

# Computational Complex Analysis : : Class 17

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## Residue Theorem

Apply Cauchy's theorem if  $f$  has poles as shown. Let there  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  each are there. We apply the cauchy's theorem on a region that doesn't have the neighborhood around the singularities.

$$\int_{\text{region}} f(z) dx dy = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\text{boundary}} f dz$$

For the region with holes being analytic

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\text{boundary}} f(z) dz &= 0 \\ \int_{\text{boundary of } D} f(z) dz + \sum_{\text{CW circles}} \int f(z) dz &= 0 \\ \int_{\partial D} f(z) dz &= \sum \int_{\text{CCW}} f(z) dz \\ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(z) dz &= \sum_{z \in D} \text{Res}(f, z) \end{aligned}$$

## Example

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 1} =$$

Calc 2, what do we do? Take  $\arctan x$  from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ . We get

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \pi$$

Let's do this using the residue theorem. And then we can move on to the residue theorem  $x^2$  to  $x^4$ .

So I define  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + 1}$ . It has poles at  $i$  and  $-i$ .

$$\text{Res}(f, i) = \frac{1}{2z}(z = i) = \frac{1}{2i}$$

$$\text{Res}(f, -i) = \frac{1}{2z}(z = -i) = -\frac{1}{2i}$$

As

$$\text{Res} \frac{a(z)}{b(z), z_0} = \frac{a(z_0)}{b'(z_0)}$$

Now we have to find a region. The region will be semicircle in complex plane with one of the poles contained. Radius of this semicircle sunset be

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D_R} \frac{1}{z^2 + 1} dz = \text{Res}(f, i) = \frac{1}{2i}$$

$$\int_{\partial D_R} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 1} = \pi$$

We can estimate the bounds

$$\left| \int_{\partial} f(z) dz \right| \leq \int_{\partial} |f(z)| |dz| = \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{|z^2 + 1|} |dz| \leq \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{R^2 - 1} R d\theta$$

## Example

Getting even more serious

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4 + 1}$$

Choose the holomorphic function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^4 + 1}$$

Find residues,

$$z^4 = -1 = e^{\pi i} = e^{3\pi i} = e^{5\pi i} = e^{7\pi i}$$

$$z = e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}}, e^{\frac{3\pi i}{4}}, e^{\frac{5\pi i}{4}}, e^{\frac{7\pi i}{4}}$$

Now let's find the residues for each

$$\text{Res} = \frac{1}{4z^3} = \frac{z}{4z^4} = -\frac{z}{4}$$

As  $z^4 = -1$ .

Now, choose the path.

Now apply the residue theorem

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-R}^R + \int_{\partial} f(z) dz = \sum \text{residues of 2 points inside the region} = \frac{-e^{\frac{\pi i}{4}}}{4} - \frac{3\pi i}{4}$$

Computation

$$\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So the integral is done.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^4 + 1} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6 + 1}$$

The poles occur at

$$z^6 = -1 = e^{\pi i} = e^{3\pi i} = e^{5\pi i} = e^{7\pi i} = e^{9\pi i} = e^{11\pi i}$$

The roots are gotten by simply taking the 6th root. We choose the path semicircle that is going to have 3 poles in the upper plane. These 3 poles are the upper plane existing roots of the number.

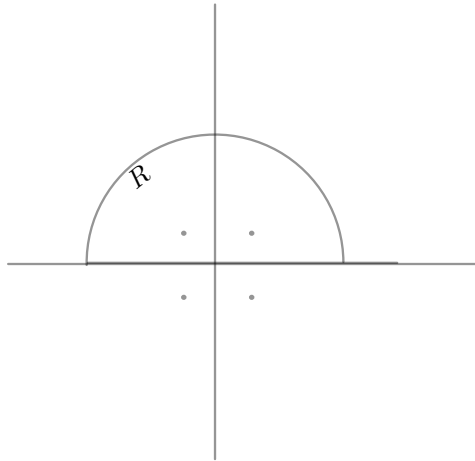


Figure 1: Residue path of a semicircle

$$\int \frac{dz}{z^6 + 1} = \sum \text{Residues at 3 points}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6 + 1}$$

Residues

$$\text{Res}(f, \cdot) = \frac{1}{6z^9} = \frac{z}{6z^6} = -\frac{z}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6 + 1} = \frac{-e^{\frac{i\pi}{6}} - i - e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}}}{6} = -\frac{i}{3}$$

So we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6 + 1} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$