PHYS 2400

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(Collaborators submit their individually written assignments together, in class, in person)

## Homework rules:

Show your work and indicate your reasoning in order to receive credit.

Guessing answers is not a solution.

You can use calculators, Computer Algebra systems, or any programming in general **only if the problem statement requests that**.

To solve the problems, use the methods that are taught in this class. If a problem statement includes directions for solutions, following those directions is required.

Question:	1	2	3	Total
Points:	25	25	25	75
Score:				

Instructor/grader comments:

## The method of residues

1. (25 points) Calculate the following integral for real a, |a| < 1, and integer n,  $n \ge 0$ :

$$I_n(a) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin(n\varphi)}{1 - 2a\sin(\varphi) + a^2} \,\mathrm{d}\varphi.$$

Sketch the integration contour in the complex plane. Indicate the position(s) of the pole(s) of the integrand.

To verify your solution, use a computer algebra system to plot a graph of  $I_n(a)$  for  $0.1 \le a \le 0.8$  and n = 3 and n = 5. The expected graph is shown in Fig. 1.



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Hint: Consider the integral

$$J_n(a) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{e^{in\varphi}}{1 - 2a\sin(\varphi) + a^2} \,\mathrm{d}\varphi.$$

2. (25 points) Calculate the integral for a > 0:

$$I(a) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{x \, \mathrm{d}x}{a + x^3}.$$

Use the integration contour shown in Fig. 2 where  $R \rightarrow \infty$ . Sketch the position(s) of the pole(s) of the integrand.





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3. (25 points) Calculate the integral (assume a > 0):

$$I(a) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\left(a^2 + x^2\right)^2}.$$

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Sketch the integration contour. Indicate the position(s) of the pole(s) of the integrand. To verify your solution, use a computer algebra system to plot a graph of I(a) for  $3 \le a \le 8$ . The expected graph is shown in Fig. 4.



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