

Needham, Chapter 8, Exercise 12, p. 421.
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12 Let K be the contour in [21].

(i) Evaluate the following integral by factoring the denominator and putting the integrand into partial fractions.

$$\oint_K \left(\frac{z}{z^2 - iz - 1 - i} \right) dz$$

$$\frac{z}{z^2 - iz - 1 - i} = \frac{1}{5} \left[\frac{3+i}{(z-1-i)} + \frac{2-i}{z+1} \right]$$

$$\oint_K \left(\frac{z}{z^2 - iz - 1 - i} \right) dz = \frac{1}{5} \oint_K \left(\frac{3+i}{(z-1-i)} + \frac{2-i}{z+1} \right) dz$$

The partial functions have singularities at $(1+i)$ and -1 . Then by (7),

$$\oint_K \left(\frac{z}{z^2 - iz - 1 - i} \right) dz = \frac{2\pi i}{5} [(3+i) v[K, 1+i] + (2-i) v[K, -1]]$$

From [21], it appears that $v[K, 1+i] = 0$, and $v[K, -1] = -2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_K \left(\frac{z}{z^2 - iz - 1 - i} \right) dz &= \frac{2\pi i}{5} [(3+i) 0 + (2-i) (-2)] \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{5} (-4 + 2i) = \frac{4\pi i}{5} (-2+i) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying through by $\frac{2+i}{2+i}$, we get $\frac{-4\pi i}{2+i}$, which is what Vasco has.

(ii) Write down the Laurent series (centred at the origin) for $(\cos z / z^{11})$. Hence find

$$\oint \frac{\cos z}{z^{11}} dz.$$

$\cos z$ can be rewritten as the series

$$1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \frac{z^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$(\cos z / z^{11})$ has the Laurent series

$$\frac{1}{z^{11}} - \frac{1}{2! z^9} + \frac{1}{4! z^7} - \frac{1}{6! z^5} + \frac{1}{8! z^3} - \frac{1}{10! z} + \dots$$

so $\frac{\cos z}{z^{11}}$ has a complex inversion term $-\frac{1}{10! z}$. All the other terms have zero integrals. The residue is $(-\frac{1}{10!})$.
 Then,

$$\oint \frac{\cos z}{z^{11}} dz = -\frac{1}{10!} 2\pi i \, v(K, 0) = -\frac{2\pi i}{10!} (-1) = \frac{2\pi i}{10!}$$