

rive the integration formula

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

which is important in the theory of the *Fourier integral*.*



Figure 58

14. Derive the integration formula

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Suggestion: Note that $2 \sin^2 x = \operatorname{Re}(1 - e^{2ix})$, and integrate the function $f(z) = (1 - e^{2iz})/z^2$ around the closed contour shown in Fig. 58. Also, refer to Exercise 12.

15. Show that

$$(a) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^2 + 1} dx = 0; \quad (b) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} dx = -\frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Suggestion: Using the branch

$$\log z = \ln r + i\theta \quad \left(r > 0, -\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta < \frac{3\pi}{2} \right)$$

of the logarithmic function, integrate the functions

$$\frac{\log z}{z^2 + 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\log z}{(z^2 + 1)^2}$$

around the closed contour in Fig. 58. Also, use the integration formulas derived in Exercise 1, Sec. 59.

16. The integral of the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z^2 - 4z + 5)}$$

over an interval that includes the origin does not exist. Show that the *principal value* of the integral of that function along the entire x axis,

$$\text{P.V.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{-\rho} f(x) dx + \int_{\rho}^{\infty} f(x) dx \right] \quad (\rho > 0),$$

does exist by finding that value with the aid of the contour in Fig. 58 and the result found in Exercise 12.

Ans. $2\pi/5$.

* See the authors' "Fourier Series and Boundary Value Problems," 4th ed., pp. 181-183, 1987.

17. Given that (see the footnote to Exercise 11)

$$\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2},$$

derive the integration formula

$$\int_0^{\infty} \exp(-x^2) \cos(2bx) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \exp(-b^2) \quad (b > 0)$$

by integrating the function $\exp(-z^2)$ around the rectangular path shown in Fig. 59 and then letting a tend to infinity.

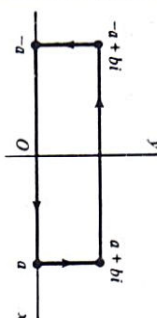


Figure 59

18. The beta function is this function of two real variables:

$$B(p, q) = \int_0^1 t^{p-1} (1-t)^{q-1} dt \quad (p > 0, q > 0).$$

Make the substitution $t = 1/(x+1)$, and use the result obtained in Sec. 61 to show that

$$B(p, 1-p) = \frac{\pi}{\sin p\pi} \quad (0 < p < 1).$$

19. Consider the two simple closed contours shown in Fig. 60 and obtained by dividing into two pieces the annulus bounded by the circles C_ρ and C_R in Fig. 56 (Sec. 61). The legs L and $-L$ of those contours are directed line segments along any ray $\arg z = \theta_0$, where $\pi < \theta_0 < 3\pi/2$. Also, Γ_ρ and γ_ρ are the indicated portions of C_ρ , while Γ_R and γ_R make up C_R .

(a) Show how it follows from the residue theorem that when the branch

$$f(z) = \frac{z^{-a}}{z+1} \quad \left(|z| > 0, -\frac{\pi}{2} < \arg z < \frac{3\pi}{2} \right)$$

of the multiple-valued function $z^{-a}/(z+1)$ is integrated around the closed contour on the left in Fig. 60,

$$\int_{\rho}^R \frac{r^{-a}}{r+1} dr + \int_{\Gamma_R} f(z) dz + \int_{\Gamma_\rho} f(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_\rho} f(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_R} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res} f(z).$$

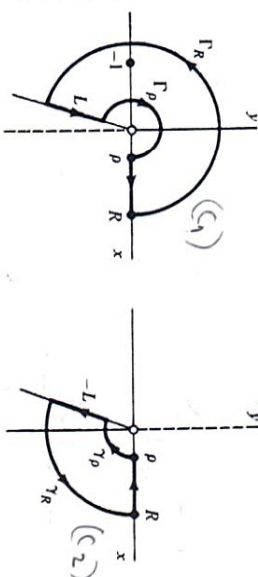


Figure 60