

# Math 4220: Final Practice Exam

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## Solutions

1. Solve for  $z$ :  $\sin(z) = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} = 0$ .

This means  $e^{iz} = e^{-iz}$ . Write  $z = x + iy$ , then

$$e^{i(x+iy)} = e^{-i(x+iy)} \Rightarrow e^{-y+ix} = e^{y-ix}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-y} e^{ix} = e^y e^{i(-x)}. \quad \text{This means } e^{-y} = e^y \text{ and}$$

$$x = -x + 2k\pi \text{ for some integer } k. \quad \text{So } -y = y, \quad y = 0$$

$$\text{and } 2x = 2k\pi, \quad x = k\pi. \quad \text{Therefore } z = x + iy = k\pi.$$

2. (a) If  $f = u + iv$ , then  $\frac{df}{dz} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial(iy)}$

$$= \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] \text{ and also } = \frac{1}{i} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right] = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}.$$

This means in particular that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$

(the Cauchy-Riemann equations, which we already knew), and

$$\frac{df}{dz} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}.$$

(b) It is enough to check the Cauchy-Riemann equations for

$$g: \text{ we must verify that } \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right)$$

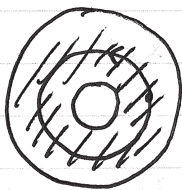
$$\text{and that } \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right).$$

The first equation is true because  $u$  is harmonic,

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$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ . The second equation is true by equality of mixed partials.

© Since the domain  $D$  is simply connected, every simple closed curve in  $D$  has the property that the interior of the curve is entirely contained in  $D$ . (Note, this would not be true for something like an annulus: in



this picture, the curve is in  $D$  but its interior is not.) Therefore, ~~by~~ by Cauchy's

Thm.,  $\int_{\gamma} g(z) dz = 0$  for every simple closed curve  $\gamma$  in  $D$ ,

hence  $g$  has an antiderivative on  $D$  by the path independence theorem.

⑧ Write  $G = U + iV$ , then  $w = U - u$ . We know

$$\frac{dG}{dz} = g, \text{ therefore } \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}. \text{ (The}$$

left side  $\frac{dG}{dz} = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial U}{\partial y}$  follows from the argument

in ©, using  $G$  in place of  $f$ . The right side

$g = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$  is the definition of  $g$ .) It follows that

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = 0, \text{ thus } \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} = 0, \text{ so}$$

$w$  is a constant function. Say  $w(x, y) = c$ , then

$U - u = c$ , so  $u = U - c$ . The function  $f = U - c$

$= (U - c) + iV$  is analytic on  $D$  and has real part  $u$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad \left| \sin(x+iy) \right|^2 &= \sin(x+iy) \cdot \overline{\sin(x+iy)} \\ &= \frac{e^{i(x+iy)} - e^{-i(x+iy)}}{2i} \cdot \frac{e^{-i(x-iy)} - e^{i(x-iy)}}{-2i} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ e^{-y+ix} - e^{y-ix} \right] \left[ e^{-y-ix} - e^{y+ix} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ e^{-2y} - e^{2ix} - e^{-2ix} + e^{2y} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{2y} + e^{-2y}}{2} - \frac{e^{2ix} + e^{-2ix}}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \cosh(2y) - \cos(2x) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

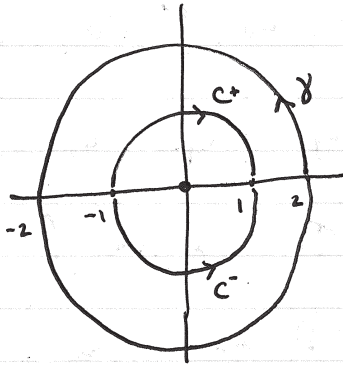
$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad z^{1/n} &= e^{\frac{1}{n} \log z} = e^{\frac{1}{n} [\ln(r) + i(\theta + 2k\pi)]} \quad (k \text{ can be any integer}) \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{n} \ln(r)} \cdot e^{i\left(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n}\right)} = r^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{i\left(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that values of  $k$  outside  $0, 1, \dots, n-1$  lead to repeat

values of  $e^{i\left(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n}\right)}$ , since if  $k' = \cancel{k} + cn$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for some integer } c, \quad e^{i\left(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2k'\pi}{n}\right)} &= e^{i\left(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n} + 2\pi c\right)} \\ &= e^{i\left(\frac{\theta}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

5.



Ⓐ The counterclockwise circle

centered at  $0$  of radius  $1$

is  $-C^+ + C^-$ , therefore

$$\int_{-C^+ + C^-} f(z) dz = -3 + 7 = 4.$$

Since  $\gamma$  can be deformed to this circle by a continuous deformation that avoids the singularity at  $0$ , by

Cauchy's theorem,  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 4$  also.

$$\text{Alternatively, } \int_{-C^+ + C^-} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f; 0) = \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz.$$

Ⓑ We require that the integral of  $g$  around any ~~simple~~ <sup>positively oriented</sup> simple closed curve equal  $0$ . Either the curve encloses  $0$ ,

in which case the integral is  $2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f - \frac{c}{z}; 0)$ ,

or it does not enclose  $0$ , in which case the integral is zero automatically. So it is enough to find  $c$  such

that  $\operatorname{Res}(f - \frac{c}{z}; 0) = 0$ . We know from Ⓐ that

$$2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f; 0) = 4, \text{ thus } \operatorname{Res}(f; 0) = \frac{2}{\pi i}. \text{ Thus}$$

$$\operatorname{Res}\left(f - \frac{c}{z}; 0\right) = \operatorname{Res}(f; 0) - \operatorname{Res}\left(\frac{c}{z}; 0\right) = \frac{2}{\pi i} - c = 0,$$

so  $c = \frac{2}{\pi i}$  works.

6. Since  $f'$  is analytic, it satisfies the mean value

$$\text{property: } f'(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f'(re^{it}) dt. \quad \text{Therefore it}$$

suffices to show that also  $f'(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(re^{it})}{re^{it}} dt$ .

If  $C$  is the circle of radius  $r$  centered at  $0$ ,

oriented counterclockwise, the Cauchy integral formula

$$\text{(generalized version) says that } f'(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(w)}{(w-0)^2} dw.$$

Parametrize  $C$  by  $w(t) = re^{it}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ :

$$f'(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(re^{it})}{(re^{it})^2} \cdot ire^{it} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(re^{it})}{re^{it}} dt.$$

7. If  $f(z) - \frac{c}{z-z_0}$  has a removable singularity at  $z_0$ , the

Laurent series for  $f(z) - \frac{c}{z-z_0}$  ~~is~~

in a neighborhood of  $z_0$  has all non-negative terms:

$$f(z) - \frac{c}{z-z_0} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n. \quad (\text{Note the lower limit } n=0.)$$

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Thus  $f(z) = \frac{c}{z-z_0} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n$ , so  $\text{Res}(f; z_0) = c$

by definition.

For the converse, any function with a pole of order at least

two at  $z_0$  will work. Say  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-z_0)^2}$ , then

$\text{Res}(f; z_0) = 0$ , but  $f(z) - \frac{0}{z-z_0}$  does not have a

removable singularity at  $z_0$ . In fact, the statement is

"if and only if" under the extra assumption that the

pole of  $f$  at  $z_0$  is simple.

8. (a) We have  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = 8$ . Say  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$

for  $|z| > 1$ . If there existed  $k > 0$  such that  $c_k \neq 0$ ,

we would have  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n \right) = \infty$

(or maybe the limit might not exist, but in any case it

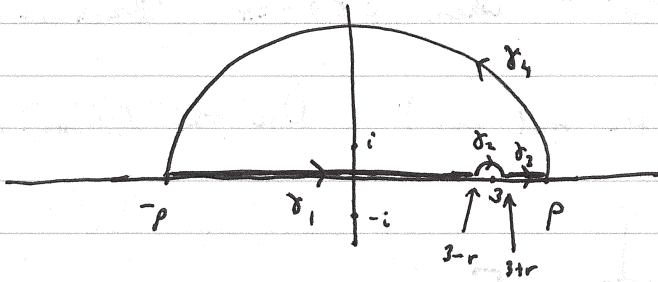
could not equal a constant). Therefore we may write

$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$  for  $|z| > 1$ , so  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = c_0 = 8$ .

(b) Since  $|z| > 1$ ,  $\frac{8z}{z-1} = \frac{8}{1-1/z} = 8 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots \right)$

$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 8z^n$ , or  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8}{z^n}$ .

9. Let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z^2+1)(z-3)}$ , poles at  $\pm i$  and  $3$ . Use the following contour:



We know: 
$$\int_{\delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3 + \delta_4} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f; i),$$

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\delta_4} f(z) dz = 0$$
 (since  $f$  is a rational function where the degree of the denominator  $\geq$  degree of numerator + 2),

$$\lim_{\substack{p \rightarrow \infty \\ r \rightarrow 0}} \int_{\delta_1 + \delta_3} f(z) dz = \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2+1)(x-3)},$$

and 
$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \int_{\delta_2} f(z) dz = -\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f; 3)$$
 (since  $3$  is a simple pole).

Therefore, 
$$\text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2+1)(x-3)} = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f; i) + \pi i \operatorname{Res}(f; 3)$$

$$= 2\pi i \cdot \frac{1}{(xi)(x-3)} \Big|_{x=i} + \pi i \cdot \frac{1}{x^2+1} \Big|_{x=3} = \frac{2\pi i}{2i(-3+i)} + \frac{\pi i}{10}$$

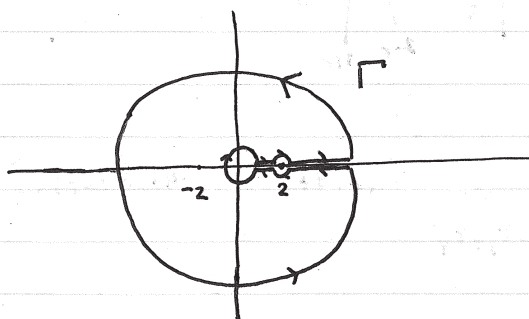
$$= \frac{\pi}{-3+i} + \frac{\pi i}{10} = \pi \cdot \frac{-3-i}{(-3-i)(-3-i)} + \frac{\pi i}{10} = \pi \cdot \frac{-3-i}{10} + \frac{\pi i}{10} = \frac{-3\pi}{10}$$

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10. Let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1/2}(z^2-4)}$  using the branch of  $z^{1/2}$  given by

$$(re^{i\theta})^{1/2} = r^{1/2} e^{i\theta/2} \quad \text{where } 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi. \quad (\text{Branch cut is } \odot)$$

along the positive real axis.) Use the following contour:



Let  $\epsilon$  be the radius of the <sup>small</sup> circle centered at 0,  $r$  be the radius of the circle centered at 2,  $\rho$  be the radius of the large circle centered at 0.

$$\text{We know } \int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f, -2).$$

As  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the integral around the inner circle tends to 0

$$\text{since it is bounded by } (2\pi\epsilon) \cdot \frac{\text{Constant}}{\epsilon^{1/2}} = \text{Constant} \cdot \epsilon^{1/2}.$$

(The dominant term in the denominator  $z^{5/2} - 4z^{1/2}$  is  $4z^{1/2}$ .)

As  $\rho \rightarrow \infty$ , the integral around the outer circle tends to 0

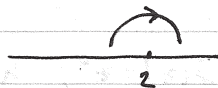
$$\text{since it is bounded by } (2\pi\rho) \cdot \frac{\text{Constant}}{\rho^{5/2}}. \quad (\text{The dominant}$$

term in the denominator  $z^{5/2} - 4z^{1/2}$  is  $z^{5/2}$ .)

To compute the integrals along the small circle centered at 2,

we can't use  $\text{Res}(f, 2)$  since  $f$  is not analytic at 2.

However, for the upper semicircle,

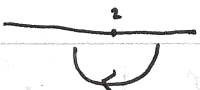


we can say that  $f$  behaves like its upper branch, so

the integral converges to  $-\pi i \cdot \frac{1}{2^{1/2}(2+2)}$ .


"upper value" →

For the lower semicircle,  $f$  behaves like its lower branch, so

the integral  converges to  $-\pi i \cdot \frac{1}{2^{1/2} e^{i\pi} (2+2)} = \pi i \cdot \frac{1}{2^{1/2} \cdot 4}$ .

"lower value" →

Finally, the horizontal portions: The upper horizontal

integrals 

converge to  $\text{p.v.} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{1/2}(x^2-4)} dx$ , and the lower horizontal

integrals converge to  $-\text{p.v.} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{1/2} e^{i\pi} (x^2-4)} dx = \text{p.v.} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^{1/2}(x^2-4)} dx$ .

Putting it all together,

$$2 \text{p.v.} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{1/2}(x^2-4)} - \pi i \cdot \frac{1}{2^{1/2} \cdot 4} + \pi i \cdot \frac{1}{2^{1/2} \cdot 4} = 2\pi i \text{Res}(f; -2)$$

$$= 2\pi i \cdot \frac{1}{2^{1/2} e^{i\pi/2} (-2-2)} = \frac{2\pi i}{2^{1/2} \cdot i \cdot (-4)} = \frac{-\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

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We conclude that 
$$\text{p.v.} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x(x^2-4)}} = \frac{-\pi}{4\sqrt{2}}.$$

11. Use  $f(z) = z^4$ ,  $h(z) = 3z^3 - 2z + 7$ . If  $|h(z)| < |f(z)|$

for all  $z$  on the circle of radius  $R$  centered at  $0$ , then

Rouché's Thm. implies that  $f$  and  $f+h$  have the same

number of roots in the disk  $\{|z| < R\}$ , counting multiplicity.

This is 4 roots because  $f$  has a zero of order 4 at

the origin. So we seek  $R$  such that  $|h(z)| < R^4$  whenever

$$|z| = R. \quad \text{We know } |h(z)| \leq 3|z|^3 + 2|z| + 7 = 3R^3 + 2R + 7.$$

↑ (note the + sign!)

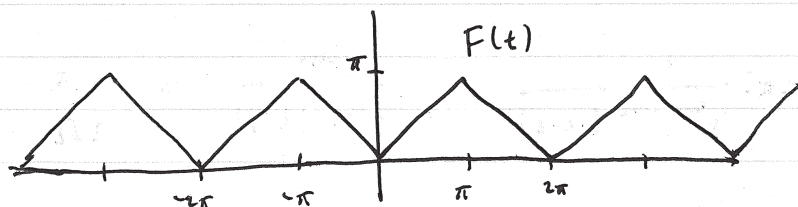
Therefore, if  $3R^3 + 2R + 7 < R^4$ , this value of  $R$  works.

Take  $R=4$ , then the left side is  $3 \cdot 64 + 8 + 7 < 256$ .

(In fact, Wolfram Alpha says that the zeros of the polynomial

with highest modulus are  $-2.24 \pm 0.55i$ , with modulus 2.31.)

12.



$$\textcircled{a} \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(t) e^{-int} dt. \quad \text{If } n=0,$$

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} F(t) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} (\pi^2) = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$\text{If } n \neq 0, \quad c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^0 -t e^{-int} dt + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} t e^{-int} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ (-t) \cdot \frac{e^{-int}}{-in} \Big|_{t=-\pi}^0 - \int_{-\pi}^0 (-1) \frac{e^{-int}}{-in} dt \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ t \cdot \frac{e^{-int}}{-in} \Big|_{t=0}^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{e^{-int}}{-in} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{+\pi}{in} e^{in\pi} - \frac{1}{in} \cdot \frac{e^{-int}}{-in} \Big|_{t=-\pi}^0 \right] + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{-\pi}{in} e^{-in\pi} + \frac{1}{in} \cdot \frac{e^{-int}}{-in} \Big|_{t=0}^{\pi} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi}{in} e^{in\pi} - \frac{1}{n^2} (1 - e^{in\pi}) \right] + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi}{in} e^{-in\pi} + \frac{1}{n^2} (e^{-in\pi} - 1) \right].$$

When  $n$  is even,  $e^{in\pi} = e^{-in\pi} = 1$ , so we get

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi}{in} \right] + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi}{in} \right] = 0.$$

When  $n$  is odd,  $e^{in\pi} = e^{-in\pi} = -1$ , so we get

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ -\frac{\pi}{in} - \frac{2}{n^2} \right] + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\pi}{in} - \frac{2}{n^2} \right] = \frac{-2}{\pi n^2}.$$

$$\text{Therefore } c_n = \begin{cases} \pi/2, & n=0 \\ 0, & n \text{ even, } n \neq 0 \\ -2/\pi n^2, & n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

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⑥ First solve  $f'(t) + 4f(t) = e^{int}$ . If

$$f(t) = ae^{int} \text{ then } a \cdot in e^{int} + 4ae^{int} = e^{int},$$

$$a(in + 4) = 1, \quad a = \frac{1}{in + 4}.$$

Therefore a solution to  $f'(t) + 4f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{int}$

$$\text{is } f(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{c_n}{in + 4} e^{int}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} + \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{1}{in + 4} \cdot \frac{-2}{\pi n^2} e^{int}.$$

13. ① The Fourier transform of  $F(t)$  is

$$G(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(1+i\omega)t} dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{e^{-(1+i\omega)t}}{-(1+i\omega)} \Big|_{t=0}^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{-1}{1+i\omega} (0 - 1) = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+i\omega)}.$$

②  $f'(t) + 4f(t) = F(t)$ , Fourier transform

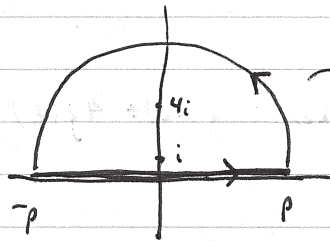
$$\text{of both sides gives } i\omega g(\omega) + 4g(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+i\omega)}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } g(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi(4+i\omega)(1+i\omega)}.$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad f(t) = \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4+i\omega)(1+i\omega)} e^{i\omega t} d\omega.$$

Poles at  $4+i\omega=0$ ,  $1+i\omega=0$   
 $\omega=4i$ ,  $\omega=i$ .

When  $t > 0$  use an upper semicircular contour:



integral along the semicircle  
tends to 0 as  $p \rightarrow \infty$   
by Jordan's Lemma

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot 2\pi i \left[ \text{Res}(g(\omega) e^{i\omega t}; i) + \text{Res}(g(\omega) e^{i\omega t}; 4i) \right]$$

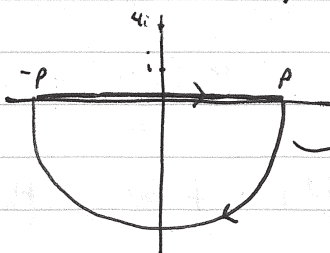
$$= i \cdot \left[ \frac{\omega - i}{(4+i\omega)(1+i\omega)} e^{i\omega t} \Big|_{\omega=i} + \frac{\omega - 4i}{(4+i\omega)(1+i\omega)} e^{i\omega t} \Big|_{\omega=4i} \right].$$

Note,  $\frac{\omega - i}{1+i\omega} = -i$ ,  $\frac{\omega - 4i}{4+i\omega} = -i$ . So,

$$f(t) = i \cdot \left[ \frac{-i}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{-i}{-3} e^{-4t} \right] = \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{3} e^{-4t}$$

when  $t > 0$ .

When  $t \leq 0$  use a lower semicircular contour:



integral along the semicircle tends to 0  
as  $p \rightarrow \infty$  by Jordan's Lemma when  
 $t < 0$ , and since the denominator of  
 $\frac{1}{(4+i\omega)(1+i\omega)}$  has degree 2 when  $t = 0$ .

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Since there are no poles inside the contour,

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{P.V.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\omega) e^{i\omega t} d\omega = 0 \quad \text{when } t \leq 0.$$

Conclusion:  $f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{3} e^{-4t}, & t > 0. \end{cases}$

④ If  $g(t) = A e^{-4t}$ , then  $g'(t) + 4g(t) = -4A e^{-4t} + 4A e^{-4t}$

which equals 0. ✓

Solution to initial-value problem:

$$f(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{3} e^{-t} - \frac{1}{3} e^{-4t}}_{\text{particular solution to original diff. eq.}} + \underbrace{A e^{-4t}}_{\text{general solution to homogeneous diff. eq.}}$$

particular solution  
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Solve for  $A$ :  $f(0) = 2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + A$ , so  $A = 2$ .

Therefore  $f(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{5}{3} e^{-4t}$ .

⑤ Initial-value problem:  $f'(t) + 4f(t) = e^{-t}$  ( $t \geq 0$ ),  
 $f(0) = 2$ .

Laplace transform of both sides:

$$\mathcal{L}\{f'\}(s) + 4\mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = \mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}\} = \frac{1}{s+1}.$$

We know  $\mathcal{L}\{f'\}(s) = s\mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) - f(0)$ , therefore

$$s \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) - 2 + 4 \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$(s+4) \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = 2 + \frac{1}{s+1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = \frac{2}{s+4} + \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+4)}$$

Partial fractions on  $\frac{1}{(s+1)(s+4)}$ : it equals  $\frac{A}{s+1} + \frac{B}{s+4}$

$$\text{where } A = \left. \frac{s+4}{(s+1)(s+4)} \right|_{s=-1} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad B = \left. \frac{s+4}{(s+1)(s+4)} \right|_{s=-4} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Thus } \mathcal{L}\{f\}(s) = \frac{2}{s+4} + \frac{1/3}{s+1} - \frac{1/3}{s+4} = \frac{1/3}{s+1} + \frac{5/3}{s+4}$$

We know that the Laplace transform of  $\frac{1}{3} e^{-t}$  is  $\frac{1/3}{s+1}$ ,

and the Laplace transform of  $\frac{5}{3} e^{-4t}$  is  $\frac{5/3}{s+4}$ . Therefore

without needing the inversion formula, we can conclude

$$\text{that } f(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{5}{3} e^{-4t}.$$