

**Math 206 Complex Calculus – Midterm Exam II**

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No correct answer without a satisfying reasoning is accepted. Show your work in detail.

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**Q-1)** Use Laplace transform techniques to solve the following boundary value problem:

$$f'''(t) - 6f''(t) + 11f'(t) - 6f(t) = -3, \quad f(0) = f'(0) = 0, \quad f''(0) = 1.$$

Solution: The characteristic polynomial is  $s^3 - 6s^2 + 11s - 6 = (s - 1)(s - 2)(s - 3)$ . Moreover the  $s - 3$  factor cancels while solving for  $F(s)$  and we get  $F(s) = 1/[s(s - 1)(s - 2)]$  which is easily dealt with using partial fractions technique to get  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2} - e^t + \frac{1}{2} e^{2t}$ .

**Q-2)** Use Laplace transform techniques to solve the following system where  $x(0) = y(0) = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} - 6x - 3y &= \cosh 6t, \\ 12x + \frac{dy}{dt} + 6y &= e^{6t}.\end{aligned}$$

Solution: Hitting with Laplace and solving for  $X$  and  $Y$  we easily get  $X = \frac{s+3}{s^2(s-6)}$  and  $Y = \frac{s^2 - 12s - 36}{s^2(s-6)(s+6)}$ . Using cover up method in the partial fraction process we quickly obtain  $X = -\frac{1}{4s} - \frac{1}{2s^2} + \frac{1}{4(s-6)}$  and  $Y = \frac{1}{3s} + \frac{1}{s^2} - \frac{1}{6(s-6)} - \frac{1}{6(s+6)}$ . Each term is now recognizable and Laplace inverse gives the solution as  $x = -\frac{1}{4} - \frac{t}{2} + \frac{1}{4}e^{6t}$  and  $y = \frac{1}{3} + t - \frac{1}{3}\cosh 6t$ .

**Q-3)** Use residues method to evaluate  $\int_0^\infty \frac{x^{1/3}}{(1+x)^2} dx$ .

Solution: Use the indented path of figure 70 on page 224 of the sixth edition of Brown & Churchill. The residue of  $z^{1/3}/(1+z)^2$  at  $z = -1$  can be calculated by evaluating  $(1/3)z^{-2/3}$  at  $z = -1$ . It is crucial to write  $z^a = \exp(a \log z)$  and  $-1 = \exp(i\pi)$ , where  $a = -2/3$ . This gives the residue as  $-1/6 - i\sqrt{3}/6$ . If we denote the above integral by  $I$ , then parameterizing  $\int \frac{z^{1/3}}{(1+z)^2} dz$  on the lower path along the real line and getting the appropriate limits we get  $(-1/2 - i\sqrt{3}/2)I$ . The integral on the circular paths vanish as the limits are taken and we finally obtain

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)I = \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{3} - i\frac{\pi}{3}.$$

Equating real or imaginary parts of both sides we easily find

$$I = \frac{2\pi\sqrt{3}}{9}.$$

**Q-4)** Use residues method to evaluate  $\int_0^\infty \frac{(\ln x)^2}{(1+x^2)^2} dx$ .

Hint:  $\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} dx = -\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln x}{(1+x^2)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

Solution: Use the path of figure 69 on page 220 of the text book and follow what is done in example 2 on the next page. Use the function  $f(z) = (\log z)^2/(1+z^2)^2$ . Let  $\phi(z) = (\log z)^2/(z+i)^2$ . Then the residue of  $f$  at  $z = i$  is  $\phi'(i) = -\frac{\pi}{4} + i\frac{\pi^2}{16}$ .

On  $L_2$ ,  $z = xe^{i\pi}$  and hence  $(\log z)^2 = (\ln x + i\pi)^2 = (\ln x)^2 + 2\pi i \ln x - \pi^2$ . Thus parameterizing the integral on  $L_2$  we obtain

$$\int_\rho^R \frac{(\ln x)^2}{(1+x^2)^2} dx + 2\pi i \int_\rho^R \frac{\ln x}{(1+x^2)^2} dx - \pi^2 \int_\rho^R \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} dx.$$

Add to this the integral on  $L_1$ , which is simply  $\int_\rho^R \frac{(\ln x)^2}{(1+x^2)^2} dx$ , take limits observing that on circular paths the contribution is zero, use the hint, to get

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{(\ln x)^2}{(1+x^2)^2} dx = \frac{\pi^3}{16}.$$