

Complex Analysis II. – Homework 7

Due date: December 2, 2014

1. By a direct computation show that

$$\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Explain the connection with the result of Problem 3.

2. (AF pp. 226 – 230) Find the contour integral

$$I = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \pi \cot \pi \zeta \left(\frac{1}{\zeta} - \frac{1}{\zeta - z} \right) d\zeta, \quad (z \neq 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots),$$

where C is a boundary of a rectangular domain $x \in [-N - \frac{1}{2}, N + \frac{1}{2}]$, $y \in [-N, N]$ and z lies inside this domain.

Deduce as a consequence

$$\pi \cot \pi z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left(\frac{1}{z - n} + \frac{1}{n} \right).$$

3. Show that

$$\sin \pi z = \pi z \prod_{n \neq 0} \left(1 - \frac{z}{n}\right) e^{z/n}$$

by logarithmic differentiation of both sides and using the result of Problem 2 or HW 6.

4. (AF 3.6.9) Let $f(z)$ have simple poles at $z = z_n \in D_N$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$ with strengths a_n and is analytic everywhere else. Show by contour integration that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_N} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta = f(z) + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{a_n}{z_n - z},$$

where C_N is the boundary of D_N .

Evaluate at $z = 0$ to obtain

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_N} \frac{zf(\zeta)}{\zeta(\zeta - z)} d\zeta = f(z) - f(0) + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \left(\frac{1}{z_n - z} - \frac{1}{z_n} \right).$$

Assuming that $f(z)$ is bounded for large z show that the left-hand side vanishes for the circular domain D_N with radius R_N as $R_N \rightarrow \infty$.

Similarly, find corresponding contour integral which leads to

$$f(z) - f(0) - zf'(0) - \dots - \frac{z^k f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} + \sum_{n=1}^N a_n \left(\frac{1}{z_n - z} - \frac{1}{z_n} - \frac{z}{z_n^2} - \dots - \frac{z^k}{z_n^{k+1}} \right).$$

What is the necessary condition on $f(z)$ for large z for contour integral on the left-hand side to vanish as $R_N \rightarrow \infty$? I.e. what should be the behavior of $f(z)$ of genus k for large z ?

Note: Terms which we included into the sum of partial fractions are precisely the correction terms from Mittag-Leffler expansions.