

**Q10**  
**§§7.4** To evaluate  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x \sin ax}{(x^2+b^2)^2+c^2} dx$  by the method of contour integration

Follow the notation and method of the previous question Q9/§§7.4.

The given integral in this case is

$$\frac{1}{2} \text{Im} \oint_{A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow A} \frac{z e^{iaz}}{(z^2+b^2)^2+c^2} dz$$

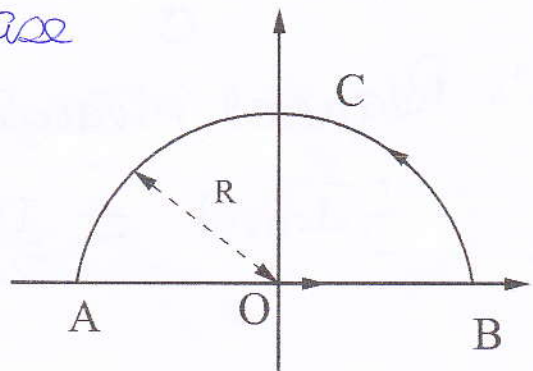


Fig. 1 Semi-circular contour

The poles are at

$$\xi_1 = B + iA, \quad \xi_2 = -B + iA$$

$$\xi_3 = -iA - B, \quad \xi_4 = -iA + B$$

only  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  are enclosed by the contour in the upper half plane.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Residue at } \xi_1 &= \xi_1 e^{ia\xi_1} \lim_{z \rightarrow \xi_1} \frac{(z - \xi_1)}{(z^2 + b^2)^2 + c^2} \\ &= \frac{\xi_1 e^{ia\xi_1}}{4(\xi_1^2 + b^2)\xi_1} = \frac{e^{ia\xi_1}}{4ic} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly the residue at  $\xi_2$  is

$$= \frac{e^{ia\xi_2}}{(-4ic)}$$

$$\therefore J = \frac{(2\pi i)}{4ic} \left( e^{ia\xi_1} - e^{-ia\xi_2} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\pi}{2c} \right) \left( e^{-aA+iaB} - e^{-aA-iaB} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi i}{c} e^{-aA} \sin aB$$

$\therefore$  Required integral

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{Im} J = \frac{\pi}{2c} e^{-aA} \sin aB.$$

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