

(5), and hence its left-hand side, tends to zero as R tends to infinity. For the quantity

$$M_R \pi R = \frac{\pi R^2}{(R - \sqrt{2})^2} = \frac{\pi}{\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{R}\right)^2}$$

does not tend to zero. The above theorem does, however, provide the desired limit, namely

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_R} f(z) e^{iz} dz = 0,$$

since

$$M_R = \frac{\frac{1}{R}}{\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{R}\right)^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } R \rightarrow \infty.$$

So it does, indeed, follow from inequality (5) that the left-hand side there tends to zero as R tends to infinity. Consequently, equation (4), together with expression (3) for the residue B_1 , tells us that

$$(6) \quad \text{P.V.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x \sin x dx}{x^2 + 2x + 2} = \text{Im}(2\pi i B_1) = \frac{\pi}{e} (\sin 1 + \cos 1).$$

EXERCISES

Use residues to evaluate the improper integrals in Exercises 1 through 8.

$$1. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x dx}{(x^2 + a^2)(x^2 + b^2)} \quad (a > b > 0).$$

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{\pi}{a^2 - b^2} \left(\frac{e^{-b}}{b} - \frac{e^{-a}}{a} \right).$$

$$2. \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos ax}{x^2 + 1} dx \quad (a > 0).$$

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-a}.$$

$$3. \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos ax}{(x^2 + b^2)^2} dx \quad (a > 0, b > 0).$$

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{\pi}{4b^3} (1 + ab) e^{-ab}.$$

$$4. \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \sin 2x}{x^2 + 3} dx.$$

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{\pi}{2} \exp(-2\sqrt{3}).$$

$$5. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x \sin ax}{x^4 + 4} dx \quad (a > 0).$$

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{\pi}{2} e^{-a} \sin a.$$

$$6. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^3 \sin ax}{x^4 + 4} dx \quad (a > 0).$$

$$\text{Ans. } \pi e^{-a} \cos a.$$

$$7. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x \sin x dx}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 4)}.$$

$$8. \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 \sin x dx}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 9)}.$$

Use residues to find the Cauchy principal values of the improper integrals in Exercises 9 through 11.

$$9. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin x dx}{x^2 + 4x + 5}.$$

$$\text{Ans. } -\frac{\pi}{e} \sin 2.$$

$$10. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(x + 1) \cos x}{x^2 + 4x + 5} dx.$$

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{\pi}{e} (\sin 2 - \cos 2).$$

$$11. \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x dx}{(x + a)^2 + b^2} \quad (b > 0).$$

12. Follow the steps below to evaluate the *Fresnel integrals*, which are important in diffraction theory:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \cos(x^2) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \sin(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

(a) By integrating the function $\exp(iz^2)$ around the positively oriented boundary of the sector $0 \leq r \leq R$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4$ (Fig. 99) and appealing to the Cauchy–Goursat theorem, show that

$$\int_0^R \cos(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^R e^{-r^2} dr - \operatorname{Re} \int_{C_R} e^{iz^2} dz$$

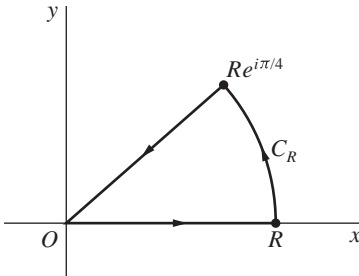


FIGURE 99

and

$$\int_0^R \sin(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^R e^{-r^2} dr - \operatorname{Im} \int_{C_R} e^{iz^2} dz,$$

where C_R is the arc $z = Re^{i\theta}$ ($0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4$).

- (b) Show that the value of the integral along the arc C_R in part (a) tends to zero as R tends to infinity by obtaining the inequality

$$\left| \int_{C_R} e^{iz^2} dz \right| \leq \frac{R}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-R^2 \sin \phi} d\phi$$

and then referring to the form (2), Sec. 81, of Jordan's inequality.

- (c) Use the results in parts (a) and (b), together with the known integration formula*

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2},$$

to complete the exercise.

82. INDENTED PATHS

In this and the following section, we illustrate the use of *indented* paths. We begin with an important limit that will be used in the example in this section.

Theorem. *Suppose that*

- (a) *a function $f(z)$ has a simple pole at a point $z = x_0$ on the real axis, with a Laurent series representation in a punctured disk $0 < |z - x_0| < R_2$ (Fig. 100) and with residue B_0 ;*
 (b) *C_ρ denotes the upper half of a circle $|z - x_0| = \rho$, where $\rho < R_2$ and the clockwise direction is taken.*

Then

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \int_{C_\rho} f(z) dz = -B_0 \pi i.$$

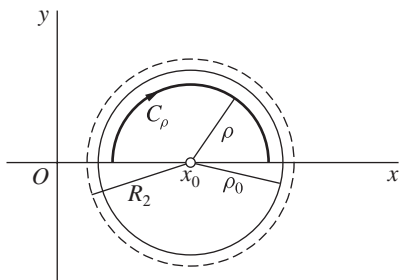


FIGURE 100

*See the footnote with Exercise 4, Sec. 49.