

Exercise.

a) Find the partial fraction decomposition (PFD) over \mathbb{C} of $\frac{1}{1+z^2}$.

Hint: $\frac{1}{1+z^2} = \frac{1}{(z-i)(z+i)} \stackrel{\text{PFD}}{=} \frac{A}{z-i} + \frac{B}{z+i}$ for some $A, B \in \mathbb{C}$. Find A and B .

b) Evaluate (without parametrizing the curve γ , but rather by using Cauchy's Integral Formula and the above PFD)

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{1+z^2}$$

for the following $\gamma: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

1. $\gamma(t) := 1 + e^{it}$
2. $\gamma(t) := -i + e^{it}$
3. $\gamma(t) := 2e^{it}$
4. $\gamma(t) := 3i + 3e^{it}$

Useful Ideas

Thm. 2.14. Cauchy's Integral Formula for starlike sets. Let:

1. $\gamma^* \subset G \subset \mathbb{C}$
2. $f \in H(G)$
3. $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma^*$

where γ is a closed contour and G is open and starlike. Then

$$[f(a)] \cdot [\text{Ind}_{\gamma}(a)] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z-a} dz, \quad (\text{CIF})$$

where the index of γ w.r.t. a (also called the winding number of γ around a) is defined by

$$\text{Ind}_{\gamma}(a) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z-a}. \quad (\text{Def. 2.13})$$

Example \odot . Let $\gamma: [0, 2\pi n] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be given by $\gamma(t) = a + re^{ict}$ where: $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a \in \mathbb{C}$, $r > 0$, and $c \in \{\pm 1\}$. Then $\text{Ind}_{\gamma}(a) = cn$.

Rmk. 2.19. $\mathbb{C} \setminus (\text{a closed contour})^*$ has exactly one unbounded (connected) component.

Thm. 2.20. Let γ be a closed contour. Then

1. $\text{Ind}_{\gamma}: \mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is constant on each (connected) component of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma^*$
2. $\text{Ind}_{\gamma}(a) = 0$ for each a in the unbounded of (connected) component $\mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma^*$.