

NOTE REFERENCE TO QUESTION 4

Question

Verify the following integral.

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\log x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Answer

$J = \oint_C \frac{dz \log z}{(z^2 + 1)^2}$ where C is as in Q4.

This has double poles at $z = \pm i$.

$$\begin{aligned} J &= 2\pi i \times (\text{residue at } +i) \\ &= 2\pi i \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \left[\frac{1}{1!} \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \frac{(z-i)^2 \log z}{(z+i)^2 (z-i)^2} \right\} \right] = \dots = \\ &= \left(\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{i}{4} \right) 2\pi i \\ J &= \int_{-R}^{-\epsilon} + \int_{\Gamma_1} + \int_{\epsilon}^R + \int_{\Gamma_2} \text{ as above.} \end{aligned}$$

Consider $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty}$ and $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0}$, \int_{Γ_1} and $\int_{\Gamma_2} \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_0^\infty \frac{d(xe^{i\pi}) \log(xe^{i\pi})}{((xe^{i\pi})^2 + 1)^2} + \int_0^\infty \frac{dx \log x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} = \left(\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{i}{4} \right) 2\pi i \\ \Rightarrow 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dx \log x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} + i\pi \underbrace{\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 1)^2}} &= \left(\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{i}{4} \right) 2\pi i = -\frac{\pi}{2} + i\frac{\pi^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

simple residue integral with double poles at $x = \pm i \rightarrow$ do using $= \frac{\pi}{4}$

PICTURE

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dx \log x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} + \frac{i\pi^2}{4} &= -\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{i\pi^2}{4} \\ \Rightarrow \int_0^\infty \frac{dx \log x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} &= -\frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$