

§§ 7.4
Q4 Compute the integral $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 \sin px dx}{(x^2+4)(x^2+9)}$ by the method of contour integration.

Proceeding as in Q[1] we have

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3 \sin px dx}{(x^2+4)(x^2+9)} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^3 \sin px dx}{(x^2+4)(x^2+9)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Im} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^3 e^{ipx} dx}{(x^2+4)(x^2+9)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Im} \oint_{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A} \frac{z^3 e^{ipz} dz}{(z^2+4)(z^2+9)}$$

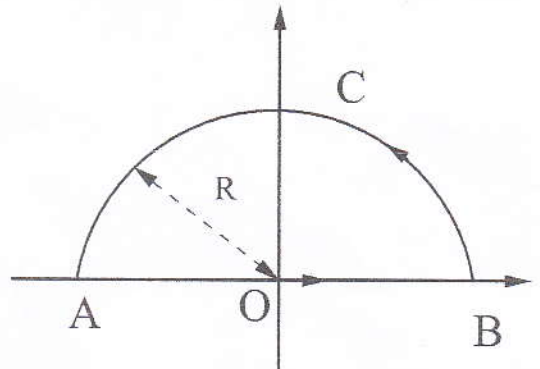


Fig. 1 Semi-circular contour

Now $\oint_{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A} \frac{z^3 e^{ipz} dz}{(z^2+4)(z^2+9)}$

$$= 2\pi i \times \sum_{\text{residues at } z=2i, 3i} \frac{z^3 e^{ipz}}{(z^2+4)(z^2+9)}$$

Compute the required residues

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Res}_{z=2i} \frac{z^3 e^{ipz}}{(z^2+4)(z^2+9)} &= \frac{(z-2i) z^3 e^{ipz}}{(z^2+4)(z^2+9)} \Big|_{z \rightarrow 2i} \\ &= \frac{z^3 e^{ipz}}{(z+2i)(z^2+9)} \Big|_{z \rightarrow 2i} = \frac{(8i^3) e^{-2p}}{(4i) \times 5} = \frac{-2}{5} e^{-2p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Res}_{z=3i} \frac{z^3 e^{ipz}}{(z^2+4)(z^2+9)} &= \frac{(z-3i) z^3 e^{ipz}}{(z^2+4)(z^2+9)} \Big|_{z \rightarrow 3i} \\ &= \frac{z^3 e^{ipz}}{(z^2+4)(z+3i)} \Big|_{z \rightarrow 3i} = \frac{(27i^3) e^{-3p}}{-5 \times 6i} = \frac{9}{10} e^{-3p} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\oint_{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A} \frac{z^3 \sin pz \, dz}{(z^2+4)(z^2+9)} = \left(\frac{9}{10} e^{-3p} - \frac{2}{5} e^{-p} \right)$$

\therefore Required Integral

$$= \text{Im } 2\pi i \times \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{9}{10} e^{-3p} - \frac{2}{5} e^{-p} \right) \Big|_{p=1}$$

$$= \text{Im } \pi i \left(\frac{9}{10} \right) (e^{-3p} - 4e^{-p}) \Big|_{p=1}$$

$$= \frac{9\pi}{10} e^{-3} (9 - 4e)$$