

NOTE REFERENCE TO QUESTION 1

**Question**

Verify the following integral.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{(x^2 + 1)^2(x^2 + 2x + 2)} = \frac{7\pi}{50}$$

**Answer**

Consider  $\oint_C \frac{dz z^2}{(z^2 + 1)^2(z^2 + 2z + 2)}$  around contour of Q1.

Integrand has poles at  $z^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow z = \pm i$   
 $z^2 + 2z + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow z = -1 \pm i$

$z = +i, z = -1 + i$  are inside

$$J = 2\pi i \times [(\text{residue at } +i) + (\text{residue at } -1 + i)]$$

Residue at double pole  $+i$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow +i} \left[ \frac{1}{1!} \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \frac{(z-i)^2 z^2}{(z-i)^2 (z+i)^2 (z^2 + 2z + 2)} \right\} \right] \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow +i} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \frac{z^2}{(z+i)^2 (z^2 + 2z + 1)} \right\} \right] \\ &= \frac{9i - 12}{100} \end{aligned}$$

Residue at simple pole  $-1 + i$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1+i} \left[ \frac{(z+1-i) z^2}{(z+1)^2 (z+1-i)(z-1+i)} \right] \\ &= \frac{3 - 4i}{25} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } J = 2\pi i \left( \frac{9i - 12}{100} + \frac{3 - 4i}{25} \right) = \frac{7\pi}{50}$$

Now look at  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . Contribution around semicircle vanishes to give

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^2(x^2 + 2x + 2)} = \frac{7\pi}{50}$$

as required.