

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

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

Exercise. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ with $|\alpha| \neq 1$. Let $\gamma: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be given by $\gamma(\theta) := e^{i\theta}$.

(a) Using Cauchy's Integral Formula (CIF) for starlike sets, calculate

$$\int_\gamma \frac{dz}{(z-\alpha)\left(z-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}$$

for the case that $|\alpha| < 1$ as well as the case that $|\alpha| > 1$.

When applying CIF for starlike sets, following the notation in the Script of this theorem [Thm. II.2.14, p. 21], clearly indicate what is your: open starlike set G , function $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, and $z_0 \in G \setminus \gamma^*$.

(b) Using part (a), calculate

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1-2\alpha \cos \theta + \alpha^2}$$

for the case that $|\alpha| < 1$ as well as the case that $|\alpha| > 1$. Hint. $e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta} = 2 \cos \theta$.

Solution Box. Put your final solution in the boxes provided below and then show your justification your solutions below this Solution Box.

(a)

$$\int_\gamma \frac{dz}{(z-\alpha)\left(z-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)} = \begin{cases} \boxed{\frac{2\pi i}{\alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha}} \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} 2\pi i \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 - 1}\right)} & \text{if } |\alpha| < 1 \\ \boxed{\frac{2\pi i}{\frac{1}{\alpha} - \alpha} \stackrel{\text{i.e.}}{=} 2\pi i \left(\frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha^2}\right)} & \text{if } |\alpha| > 1 . \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1-2\alpha \cos \theta + \alpha^2} = \begin{cases} \boxed{\frac{2\pi}{1 - \alpha^2}} & \text{if } |\alpha| < 1 \\ \boxed{\frac{2\pi}{\alpha^2 - 1}} & \text{if } |\alpha| > 1 . \end{cases}$$

Justification/Proof of the Solutions:

Solution to (a) LTGB &

Case $|k| < 1$

• Pick R st $1 < R < \frac{1}{|k|}$

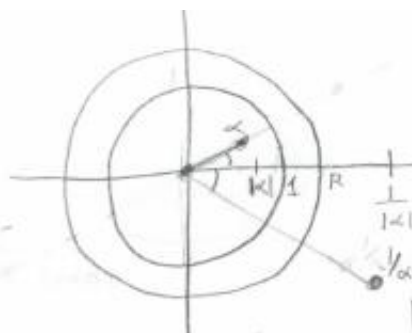
• Let $G = B_R(0)$ and consider $f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ where $f(z) = \frac{1}{z - \frac{1}{\alpha}}$

• So $f \in H(G)$ and $\alpha \in G \setminus \gamma^*$

• Compute

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{(z-\alpha)(z-\frac{1}{\alpha})} = \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z-\alpha} dz \stackrel{\text{CIF}}{=} (2\pi i) (\text{Ind}_{\gamma} \alpha) (f(\alpha))$$

$$= (2\pi i) (1) \left(-\frac{1}{\alpha - \frac{1}{\alpha}} \right)$$



Case $|k| > 1$

• Pick R st. $1 < R < |\alpha|$

• Let $G = B_R(0)$ and consider

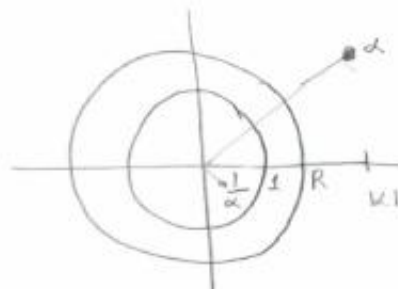
$f: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ where $f(z) = \frac{1}{z - \alpha}$

• So $f \in H(G)$ and $\frac{1}{\alpha} \in G \setminus \gamma^*$

• Compute

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{(z-\alpha)(z-\frac{1}{\alpha})} = \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z-\frac{1}{\alpha}} dz \stackrel{\text{CIF}}{=} 2\pi i (\text{Ind}_{\gamma} (\frac{1}{\alpha})) (f(\frac{1}{\alpha}))$$

$$= (2\pi i) (1) \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} - \alpha} \right)$$



Solution to (b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 - 2\alpha \cos \theta + \alpha^2} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 - 2\alpha \left(\frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}\right) + \alpha^2} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 - \alpha(e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}) + \alpha^2} \\
 &= -i \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ie^{i\theta} d\theta}{e^{i\theta} - \alpha(e^{2i\theta} + 1) + \alpha^2 e^{i\theta}} \\
 &= -i \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z - \alpha(z^2 + 1) + \alpha^2 z} = +\frac{i}{\alpha} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dz}{-\frac{z}{\alpha} + z^2 + 1 + \alpha z} \\
 &= \frac{i}{\alpha} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z^2 - (\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha})z + 1} = \frac{i}{\alpha} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{(z - \alpha)(z - \frac{1}{\alpha})} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{i\alpha} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{(z - \alpha)(z - \frac{1}{\alpha})}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(a) = \begin{cases} \frac{-1}{i\alpha} \cdot \frac{2\pi i \alpha}{\alpha^2 - 1} = \frac{2\pi}{1 - \alpha^2} & \text{if } |\alpha| < 1 \\ \frac{-1}{i\alpha} \cdot \frac{2\pi i \alpha}{1 - \alpha^2} = \frac{2\pi}{\alpha^2 - 1} & \text{if } |\alpha| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Remark You can do (a) without the CIF as follows.

① Do a PFD (= partial fraction decomposition), over \mathbb{C} (not \mathbb{R})

$$\frac{1}{(z - \alpha)(z - \frac{1}{\alpha})} = \frac{A}{z - \alpha} + \frac{B}{z - \frac{1}{\alpha}} \quad \text{Work } A \left[\frac{1}{z - \alpha} + \frac{-1}{z - \frac{1}{\alpha}} \right]$$

where $A = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 - 1}$.

$$(2) \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{(z - \alpha)(z - \frac{1}{\alpha})} \stackrel{(1)}{=} A \left[\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z - \alpha} - \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z - \frac{1}{\alpha}} \right]$$

$$\boxed{\text{def of winding number}} \Rightarrow A \left[2\pi i \text{Ind}_{\gamma}(\alpha) - 2\pi i \text{Ind}_{\gamma} \frac{1}{\alpha} \right]$$

$$= \begin{cases} (2\pi i)A [1 - 0] & \text{if } |\alpha| < 1 \\ (2\pi i)A [0 - 1] & \text{if } |\alpha| > 1. \end{cases}$$