Complex-Variable Theory

5.31 The Bessel function $J_n(x)$ is given by the integral

$$J_n(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C e^{(x/2)(z-1/z)} \frac{dz}{z^{n+1}}$$
(5.352)

along a counter-clockwise contour about the origin. Find the generating function for these Bessel functions, that is, the function G(x, z) whose Laurent series has the $J_n(x)$'s as coefficients

$$G(x,z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} J_n(x) \, z^n.$$
 (5.353)

5.32 Show that the Heaviside function $\theta(y) = (y + |y|)/(2|y|)$ is given by the integral

$$\theta(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iyx} \frac{dx}{x - i\epsilon}$$
(5.354)

in which ϵ is an infinitesimal positive number.

- 5.33 Show that the integral of $\exp(ik)/k$ along the contour from k = L to k = L + iH and then to k = -L + iH and then down to k = -L vanishes in the double limit $L \to \infty$ and $H \to \infty$.
- 5.34 Use a ghost contour and a cut to evaluate the integral

$$I = \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 1)\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$
(5.355)

by imitating example 5.30. Be careful when picking up the poles at $z = \pm i$. If necessary, use the explicit square-root formulas (5.188) and (5.189).

- 5.35 Redo the previous exercise (5.34) by defining the square roots so that the cuts run from $-\infty$ to -1 and from 1 to ∞ . Take advantage of the evenness of the integrand and integrate on a contour that is slightly above the whole real axis. Then add a ghost contour around the upper half plane.
- 5.36 Show that if u is even and v is odd, then the Hilbert transforms (5.265) imply (5.267).
- 5.37 Show why the principal-part identity (5.224) lets one write the Kramers-Kronig integral (5.287) for the index of refraction in the regularized form (5.292).
- 5.38 Use the formula (5.283) for the group velocity and the regularized expression (5.292) for the real part of the index of refraction $n_r(\omega)$ to derive formula (5.293) for the group velocity.
- 5.39 Show that the quarter-circles of the Abel-Plana contours C_{\pm} contribute $\frac{1}{2}(f(n_1) + f(n_2))$ to the sum S in the formula $T_x = I_x + S$.

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