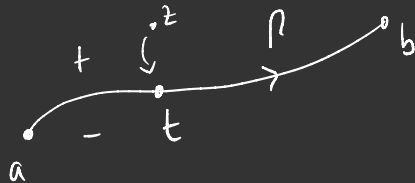


## Lecture 9a

Plemelj formulae

#### 4. PLEMELT FORMULAE & APPLICATIONS



We consider holomorphic functions defined by a

Cauchy integral

$$w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds$$

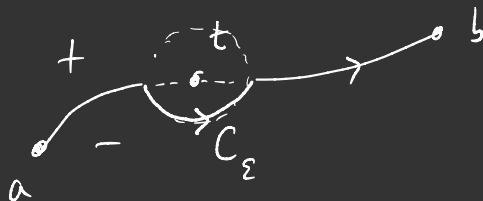
where  $\Gamma = \{z(t) \in \mathbb{C} : t_0 < t < t_1, z(t_0) = a, z(t_1) = b\}$ , and we write  $\bar{\Gamma} = \Gamma \cup \{a, b\}$ .

We are interested in the limiting values of  $w(z)$  as  $z$  approaches  $\Gamma$  from either side at  $t$ .

[We assume  $f$  is sufficiently smooth that it can be extended to be holomorphic in a neighborhood of  $t$ ]

We define the  $+/-$  sides of  $\Gamma$  as the left/right sides in the direction of integration.

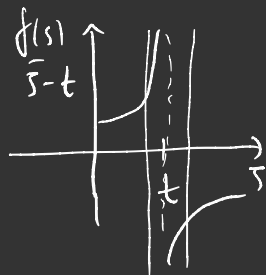
As  $z \rightarrow t^+$ , deform  $P$  by deleting the section  $\gamma_\varepsilon = P \cap D(t, \varepsilon)$  and replacing with  $C_\varepsilon$ , the semi-circular arc.



$$\text{Then } w_+(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( \int_{C_\varepsilon} + \int_{P \setminus \gamma_\varepsilon} \right) \frac{f(s)}{s-t} ds$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} f(t) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_P \frac{f(s)}{s-t} ds \quad [s = t + \varepsilon e^{i\theta}]$$

where  $\int_P$  is the principal value integral defined by  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{P \setminus \gamma_\varepsilon} \frac{f(s)}{s-t} ds$



which exists because the logarithmic singularities from  $s = t \pm \varepsilon$  cancel out.

As  $z \rightarrow t^-$ , deform  $P$  the other way, so

$$w_-(t) = -\frac{1}{2} f(t) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int \frac{f(s)}{s-t} ds.$$

[minus sign, since we go backwards around semi-circle]

Together, we have

$$W_{\pm}(t) = \pm \frac{1}{2} f(t) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\rho} \frac{f(s)}{s-t} ds$$

Next are the  
Plemelj formulae.

At the end points  $a, b$ , we'll make use of the following results:

- if  $f(s) \rightarrow 0$  as  $s \rightarrow a$ , then  $w(z) = O(1)$  as  $z \rightarrow a$ .
- if  $f(s) = O(1)$  as  $s \rightarrow a$ , then  $w(z) = O(\log|z-a|)$  as  $z \rightarrow a$ .
- if  $f(s) = O((s-a)^{-\alpha})$  for  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ , then  $w(z) = O(|z-a|^{-\alpha})$  as  $z \rightarrow a$ .

## Lecture 9b

Example (Problem 1) We want to find  $w(z)$ , holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{\Gamma}$ , such that the limiting values on  $z \rightarrow t \in \Gamma$  satisfy  $\underline{w_+(t) - w_-(t) = G(t)}$ , where  $G$  is a prescribed continuous function.

Seek a solution as a Cauchy integral  $w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds$ .

Then Plemelj  $\Rightarrow w_+(t) + w_-(t) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int \frac{f(s)}{s-t} ds$  &  $w_+(t) - w_-(t) = f(t)$ .

So we can simply read off that we need to take  $f(s) = G(s)$ . Hence we can write

$$w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{G(s)}{s-z} ds + h(z)$$

where  $h(z)$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{\Gamma}$  and continuous across  $\Gamma$ . In fact, using Morera's Theorem, such a function must be holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{a, b\}$ .

Determining  $h(z)$  requires additionally specifying the behaviour of  $w(z)$  at the end points  $a, b$  of  $\Gamma$ , and as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ . For example, if  $w(z)$  has at worst logarithmic singularities at  $a/b$ , and  $w \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , then since  $h$  has only isolated singularities at  $a/b$ , it is in fact holomorphic everywhere, and by Liouville's Theorem it must be zero.

Example (Problem 2) We specialise to the case when  $\Gamma = (0, c)$ , a section of the real axis, and suppose  $\ln(w)$  is specified as  $y \rightarrow 0^\pm$ , i.e.  $\ln(w_\pm) = g_\pm(x)$  for prescribed  $g_\pm(x)$ .

Again, seek a solution  $w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^c \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi$

Plemelj formulae  $\Rightarrow w_+(x) - w_-(x) = f(x)$  &  $w_+(x) + w_-(x) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^c \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - x} d\xi$ .

Case I  $g_+ = -g_-$ . Then  $\operatorname{Im}(w_+ + w_-) = 0$ , so  $f$  must be purely imaginary.

So  $w_+ - w_-$  is purely imaginary, so is equal to  $2ig_+$ .  $\Rightarrow f(x) = 2ig_+(x)$

$$\text{Hence } w(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c \frac{g_+(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi + h(z)$$

where  $h(z)$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [0, c]$ , with  $\operatorname{Im}(h) = 0$  on  $(0, c)$ .

Case II  $g_+ = g_-$ . Then  $\operatorname{Im}(w_+ - w_-) = 0$ , so  $f$  must be purely real.

So  $w_+ + w_-$  is purely imaginary, and therefore equal to  $2ig_+$ .

Hence  $f(x)$  must satisfy 
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - x} d\xi = -2g_+(x) \quad \text{for } x \in (0, c)$$

This is a singular integral equation (S.I.E) for  $f(x)$ .



## Lecture 10a

Applications of Plücker formulae

Problem 2, Case II We are seeking  $w(z)$ , holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{\Gamma}$ , where  $\Gamma = (0, c)$ ,

with  $\operatorname{Im}(w_{\pm}) = g_{\pm}$  on  $(0, c)$ , with  $g_+ = g_-$ .

We write  $w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^c \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi$ , and we found  $w_+ - w_- = f$  is purely real,

and so  $w_+ + w_- = 2ig_+(x) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^c \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - x} d\xi$ .  $\textcircled{*}$

Idea: suppose we can find  $\tilde{w}(z)$ , holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{\Gamma}$ , with  $\tilde{w}_+(x) + \tilde{w}_-(x) = 0$  on  $\Gamma$ .

Then consider  $W(z) = \frac{w(z)}{\tilde{w}(z)}$ , which has

$$W_+(x) - W_-(x) = \frac{w_+(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)} - \frac{w_-(x)}{\tilde{w}_-(x)} = \frac{w_+(x) + w_-(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)} = \frac{2ig_+(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$W_+(x) + W_-(x) = \frac{w_+(x) - w_-(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)} = \frac{f(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

① in a version of problem 1; we can write

$$W(z) = \frac{1}{2\omega} \int_0^c \frac{F(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi + H(z) \quad \text{where } H \text{ is holomorphic } \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, c\}.$$

and read off that  $F(x) = \frac{2ig_+(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)}$ .

$$\text{Then } W(z) = \tilde{w}(z)W(z) = \tilde{w}(z) \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c \frac{g_+(\xi)}{\tilde{w}_+(\xi)(\xi - z)} d\xi + H(z) \right]$$

Note that  $W_+(x) + W_-(x) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_0^c \frac{F(\xi)}{\xi - x} d\xi + 2H(x) = \frac{f(x)}{\tilde{w}_+(x)}$  from ②.

so  $f(x) = \tilde{w}_+(x) \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^c \frac{g_+(\xi)}{\tilde{w}_+(\xi)(\xi - x)} d\xi + 2H(x) \right]$  satisfies the S.I.E.  $(*)$ .

How do we find  $\tilde{w}(z)$ ? By inspection,  $\tilde{w}(z) = z^{1/2}(c-z)^{1/2}$ , with branch cut on  $[0, c]$ .

Then  $\tilde{w}_{\pm}(x) = \pm x^{1/2}(c-x)^{1/2}$ , so this has the desired property!

More deductively, note we need  $\frac{\tilde{w}_+(x)}{\tilde{w}_-(x)} = -1$ , so  $\log \tilde{w}_+ - \log \tilde{w}_- = \pi i + 2m\pi i \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

This is again a version of problem 1, with solution

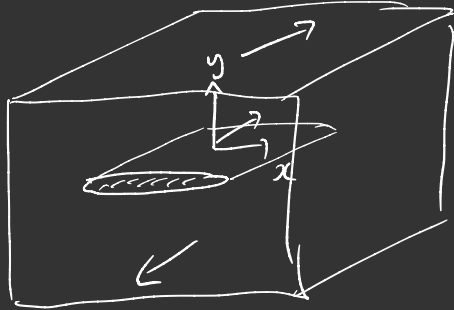
$$\begin{aligned}\log \tilde{w}(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^c \frac{\pi i + 2m\pi i}{\xi - z} d\xi + \tilde{h}(z) \\ &= \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ \log(c-z) - \log(-z) \right] + \tilde{h}(z)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{w}(z) = h^*(z) \left(\frac{c-z}{z}\right)^{m+\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $h^*$  is holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, c\}$ .

## Lecture 10b

## Example from fracture mechanics



The elastic displacement field in antiplane strain around a Mode III crack in  $(0,0,\Phi)$ , where  $\nabla^2 \Phi = 0$ , with

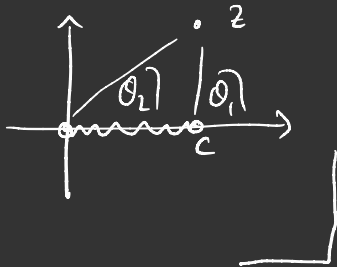
$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} \rightarrow T \text{ as } y \rightarrow \pm\infty, \quad \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} = 0 \text{ on } y=0, 0 < x < c.$$

We also require  $|\nabla \Phi|$  has an inverse square-root singularity at  $x=0$  and  $c$ . (related to the stress intensity factor)

We write  $\Phi = Ty - \phi$ , and then write  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \text{Im}(w)$ . Then we need  $w$  to be holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [0,c]$ , with  $\text{Im}(w) = T$  on  $(0,c)$ , and with  $w = O(z^{-1/2})$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$ ,  $w = O((z-c)^{-1/2})$  as  $z \rightarrow c$ , and  $w = O(z^2)$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ .

Then in Case II, which we have solved,

We choose  $\tilde{w}(z) = z^{-1/2}(c-z)^{-1/2}$  (ie incorporating the desired singularities for  $w$ )

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} z^{1/2}(c-z)^{1/2} &= -iz^{1/2}(z-c)^{1/2} = -i|z|^{1/2}|z-c|^{1/2} e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)/2} \\ &\text{with } \theta_1, \theta_2 \in [-\pi, \pi] \end{aligned} \right]$$


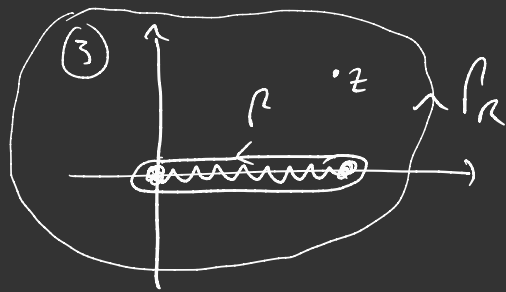
So  $\tilde{w}_{\pm}(x) = \pm x^{-1/2}(c-x)^{-1/2}$

Then, from earlier,  $w(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1/2}(c-z)^{1/2}} \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c \frac{T \xi^{1/2}(c-\xi)^{1/2}}{\xi-z} d\xi + H(z) \right]$

$H$  cannot have poles at 0 or  $c$ , else  $w$  would have singularities worse than inverse square-root singularities, so  $H$  must be entire. But we also need  $H = O(1/2)$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , so  $H$  is bounded and Liouville  $\Rightarrow H \equiv 0$ .

We can calculate the integral using a contour.

$$\text{Define } f(s) = \frac{s^{1/2}(c-s)^{1/2}}{s-z}$$



$$\text{Then } I = \int_0^c \frac{\xi^{1/2}(c-\xi)^{1/2}}{\xi-z} d\xi = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{\Gamma} f(s) ds = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{R_R} f(s) ds + \pi i \operatorname{res}(f, s=z)$$

$$\text{Note, for } s = Re^{i\theta}, \quad s^{1/2}(c-s)^{1/2} = -is^{1/2}(s-c)^{1/2} = -is\left(1 - \frac{c}{s}\right)^{1/2} = -is\left(1 - \frac{c}{2s} + \dots\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{s-z} = \frac{1}{s}\left(1 - \frac{z}{s}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{s}\left(1 + \frac{z}{s} + \dots\right)$$

$$\text{so } f(s) = -i\left(1 + \left(z - \frac{c}{2}\right)\frac{1}{s} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{R_R} f(s) ds = \int_0^{2\pi} -i\left[1 + \left(z - \frac{c}{2}\right)\frac{1}{Re^{i\theta}} + O\left(\frac{1}{R^2}\right)\right] Re^{i\theta} d\theta \rightarrow 2\pi\left(z - \frac{c}{2}\right)$$

$\text{as } R \rightarrow \infty.$

$$\text{so } I = -\pi\left(z - \frac{c}{2}\right) + \pi i z^{1/2}(c-z)^{1/2}$$

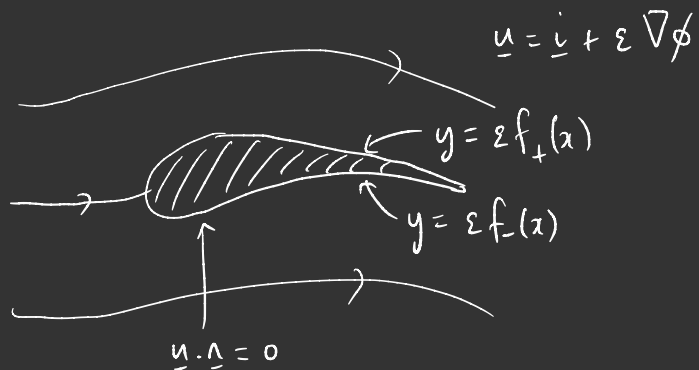
$$\& \text{ finally, } w(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1/2}(c-z)^{1/2}} \frac{I}{\pi} = \boxed{Ti - \frac{T(z - \frac{c}{2})}{z^{1/2}(c-z)^{1/2}}}$$



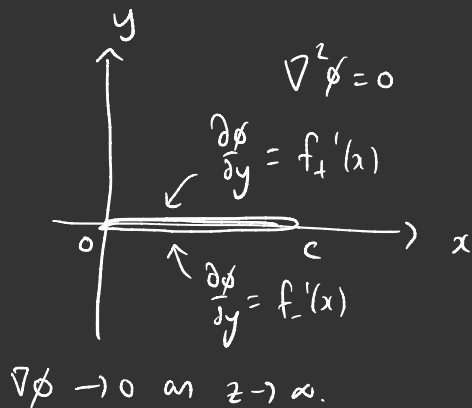
## Lecture 11a

More applications of Plücker formulae & Riemann-Hilbert problems

## Example from aerfoil theory



linearise



The Kutta condition says that  $\nabla \phi$  must be finite at the trailing edge  $z=c$ , but we expect an inverse square-root singularity at the leading edge  $z=0$ .

We write  $w = -\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - i \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}\right)$ ,  $\Gamma = (0, c)$ , and  $g_{\pm}(x) = f'_{\pm}(x)$ , then we need:

$w$  holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{\Gamma}$ , with  $\text{Im}(w_{\pm}) = g_{\pm}(x)$ , and  $w \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $w = O(z^{-1/2})$  as  $z \rightarrow 0$  and  $w = O(1)$  as  $z \rightarrow c$ .

We consider the case  $g_+ = g_- = g$ , which represents a thin aerofoil



This is case II of problem 2 from the last lecture.

Given the desired singularity for  $w$ , a good choice for  $\tilde{w}(z)$  is  $\left(\frac{c-z}{z}\right)^{1/2}$ .

Instead, we'll try  $\tilde{w}(z) = z^{-1/2}(c-z)^{-1/2}$ . Then

$$w(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1/2}(c-z)^{1/2}} \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c \frac{g(\xi) \xi^{1/2} (c-\xi)^{1/2}}{\xi-z} d\xi + H(z) \right]$$

$H$  could have singularities at 0 or  $c$ , but they would make  $w$  too singular there, so we need  $H$  to be entire. In order for  $w \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ , we need  $H$  to be bounded, so Liouville  $\Rightarrow H$  is constant.

In order to make  $w$  finite at  $z=c$ , we need to choose  $H = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c \frac{g(\xi) \xi^{1/2} (c-\xi)^{1/2}}{\xi-c} d\xi$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } w(z) &= \frac{1}{z^{1/2}(c-z)^{1/2}} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c g(\xi) \xi^{1/2} (c-\xi)^{1/2} \left[ \frac{1}{\xi-z} - \frac{1}{\xi-c} \right] d\xi \\
 &= \boxed{\left( \frac{c-z}{z} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^c g(\xi) \left( \frac{\xi}{c-\xi} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\xi-z} d\xi}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{z-c}{(\xi-z)(\xi-c)} = \frac{c-z}{(\xi-z)(c-\xi)}$

That is the same as we would have obtained taking  $\tilde{w}(z) = \left( \frac{c-z}{z} \right)^{1/2}$ .

Lecture 11b

## General Riemann - Hilbert problem

Recall the Plemelj formulae for  $w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds$  are  $w_{\pm}(z) = \pm \frac{1}{2} f(z) + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds$

Suppose we seek  $w(z)$  holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \bar{\Gamma}$ , with

$$a(z)w_+(z) + b(z)w_-(z) = c(z) \text{ on } \Gamma$$

First step is to introduce  $\tilde{w}(z)$  satisfying  $a(z)\tilde{w}_+(z) + b(z)\tilde{w}_-(z) = 0$  on  $\Gamma$ .

How? Rearrange as  $\frac{\tilde{w}_+}{\tilde{w}_-} = -\frac{b}{a}$ , then take logs  $\Rightarrow \log \tilde{w}_+ - \log \tilde{w}_- = \log\left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)$ .

$$\text{so } \log \tilde{w}(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \log\left(-\frac{b(s)}{a(s)}\right) \frac{ds}{s-z}.$$

Then consider  $W(z) = \frac{w(z)}{\tilde{w}(z)}$ , which satisfies  $W_+(z) - W_-(z) = \frac{c(z)}{a(z)\tilde{w}_+(z)}$  on  $\Gamma$ .

$$\text{Hence } \frac{w(z)}{\tilde{w}(z)} = W(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{c(s)}{a(s)\tilde{w}_+(s)} \frac{ds}{s-z} + H(z)$$

where  $H$  must be holomorphic except possibly at the end points of  $\Gamma$ .

This also gives us a method for solving a more general singular integral equation of the form

$$a(z)f(z) + b(z) \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds = c(z) \quad \text{on } \Gamma$$

By defining  $w(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds$ , we can re-write this as a Riemann-Hilbert problem.

## Lecture 12a

Complex Fourier transforms



## 5 COMPLEX FOURIER TRANSFORMS.

Recall the definition of the Fourier transform for an integrable function  $f(x)$

$$\bar{f}(k) = \tilde{F}[f(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx} dx$$

If  $f(x)$  is continuous, then the inverse  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \bar{f}(k) e^{-ikx} dk$

Some important properties:  $\tilde{F}[f'(x)] = -ik \bar{f}(k)$

$$\tilde{F}[x f(x)] = -i \frac{d\bar{f}}{dk}(k)$$

$$\tilde{F}[f * g] = \bar{f}(k) \bar{g}(k)$$

where  $f * g = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(s) g(x-s) ds$   
is the convolution of  $f$  and  $g$ .

We extend the definition to non-integrable  $f$  by allowing  $k$  to take complex values.

Suppose  $f(x) = O(e^{c|x|})$  as  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $c$  is a real constant.

$$\text{Define } f_+(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases} \quad \& \quad f_-(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \geq 0 \\ f(x) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Then define the half-range transform

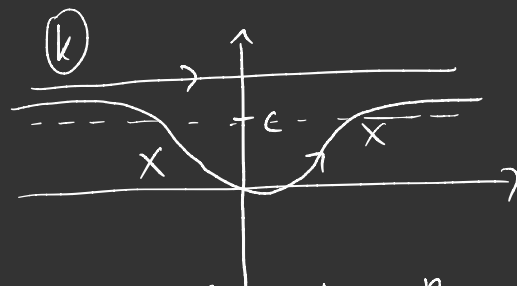
$$\bar{f}_+(k) = \int_0^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx} dx = \int_0^{\infty} f(x) e^{-\ln(k)x} e^{i\ln(k)x} dx \quad \text{for } \ln(k) > c$$

$\bar{f}_+(k)$  is a holomorphic function of  $k$  as  $\ln(k) > c$ , and it can usually be analytically continued into  $\ln(k) < c$ , although there will typically be some singularities in  $\ln(k) < c$ .

The inverse is  $f_+(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty + i\alpha}^{\infty + i\alpha} \bar{f}_+(k) e^{-ikx} dk$

where  $\alpha > c$ .

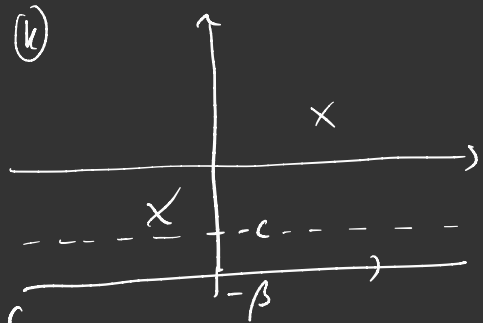
The inversion contour can be deformed into  $\ln(k) < c$ , provided it stays above the singularities of  $\bar{f}_+(k)$ .



Similarly, we define  $\bar{f}_-(k) = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x) e^{ikx} dx$  for  $\text{Im}(k) < -c$

The inverse is given by

$$f_-(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty - i\beta}^{\infty - i\beta} \bar{f}_-(k) e^{-ikx} dk, \text{ with } -\beta < -c$$

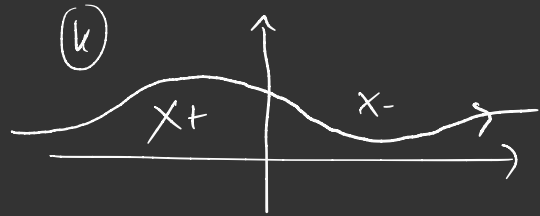


Again, the inverse contour can be deformed into  $\text{Im}(k) > -c$ , provided it passes below the singularities of  $\bar{f}_-(k)$ .

If there is an overlap region,  $\Omega$  say, where both  $\bar{f}_+(k)$  and  $\bar{f}_-(k)$  are holomorphic, then

$\bar{f}(k) = \bar{f}_+(k) + \bar{f}_-(k)$  is the Fourier transform, defined on  $\Omega$ , with inverse

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \bar{f}(k) e^{-ikx} dk$$



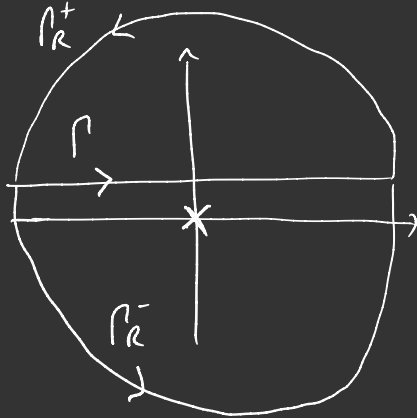
where  $\Gamma$  must pass above any singularities of  $\bar{f}_+$  and below those of  $\bar{f}_-$ .

## Lecture 12b

Example  $f(x) = H(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$

$$\bar{H}(k) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{ikx} dx = \frac{1}{ik} e^{ikx} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{i}{k} \quad \text{for } \text{Im}(k) > 0 \quad (c=0 \text{ in the general theory})$$

$\bar{H}$  is originally defined for  $\text{Im}(k) > 0$ , but is clearly holomorphic on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .



The inversion contour must pass above this singularity.

$$H(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \bar{H}(k) e^{-ikx} dk$$

$$\text{For } x < 0, H(x) = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma^+} \bar{H}(k) e^{-ikx} dk = 0$$

$$\text{For } x > 0, H(x) = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[ \int_{\Gamma^-} \bar{H}(k) e^{-ikx} dk - 2\pi i \text{res}(\bar{H}(k) e^{-ikx}, k=0) \right]$$

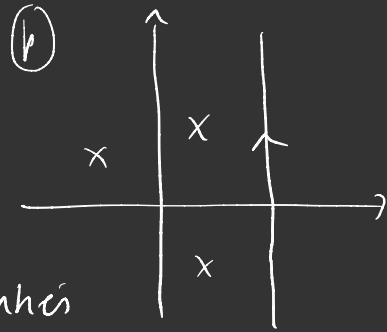
$$= 1$$

The Laplace transform  $\hat{f}(p)$  is obtained by setting  $k = ip$  in the definition of  $\bar{f}_+(k)$

$$\text{i.e. } \hat{f}(p) = \int_0^{\infty} f(x) e^{-px} dx$$

$$\text{and the inverse is given by } f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\alpha - i\infty}^{\alpha + i\infty} \hat{f}(p) e^{px} dp$$

where  $\alpha > c$  such that the contour is to the right of all singularities of  $\hat{f}(p)$ .



## Example use of the Fourier transform (real $k$ )

Solve  $\nabla^2 u = 0$  in  $y > 0$ , with  $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$  &  $u$  bounded as  $x^2 + y^2 \rightarrow \infty$ .

F.T. in  $x \Rightarrow -k^2 \bar{u} + \frac{\partial^2 \bar{u}}{\partial y^2} = 0$  in  $y > 0$ , with  $\bar{u}(k, 0) = \bar{u}_0(k)$   
&  $\bar{u}$  bounded as  $y \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\text{Hence } \bar{u}(k, y) = A(k)e^{ky} + B(k)e^{-ky}$$

But  $\bar{u} \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow \infty$ , so if  $k > 0$ ,  $A(k) = 0$  and if  $k < 0$ ,  $B(k) = 0$ .  
 $B(k) = \bar{u}_0(k)$   $A(k) = \bar{u}_0(k)$

$$\text{so } \bar{u}(k, y) = \bar{u}_0(k) e^{-|k|y}$$

We note that  $\mathcal{F}^{-1}[e^{-|k|y}] = \frac{y}{\pi(x^2 + y^2)}$ , so by the convolution theorem,

$$u(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_0(s) \frac{y}{\pi((x-s)^2 + y^2)} ds$$