and $z_- = -1 - i$. z_+ and z_- are simple poles of f and only z_+ is inside Γ_+ . Therefore by Cauchy's residue theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_\rho} f(z) dz &= 2\pi i \text{Res}(f, z_+) = 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow z_+} ((z - z_+)f(z)) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow z_+} \frac{1}{z - z_-} = 2\pi i \frac{1}{z_+ - z_-} = \pi. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\rho \rightarrow \infty$. Then by Lemma 15.4,

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_\rho^+} f(z) dz = 0.$$

So,

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x + 2} dx = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x + 2} dx = \pi.$$

16.1. We begin with

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i2x}}{x - 3i} dx = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \frac{e^{i2x}}{x - 3i} dx.$$

Let Γ_ρ^+ be the same contour as in 15.1. Let

$$f(z) = \frac{e^{iz^2}}{z - 3i}.$$

Then $3i$ is the only isolated singularity of f and it is a simple pole. So,

$$\int_{\Gamma_\rho^+} \frac{e^{iz^2}}{z - 3i} dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}(f, 3i) = 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow 3i} e^{iz^2} = 2\pi i e^{-6}.$$

By Jordan's lemma,

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_\rho^+} \frac{e^{iz^2}}{z - 3i} dz = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i2x}}{x-3i} dx = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \frac{e^{i2x}}{x-3i} dx = 2\pi i e^{-6}.$$

On the other hand, we let C_{ρ}^{-} be the lower semicircle with center at the origin, radius ρ and oriented once in the counterclockwise direction. Let Γ_{ρ}^{-} be the contour given by

$$C_{\rho}^{-} - [-\rho, \rho].$$

Let $g(z) = \frac{e^{-iz^2}}{z-3i}$. Then the only isolated singularity of g is $3i$ and it is not inside Γ_{ρ}^{-} . So, by Cauchy's integral theorem,

$$\int_{\Gamma_{\rho}^{-}} \frac{e^{-iz^2}}{z-3i} dz = 0.$$

By Jordan's lemma again,

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_{\rho}^{-}} \frac{e^{-iz^2}}{z-3i} dz = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i2x}}{x-3i} dx = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \frac{e^{-i2x}}{x-3i} dx = 0.$$

So,

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(2x)}{x-3i} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i2x}}{x-3i} dx + \text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-i2x}}{x-3i} dx \right) = \pi i e^{-6}.$$

16.2. Let

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+i}.$$

Then

$$\hat{f}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix \cdot 0} \frac{1}{x+i} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x+i} dx.$$

But

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x+i} dx = \text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x-i}{x^2+1} dx = \text{pv} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx - i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx \right).$$

Since $\frac{x}{x^2+1}$ is an odd function of x , we have

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = 0.$$

It has been calculated in class that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx = \pi$. So,

$$\hat{f}(0) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \pi i = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} i.$$

Let $\xi < 0$. Then

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix\xi} \frac{1}{x+i} dx.$$

Let C_{ρ}^{+} be the upper semicircle with center at the origin, radius ρ and oriented once in the counterclockwise direction. Let Γ_{ρ}^{+} be the contour given by

$$\Gamma_{\rho}^{+} = C_{\rho}^{+} + [-\rho, \rho].$$

Let

$$f(z) = e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{z+i}.$$

Then $-i$ is the simple pole of f and it lies outside Γ_{ρ}^{+} . So, by Cauchy's integral theorem,

$$\int_{\Gamma_{\rho}^{+}} e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{z+i} dz = 0.$$

By Jordan's lemma,

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_{\rho}^{+}} e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{z+i} dz = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix\xi} \frac{1}{x+i} dx = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} e^{-ix\xi} \frac{1}{x+i} dx = 0.$$

So,

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = 0, \quad \xi < 0.$$

Finally, let $\xi > 0$. Let C_ρ^- be the lower semicircle with center at the origin, radius ρ and oriented once in the counterclockwise direction. Let Γ_ρ^- be the contour given by

$$\Gamma_\rho^- = C_\rho^- - [-\rho, \rho].$$

Since $-i$ is the only simple pole of g inside Γ_ρ^- , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_\rho^-} e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{z+i} dz &= 2\pi i \text{Res}(g, -i) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow -i} ((z+i)g(z)) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow -i} e^{-iz\xi} \\ &= 2\pi i e^{-\xi}. \end{aligned}$$

By Jordan's lemma,

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_\rho^-} e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{z+i} dz = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix\xi} \frac{1}{x+i} dx = 2\pi i e^{-\xi}.$$

So,

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} 2\pi e^{-\xi} = \sqrt{2\pi} i e^{-\xi}.$$

16.3. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$. Then

$$\hat{f}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \text{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix0} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \pi = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

Let $\xi < 0$. Let C_ρ^+ be the upper semicircle with center at the origin, radius ρ and oriented once in the counterclockwise direction. Let Γ_ρ^+ be the contour given by

$$\Gamma_\rho^+ = C_\rho^+ + [-\rho, \rho].$$

Let

$$f(z) = e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{1+z^2}.$$

Then f has two simple poles i and $-i$ and i is inside Γ_ρ^+ . Using Cauchy's residue theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma_\rho^+} e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz &= 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f, i) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow i} ((z-i)f(z)) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow i} e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{z+i} \\ &= \pi e^{i\xi} = \pi e^{-|\xi|}. \end{aligned}$$

By Jordan's lemma,

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_\rho^+} e^{-iz\xi} \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz = 0.$$

Therefore

$$\operatorname{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix\xi} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} e^{-ix\xi} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \pi e^{-|\xi|}.$$

So,

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \pi e^{-|\xi|} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-|\xi|}.$$

Now, let $\xi > 0$. For a change, let us use a change of variables to compute $\hat{f}(\xi)$. Let $t = -x$. Then

$$\operatorname{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-ix\xi} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \operatorname{pv} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-it(-\xi)} \frac{1}{1+t^2} dt = \pi e^{-|\xi|} = \pi e^{-|\xi|}.$$

Therefore

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-|\xi|}.$$

Hence for all $\xi \in (-\infty, \infty)$,

$$\hat{f}(\xi) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-|\xi|}.$$