

**Homework 2 PY501** (Fall 2012)

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**Reading:** Brown and Churchill (Chapters 4-6) .

**Problems:** Due Monday Oct 1.

1. Evaluate

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{(a^2 + x^2)^2} dx.$$

2. Evaluate

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{1 + x^{2n+1}}$$

for  $n \geq 1$  .

3. For  $a^2 > b^2 + c^2$ , show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a + b \cos \theta + c \sin \theta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}}.$$

Why is this condition on  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  needed?

Hint: Rewrite integral as a contour integral in terms of  $z = e^{i\theta}$ .

4. Show that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{-1/2} dx}{(1 + x^2)} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

In this problem, you have to pay special attention in integrating around a branch point.

5. Show that

$$(a) \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6} = \frac{\pi^6}{945}; \quad (b) \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{12}; \quad (c) \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 + n^2 + n^4} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \tanh \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$