

1. Evaluate  $\oint dz \frac{1}{z}$  for the following closed contours expressed in polar coordinates,  $z = re^{i\theta}$  with  $r > 0$ .
  - (a) A single counter-clockwise loop,  $\theta = 0$  to  $2\pi$ .
  - (b) A single clockwise loop,  $\theta = 2\pi$  to  $0$ .
  - (c) A double counter-clockwise loop,  $\theta = 0$  to  $4\pi$ .
  - (d) A complicated path with  $m$  counter-clockwise loops and  $n$  clockwise loops.

2. Evaluate

$$\oint \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \frac{e^{st}}{(s+a)(s+b)}$$

over the following closed contours, each a single counter-clockwise loop, with  $a > b > 0$ .

- (a) A contour including  $-a$  but excluding  $-b$ .
- (b) A contour including  $-b$  but excluding  $-a$ .
- (c) A contour up the imaginary axis and then closed in the left half-plane:  $z = -i\infty \rightarrow +i\infty \rightarrow -\infty + i\infty \rightarrow -\infty - i\infty \rightarrow -i\infty$ .
- (d) A contour up the imaginary axis and then closed in the right half-plane:  $z = -i\infty \rightarrow +i\infty \rightarrow \infty + i\infty \rightarrow \infty - i\infty \rightarrow -i\infty$ .
- (e) Not a closed contour but just a path up the imaginary axis,  $z = -i\infty \rightarrow +i\infty$ .

3. Consider the integral

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \frac{e^{st}}{(s+a)^2}$$

with  $a > 0$ .

- (a) Evaluate the integral using contour integrals by expanding  $e^{st}$  in a Taylor series around  $s = -a$ ,  $e^{st} = e^{-at} e^{(s+a)t} = e^{-at} [1 + (s+a)t + (s+a)^2 t^2/2 + (s+a)^3 t^3/3! + \dots]$ .
- (b) Evaluate the integral by first evaluating

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \frac{e^{st}}{(s+a)(s+b)}$$

and then taking the limit  $b \rightarrow a$ .

- (c) Evaluate

$$\int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \frac{e^{st}}{s^2}$$

4. Contour integrals simplify Fourier transforms. Let

$$f(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\omega t}}{\omega^2 + a^2}$$

with  $a > 0$ .

- (a) Where are the poles?
- (b) For  $t > 0$ , what is the value of the integrand for  $\omega \rightarrow +i\infty$  and for  $\omega \rightarrow -i\infty$ ? Can you close the contour in the upper half-plane or the lower half-plane?
- (c) What is  $f(t)$  for  $t > 0$ ?
- (d) For  $t < 0$ , in which half-plane should the contour be closed? What is  $f(t)$  for  $t < 0$ ?
- (e) Noting that  $e^{i\omega t} = \cos(\omega t) + i \sin(\omega t)$ , what is

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\cos(\omega t)}{\omega^2 + a^2}?$$

What is

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{\omega^2 + a^2}?$$