

Week 12. Lecture 31.

We continue with consequences of Cauchy's Theorem. The first one is the Liouville Theorem: suppose f is entire (analytic on \mathbb{C}). By the Maximum Modulus Principle as $|z|$ gets larger, we can find points with $|f(z)|$ larger and larger, since the complex plane is unbounded. Does this mean that $|f(z)|$ must be unbounded for $z \in \mathbb{C}$? To address this question we need to investigate the size of $|f^{(n)}(z)|$.

Prop 20.3 (Cauchy's Estimate): Let f be analytic on and inside a circle C centered at z_0 of radius R . Let $M = \max\{|f(z)|, z \in C\}$. Then, for all $n \geq 0$ $|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{n! M}{R^n}$

Pf: From the extended Cauchy Integral Formula (Cor 18.9):

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz$$

Thus, by ML inequality (Prop 17.5)

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \left| \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \right| \frac{M}{R^{n+1}} 2\pi R = \frac{n! M}{R^n} \quad \square$$

Now we can answer the question:

Thm 20.4 (Liouville's Thm): If f is entire and bounded, then f is a constant function.

Pf: Since f is bounded, there exists M such that $|f(z)| \leq M$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Take a circle centered at z_0 of radius R . Then, by Cauchy's Estimate (Prop 20.3): $|f'(z_0)| \leq \frac{M}{R}$ and this inequality holds for all choices of $R > 0$. Thus, $|f'(z_0)| = 0$ for all $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, which means that $f'(z_0) = 0$ for all $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ (Why?)

If $f = u + iv$, then all partial derivatives $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ vanish, which means that u and v are constant functions $\Rightarrow f$ is constant. \square

Incredibly, one may use Liouville's Theorem to prove:

Thm 20.5 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra): Any nonconstant complex polynomial $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_n z^n$ ($n \geq 1, a_j \in \mathbb{C}, j = 0, \dots, n$ and $a_n \neq 0$) has at least one root in \mathbb{C} .

Pf: Suppose there exists a nonconstant complex polynomial

$$p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n, \quad n \geq 1, a_j \in \mathbb{C}, a_n \neq 0$$

having no roots in \mathbb{C} . Define the entire function $f(z) = \frac{1}{p(z)}$.

We shall show that f is bounded, hence is constant by Liouville's

Theorem, which contradicts the assumption that $n \geq 1$.

First, write:

$$p(z) = z^n \left[\left(\frac{a_0}{z^n} + \frac{a_1}{z^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{z} \right) + a_n \right] = z^n (W + a_n)$$

Choose $R > 0$ such that for $|z| > R$, the terms $\left| \frac{a_0}{z^n} \right|, \dots, \left| \frac{a_{n-1}}{z} \right|$ are (all) strictly smaller than $\frac{|a_n|}{2n}$. Then, for $|z| > R$:

$$|W| = \left| \frac{a_0}{z^n} + \dots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{z} \right| \leq \left| \frac{a_0}{z^n} \right| + \left| \frac{a_1}{z^{n-1}} \right| + \dots + \left| \frac{a_{n-1}}{z} \right| < n \cdot \frac{|a_n|}{2n} = \frac{|a_n|}{2}$$

By the Reverse Triangle Inequality

$$|W + a_n| \geq |a_n| - |W| > \frac{|a_n|}{2}.$$

Thus, if $|z| > R$, we get

$$|p(z)| \geq |z|^n \frac{|a_n|}{2} > R^n \frac{|a_n|}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence, for } |z| > R: \quad |f(z)| = \frac{1}{|p(z)|} < \frac{2}{R^n |a_n|}.$$

If $M = \max \{ |f(z)| : |z| \leq R \}$, then for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$

$$|f(z)| \leq \max \left\{ M, \frac{2}{R^n |a_n|} \right\}$$

But this means (Liouville's Thm) that f is constant (since f is entire and it is bounded for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$) \square

The last subject of our course is:

Applications of Contour Integration to Real Integrals

First, we discuss integrals of the following form:

I. Computation of the integral $\int_0^{2\pi} R(\cos t, \sin t) dt$, where $R(\cos t, \sin t)$ is a rational real function, bounded for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

The method is easily adaptable for integrals over a different range: for example, between 0 and π or between $\pm\pi$. Given the form of an integrand one can hope that the integral results from the usual parametrization of the unit circle.

Denote by $z = e^{it}$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Then

$$\cos bt = \frac{1}{2} (e^{ibt} + e^{-ibt}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(z^b + \frac{1}{z^b} \right)$$

$$\sin at = \frac{1}{2i} (e^{iat} - e^{-iat}) = \frac{1}{2i} \left(z^a - \frac{1}{z^a} \right)$$

Now we plug these expressions into the function R and obtain a rational function $f(z)$:

$$f(z) = R \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(z^b + \frac{1}{z^b} \right), \frac{1}{2i} \left(z^a - \frac{1}{z^a} \right) \right)$$

It is easy to see that when t changes from 0 to 2π , the variable $z = e^{it}$ "moves" along the unit circle $|z|=1$ counter-

clockwise. Since $dz = ie^{it} dt$ we get $dt = \frac{dz}{iz}$.

The integral now is of the form

$$\textcircled{*} \int_0^{2\pi} R(\cos bt, \sin at) dt = \int_{|z|=1} R\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(z^b + \frac{1}{z^b}\right), \frac{1}{2i}\left(z^a - \frac{1}{z^a}\right)\right) \frac{dz}{iz}$$

The last integral is well within what contour integrals are about and we might be able to evaluate it with the aid of the Residue Theorem. Let us see an example.

Ex 23.1: Prove that $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos 3t}{5-4\cos t} dt = \frac{\pi}{12}$

Sol: Let us make substitutions as in $\textcircled{*}$ and get:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos 3t}{5-4\cos t} dt &= \int_{|z|=1} \frac{\frac{1}{2}\left(z^3 + \frac{1}{z^3}\right)}{5-4\frac{1}{2}\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)} \cdot \frac{dz}{iz} = \frac{1}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{z^6+1}{z^3(10z-4z^2-4)} dz \\ &= -\frac{1}{2i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z^2-5z+2)} dz = -\frac{1}{2i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)} dz \end{aligned}$$

The integrand has singularities at $z=0, \frac{1}{2},$ and 2 , but $z=2$ is outside of $|z| \leq 1$, thus does not contribute to the value of the integral. Thus, we need to worry only about $z_0=0, z_1=\frac{1}{2}$.

It is clear that $z_0=0$ is a pole of order 3 (Why?) and $z_1=\frac{1}{2}$ is a simple pole (Why?) Thus, by the Residue Theorem (Why it is applicable?)

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos 3t}{5-4\cos t} dt = 2\pi i \left[\text{Res} \left(\frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)}, 0 \right) + \text{Res} (f(z); \frac{1}{2}) \right]$$

$z_1 = \frac{1}{2}$: $\frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)}$ is of the form $\frac{p(z)}{q(z)}$ with $p(\frac{1}{2}) = 2^{-6}+1$ and $q(\frac{1}{2})=0, q'(z)=10z^4-20z^3+6z^2$. By Cor 16.5, since $q'(\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{3}{8}$

$$\text{Res} \left(\frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)}; \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{p(\frac{1}{2})}{q'(\frac{1}{2})} = -\frac{65}{24}$$

$z_0=0$: By Prop. 16.2 for $\varphi(z) = \frac{z^6+1}{z^2(2z-1)(z-2)}$: $\text{Res}(f; 0) = \frac{\varphi'''(0)}{2!} = \frac{21}{8}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)} dz = -\frac{1}{2i} 2\pi i \left(\frac{21}{8} - \frac{65}{24} \right) = \pi \frac{65-63}{24} = \frac{\pi}{12}$$

Ex 23.2: Compute $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dt}{(2+\cos^2 t)^2}$

Sol: Since the integration is on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ we cannot use directly the formula. The function $\frac{1}{(2+\cos^2 t)^2}$ is even, thus

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dt}{(2+\cos^2 t)^2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{dt}{(2+\cos^2 t)^2}$$

To use the formula we expand the domain of integration to the interval $(-\pi, \pi)$: substitute $zt = \varphi, 2dt = d\varphi$, and get

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dt}{(2+\cos^2 t)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{(2+\cos^2 \frac{\varphi}{2})^2} = \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{(2+\frac{1}{2}(\cos \varphi + 1))^2}$$

$$\cos^2 \frac{\varphi}{2} = \left(\frac{e^{i\frac{\varphi}{2}} + e^{-i\frac{\varphi}{2}}}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{e^{i\varphi} + e^{-i\varphi} + 2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{e^{i\varphi} + e^{-i\varphi}}{2} + 1 \right] = \frac{1}{2} [\cos \varphi + 1]$$

$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{(4+(1+\cos \varphi))^2} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\varphi}{(5+\cos \varphi)^2}$$

Now we use our substitution and get:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dt}{(2+\cos^2 t)^2} = \frac{1}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{z(5+\frac{1}{2}(z+\frac{1}{z}))^2} = -4i \int_{|z|=1} \frac{z dz}{(z^2+10z+1)^2}$$

To compute the last integral we use the Residue Theorem:

The function $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z^2+10z+1)^2}$ has 2 poles: $z_{1,2} = -5 \pm \sqrt{24}$, both of order 2 (CHECK!), only $z_1 = -5 + \sqrt{24}$ is inside $|z| \leq 1$ (CHECK!). By Prop 16.2 for $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z - (-5 - \sqrt{24}))^2}$ and $m=2$

$$\text{Res}(f; -5 + \sqrt{24}) = \frac{f'(-5 + \sqrt{24})}{1!} = -\frac{z_1 + z_2}{(z_1 - z_2)^3} = \frac{5}{192\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dt}{(2+\cos^2 t)^2} = 2\pi i \text{Res}(f; -5 + \sqrt{24}) = -4i \cdot 2\pi i \cdot \frac{5}{192\sqrt{6}} = \frac{5\pi}{24\sqrt{6}}$$

EXERCISE: 1) Prove that $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin^2 t}{5-4\cos t} dt = \frac{\pi}{4}$

2) Compute $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dt}{(1+\sin^2 t)^2}$

Lectures 32 + 33

Now we are going to compute infinite integrals of rational functions of a real variable. Recall that the infinite integral converges if the following limits exist:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{A \rightarrow -\infty} \int_A^0 f(x) dx + \lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^B f(x) dx$$

RHS converges if the limits on RHS exist. If both limits exist, we can write:

$$(1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R f(x) dx.$$

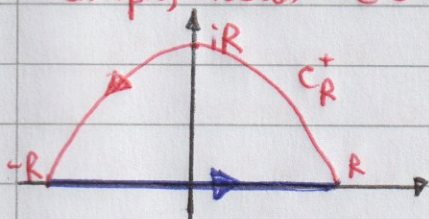
Assume $f(x) = \frac{P_n(x)}{Q_m(x)}$, where $P_n(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n , $Q_m(x)$ is a polynomial of degree m , and assume that $m \geq n+2$ (the degree of the denominator is greater at least by 2 than the degree of the numerator). Therefore, there exists a number $M > 0$ (sufficiently large) such that

$$(2) |f(x)| = \left| \frac{P_n(x)}{Q_m(x)} \right| < \frac{M}{x^2}.$$

This inequality implies convergence of an infinite integral.

Assume also that $Q_m(x) \neq 0$ for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let us construct a complex function $f(z) = \frac{P_n(z)}{Q_m(z)}$. $f(z)$ has finitely many poles z_1, z_2, \dots, z_K ($K \leq m$) in the upper-half plane. Consider the integral $\int_C f(z) dz$, where C is a contour (simple, closed) $C = C_R^+ + (-R, R)$ defined piecewise as the sum of C_R^+ - the upper semicircular arc of radius R connecting R to $-R$ anticlockwise, and the interval $(-R, R)$ - straight line connecting R to $-R$ along the real axis,



where R is sufficiently large, so that $|z_j| < R$ for $j=1, 2, \dots, K$.

By the Residue Theorem:

$$\int_C f(z) dz = \int_{C_R^+} f(z) dz + \int_{-R}^R f(x) dx = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^K \text{Res}(f, z_j),$$
 where $z_j, j=1, 2, \dots, K$ are the poles of $f(z)$ in the upper-half plane (all inside C !). Thus, we obtain

$$\int_{-R}^R f(x) dx = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^K \text{Res}(f, z_j) - \int_{C_R^+} f(z) dz$$

Passing to the limit $R \rightarrow \infty$ we get:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Res}(f, z_j) - \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_R^+} f(z) dz$$

Claim: $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_R^+} f(z) dz = 0$

Pf: Use (2) to estimate the integrand:

$$|f(z)| < \frac{M}{R^2} \quad (\text{on } C_R^+ \quad |z|=R),$$

therefore: (3) $\left| \int_{C_R^+} f(z) dz \right| < \frac{M}{R^2} \underbrace{\pi R}_{\text{the length of } C_R^+} = \frac{M\pi}{R}$

Since (3) holds for any $R > 0$ we obtain the claim \square

Summarizing: We have proved the following theorem:

Thm 21.1: Let $m \geq n+2$, $f(x) = \frac{P_n(x)}{Q_m(x)}$ rational function, such that the integral (1) converges. Assume that z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k are poles of $f(z)$, all lie in the upper-half plane, and assume that there are no poles of $f(z)$ on the real axis. Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^k \text{Res}(f; z_j)$$

Prmk: If f has singularities on \mathbb{R} , we may still be able to compute $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$ by using a suitable contour, excising the singularities along the real axis using small semicircular arcs. Now let us use these ideas to try a few explicit calculations.

Ex 24.1 Compute $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2+1}$

Sol: Observe: the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2+1}$ has 2 simple poles at $z = \pm i$. Define the contour $C = C_R^+ + (-R, R)$ as above, noting that for $R > 1$ C will enclose the pole $z = i$ in the upper-half plane. By the Residue Theorem:

$$\int_C \frac{dz}{z^2+1} = 2\pi i \text{Res}\left(\frac{1}{z^2+1}, i\right) = 2\pi i \cdot \frac{1}{i+i} = \pi.$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi = \int_{C_R^+} \frac{dz}{z^2+1} + \int_{-R}^R \frac{dx}{x^2+1}$$

First, we claim that $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_R^+} \frac{dz}{z^2+1} = 0$. Note that on C_R^+ we have: $|z^2+1| \geq ||z|^2 - 1| = R^2 - 1$ ($R > 1$) $\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{z^2+1} \right| \leq \frac{1}{R^2-1}$

The length of C_R^+ is πR , thus by ML inequality (Prop. 17.5)

$$\left| \int_{C_R^+} \frac{dz}{z^2+1} \right| \leq \frac{\pi R}{R^2-1} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Therefore, $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2+1} = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R \frac{dx}{x^2+1} + \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{C}_R^+} \frac{dz}{z^2+1} = \pi$

Note that we could conclude the result directly from Thm 21.1.

Rmk: CHECK: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2+1} = \arctan x \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{2} - (-\frac{\pi}{2}) = \pi$

This you have seen in the first calculus course.

Rmk: If $f(x)$ is an even function, namely for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$ $f(x) = f(-x)$, then

$$\int_0^{\infty} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

and we can use Thm 21.1 again.

Let us see one more example:

Ex 24.2: Compute $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4+16}$

Sol: (CHECK) The function $f(z) = z^4+16$ has 4 zeros

$$z_1 = ze^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \quad z_2 = ze^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} \quad z_3 = ze^{i\frac{5\pi}{4}} \quad z_4 = ze^{i\frac{7\pi}{4}}$$

Only z_1 and z_2 are in the upper-half plane. Note: since all the zeros are simple (Justify!) the integrand has 2 simple poles z_1, z_2 in the upper-half plane.

To use Thm 21.1 we need to compute $\text{Res}(\frac{1}{z^4+16}, z_1)$ and $\text{Res}(\frac{1}{z^4+16}, z_2)$:

z_1 (CHECK!): Since z_1 is a simple pole we can use Cor 16.5 with $p(z)=1$, $q(z)=z^4+16$, $q'(z)=4z^3$ and obtain:

$$\text{Res}(\frac{1}{z^4+16}, z_1) = \frac{1}{4z_1^3} = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 8 \cdot e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}}} = \frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}(i-1)} = -\frac{i+1}{32\sqrt{2}}$$

z_2 : Again, using Cor 16.5: $\text{Res}(\frac{1}{z^4+16}, z_2) = \frac{1-i}{32\sqrt{2}}$

\Rightarrow by Thm 21.1 (and Rmk) we obtain

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4+16} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4+16} = \pi i (\text{Res}(\frac{1}{z^4+16}, z_1) + \text{Res}(\frac{1}{z^4+16}, z_2))$$

$$\text{Rmk, since } \frac{1}{x^4+16} \text{ is an even function}$$

$$= \frac{\pi i}{32\sqrt{2}} (-i-1+i-i) = \frac{\pi i}{32\sqrt{2}} (-2i) = \frac{\pi}{16\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{32}$$

Now let us see an example showing how contour integrals can be used to sum infinite series.

Ex 24.3: Prove that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$.

Sol: Let $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \text{ctg}(\pi z)$

Claim 1: At each $n \neq 0$ f has a simple pole with residue $\frac{1}{n^2\pi}$.

Pf: Recall: $\text{ctg}(\pi z) = \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z}$. $\sin \pi z = 0$ for $z = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

Let us look at the Laurent series expansion of $\sin \pi z$

around $z = n$: $f(n) = \sin \pi n = 0$; $f'(n) = \pi \cos \pi n = \pm \pi$;
 $f''(n) = -\pi^2 \sin \pi n = 0$; $f^{(3)}(n) = -\pi^3 \cos \pi n = \mp \pi^3$ and so on.

In the same way we obtain for $\cos \pi z$ around $z = n$:
 $f(n) = \cos \pi n = \pm 1$; $f'(n) = -\pi \sin \pi n = 0$; $f''(n) = -\pi^2 \cos \pi n = \mp \pi^2$;
 $f^{(3)}(n) = \pi^3 \sin \pi n = 0$ and so on.

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{ctg} \pi z = \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z} = \frac{\pm 1 \pm \frac{\pi^2}{2}(z-n)^2 + \dots}{\pm \pi(z-n) \pm \frac{\pi^3}{3!}(z-n)^3 + \dots}$$
$$= \frac{\pm 1 \pm \frac{\pi^2}{2}(z-n)^2 + \dots}{(z-n)(\pm \pi \pm \frac{\pi^3}{3!}(z-n)^2 + \dots)}$$

$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Res}(\operatorname{ctg} \pi z, n) = \frac{1}{\pi}$ and thus, since $\frac{1}{z^2}$ is analytic for every $z \neq 0$ $\operatorname{Res}(\frac{1}{z^2} \operatorname{ctg} \pi z, n \neq 0) = \frac{1}{n^2 \pi}$. As we can see from the expansion all the poles are simple \square

Claim 2: At $n=0$ f has a pole of order 3 with residue $-\frac{\pi}{3}$.

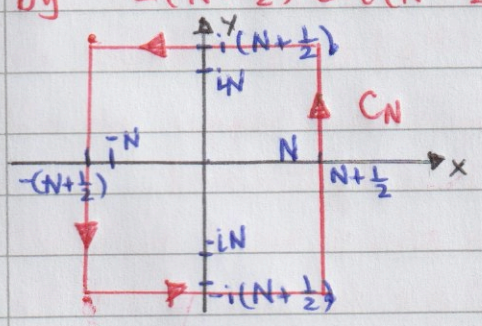
Pf: Let us look at the Laurent series expansion of $\operatorname{ctg} x$ around $x=0$:

CHECK: $\operatorname{ctg} x = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x^3}{45} - \frac{2x^5}{945} - \dots$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{z^2} \operatorname{ctg} \pi z = \frac{1}{z^2} \left(\frac{1}{\pi z} - \frac{\pi z}{3} - \frac{(\pi z)^3}{45} - \frac{2(\pi z)^5}{945} - \dots \right) = \frac{1}{\pi z^3} - \frac{\pi}{3z} - \frac{\pi^3 z}{45} - \frac{2\pi^5 z^3}{945} - \dots$$
$$= \frac{1}{z^3} \left(\frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{\pi z^2}{3} - \frac{\pi^3 z^4}{45} - \frac{2\pi^5 z^6}{945} - \dots \right) = \frac{\psi(z)}{z^3}$$

$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Res}(\frac{1}{z^2} \operatorname{ctg} \pi z, 0) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$, and since $\psi(z)$ is analytic in a neighborhood of $z=0$ (and at $z=0$) and $\psi(0) = \frac{1}{\pi} \neq 0$, we conclude (by Prop 16.2) that $z=0$ is a pole of order 3. \square

Consider the square contour C_N having corner vertices given by $\pm(N + \frac{1}{2}) \pm i(N + \frac{1}{2})$ for $N \in \mathbb{N}$.



Note: this contour never passes through an integer value on the real axis \mathbb{R} (where the poles of f lie). Then, by the Residue Theorem:

$$\int_{C_N} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{n=-N}^N \operatorname{Res}(f, n)$$

Claim 3: $\int_{C_N} f(z) dz \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$.

Pf: We estimate $\max |f(z)|$ on each side of C_N . First, each side of C_N has length $2N+1$, thus the length of the contour C_N is bounded by $8N+4 = O(N)$. On the other hand, for $z \in C_N$

$|z| \geq N + \frac{1}{2} \geq N$, therefore $|\frac{1}{z^2}| \leq \frac{1}{N^2}$. So, it is sufficient to show that $\cotg \pi z$ is bounded on C_N by a constant independent of N . Then we use ML inequality (Prop 17.5) and finish.

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} |\sin z|^2 &= |\sin(x+iy)|^2 = |\sin x \cosh y + i \cos x \sinh y|^2 = \\ &= |\sin x \cosh y + i \cos x \sinh y|^2 = \sin^2 x \cosh^2 y + \cos^2 x \sinh^2 y = \\ &= \sin^2 x (1 + \sinh^2 y) + \cos^2 x \sinh^2 y = \\ &= \sin^2 x + \sinh^2 y (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) = \sin^2 x + \sinh^2 y \end{aligned}$$

In the same way:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CHECK: } |\cos z|^2 &= \cos^2 x + \sinh^2 y \\ \Rightarrow |\cotg \pi z|^2 &= \left| \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z} \right|^2 = \frac{|\cos \pi z|^2}{|\sin \pi z|^2} = \frac{\cos^2 \pi x + \sinh^2 \pi y}{\sin^2 \pi x + \sinh^2 \pi y} = \\ &= \frac{\cos^2 \pi x}{\sin^2 \pi x + \sinh^2 \pi y} + \frac{\sinh^2 \pi y}{\sin^2 \pi x + \sinh^2 \pi y} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\cos^2 \pi x}{\sin^2 \pi x + \sinh^2 \pi y} + 1 \quad (*) \\ &\quad \downarrow \\ &\quad \sin^2 \pi x \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

On the vertical lines of the contour C_N $x = \pm(N + \frac{1}{2}) \Rightarrow \cos \pi x = 0$ and $\sin \pi x = \pm 1$. Thus, the first term in (*) is 0.

Let us show that on the horizontal lines the absolute value of $\sinh \pi y$ is exponentially large, thus, since $\cos x$ and $\sin x$ are bounded functions we will conclude that the first term in (*) is exponentially small.

$$\text{For } t > 0: \sinh t = \frac{1}{2}(e^t - e^{-t}) \geq \frac{1}{2}(e^t - 1)$$

$$\text{For } t < 0: \sinh t = \frac{1}{2}(e^t - e^{-t}) \leq \frac{1}{2}(1 - e^{-t}) = -\frac{1}{2}(e^{-t} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\sinh t| \geq \frac{1}{2}(e^{|t|} - 1)$$

On the upper horizontal line of C_N $|y| = N + \frac{1}{2}$, thus we get $|\sinh \pi y| \geq \frac{1}{2}(e^{\pi(N + \frac{1}{2})} - 1) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ (the same for the lower line)

Therefore, there exists a positive constant K such that for all $N \geq 1$ and all $z \in C_N$:

$$|\cotg \pi z| = \left| \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z} \right| \leq K$$

Thus, by ML inequality (Prop 17.5)

$$\left| \int_{C_N} \frac{1}{z^2} \cdot \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z} dz \right| \leq K \cdot \frac{8N+4}{N^2} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

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Hence, we get: $2\pi i \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Res}(f, n) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Res}(f, n) = 0$
 On the other hand:

$$0 = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Res}(f, n) = -\frac{\pi}{3} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \pi} \quad (*)$$

Thus, $\frac{\pi}{3} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \pi} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ \square

(*) Actually $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Res}(f, n) = -\frac{\pi}{3} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{1}{n^2 \pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \pi}$,
 at $n=0$

but $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{1}{n^2 \pi} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \pi}$ since $\frac{1}{n^2}$ is even.