

Question

Show that, for z in the upper half plane, $|\exp iz| \leq 1$.
 Show that the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1 + iz - \exp iz}{z^2}$$

has a removable singularity at $z = 0$.

Apply Cauchy's theorem to $f(z)$ using the contour formed by the real axis from $-R$ to R and the upper half of the circle $|z| = R$ and, by letting $R \rightarrow \infty$, prove that

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Answer

$$\exp(iz) = \exp ix \exp -y$$

So $|\exp(iz)| = \exp -y \leq 1$ for $y \geq 0$

$$f(z) = \frac{1 + iz - \exp iz}{z^2} = \frac{-z^2 - iz^3 + z^4 \dots}{z^2}$$

$$= -1 - iz + z^2 \dots \rightarrow -1 \text{ as } z \rightarrow 0$$

So $f(z)$ when defined at $z = 0$, by $f(0) = -1$ is analytic.

$$\text{Thus } \int_C f(z) dz = 0$$

$$\int_{-R}^R f(x) dx = - \int_{\text{semicircle}} f(z) dz = - \int \frac{1}{z^2} - \int \frac{iz}{z^2} - \int \frac{\exp iz}{z^2} = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$$

$$|I_1| \leq \frac{1}{R^2} \pi R \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty$$

$$|I_3| \leq \frac{1}{R^2} \pi R \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } |\exp iz| \leq 1 \text{ on } C.$$

$$I_2 = -i \int \frac{1}{z} dz = -i \int_0^\pi \frac{iRe^{i\theta}}{Re^{i\theta}} = \pi$$

$$\int_{-R}^R f(x) dx = \int_{-R}^R \frac{1 + ix - \cos x - i \sin x}{x^2} dx = 2 \int_0^R \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} dx$$

$$\text{So } \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$