

Q[6] §§7.3

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$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x-2}{x^4+10x^2+9} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^4+10x^2+9} dx - 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^4+10x^2+9)}$$

$$\equiv I_1 + I_2 \quad (1)$$

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x dx}{x^4+10x^2+9} \quad (2)$$

$$= \left( \frac{-1}{2\pi i} \right) \int \frac{z \log z dz}{(z^4+10z^2+9)}$$

Follow Q1 of  
Tutorial §7.2

$$= \left( \frac{-1}{2\pi i} \right) \oint_C \frac{z \log z dz}{(z^4+10z^2+9)} \quad (3)$$

where  $C$  is two circles contour of Fig 7.3 in §§7.2  
The singular points of the integrand in  $I_1$  are poles at  $z = \pm i$ ,  $z = \pm 3i$ . All the poles are included inside the two circles contour. for computation of residues let us write down the definition of  $\log z$  that led to the integral in (3). The function  $\log z$  has branch cut along a positive real axis  $\theta = 0$ , and

$$\log z = \log r + i\theta \quad 0 < \theta < 2\pi$$

Note that  $(z^4+10z^2+9)$  factorizes as

$$(z^4+10z^2+9) = (z^2+9)(z^2+1)$$

$$= (z+3i)(z-3i)(z+i)(z-i)$$

All poles are simpler poles therefore compute residues using (6.11).

The second integral  $I_2 = -2 \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x^4 + 10x^2 + 9)}$   
 can be evaluated by closing the contour in the  
 upper half plane

$$I_2 = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^4 + 10x^2 + 9)} = - \oint_{C_R} \frac{dz}{(z^4 + 10z^2 + 9)}$$

only poles at  $z = 3i, i$  contribute to the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Residue} \left\{ \frac{1}{z^4 + 10z^2 + 9} \right\}_{z=3i} &= \frac{1}{(z+3i)(z^2+1)} \Big|_{z=3i} \\ &= \frac{1}{(6i)(-8)} = \frac{i}{48} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Residue} \left\{ \frac{1}{z^4 + 10z^2 + 9} \right\}_{z=i} &= \frac{1}{(z^2+9)(z+i)} \Big|_{z=i} \\ &= \frac{1}{8(2i)} = \frac{-i}{16} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore I_2 &= -2\pi i \left( \frac{i}{48} - \frac{i}{16} \right) = 2\pi \left( \frac{1-3}{48} \right) \\ &= -\pi/12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The final answer is } & \left( \frac{1}{8} \ln 3 - \frac{\pi}{12} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{24} (3 \ln 3 - 2\pi) = \frac{1}{24} (\ln 27 - 2\pi) \end{aligned}$$