

QUESTION

Find the principal part of the Laurent series of the function

$$\frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z^2 + 4z + 5)}$$

about the point $z = 0$.

Show that this Laurent series converges for $0 < |z| < \sqrt{5}$.

ANSWER

Factorise: $z^2 + 4z + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow (z + 2)^2 = 4 - 5 \Rightarrow z = -2 \pm i = z_{\pm}$

$$\frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z - z_+)(z - z_-)} = z^{-2}e^{zt} \cdot \frac{1}{z + z_-} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{z_+}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{z_-}}$$

We only need to expand to $O(z^{-1})$, so

$$\begin{aligned} &= z^{-2}(1 + zt + \dots) \frac{1}{z_+z_-} \left(1 + \frac{z}{z_+} + \dots\right) \left(1 + \frac{z}{z_-} + \dots\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{z_+z_-} z^{-2} \left[1 + \left(t + \frac{1}{z_+} + \frac{1}{z_-}\right)z + \dots\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{z_+z_-} + \left(\frac{t}{z_+z_-} + \frac{z_+ + z_-}{(z_+z_-)^2}\right) z^{-1} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{3}z^{-2} + \left(\frac{t}{3} - \frac{4}{9}\right) z^{-1} + \dots \end{aligned}$$