

Problem similar to p247 3b.

Find the order  $m$  of the pole and the corresponding residue  $B$  at the singularity  $z=0$ .

$$\frac{1}{z^2(e^z - 1)}$$

Solution

$$\frac{1}{z^2(e^z - 1)} = \frac{1}{z^2 \left( z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \dots \right)} = \frac{1}{z^3} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^3}{4!} + \dots}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^3} \frac{1}{1 - \varphi(z)}$$

where  $\varphi(z) = -\left( \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^3}{4!} + \dots \right)$ ,  $|\varphi(z)| < 1$  for small  $|z|$ .

$$= \frac{1}{z^3} (1 - \varphi(z) + \varphi^2(z) - \dots) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^3} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^3}{4!} + \dots \right) + \left( \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^3}{4!} + \dots \right)^2 - \left( \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^3}{4!} + \dots \right)^3 + \dots \right)$$

We need the coefficient at  $z^{-1}$  after multiplying by  $\frac{1}{z^3}$ , i.e. the coefficient at  $z^2$  in parentheses.

The terms containing  $z^2$  are:  $-\frac{z^2}{3!}$  in  $-\left( \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^3}{4!} + \dots \right)$  and  $\left( \frac{z}{2} \right)^2$  from  $\left( \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^3}{4!} + \dots \right)^2$ . The higher terms don't contain  $z^2$ .

$$\text{So } m=3, \quad B = -\frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$$

p 238, 4a

Evaluate the integral of the function

$\frac{z^5}{1-z^3}$  around the circle  $|z|=2$  in the positive sense.

Solution

$$\frac{z^5}{1-z^3} = \frac{z^5}{(1-z)(\alpha-z)(\beta-z)} \quad \text{where } 1, \alpha, \beta \text{ are cubic roots of } 1. (\alpha = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}, \beta = e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{3}})$$

The f-n has three simple poles whose residues can be calculated. But the way suggested in the book is to use the theorem in section 77 which states that in this case

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} \left[ \frac{1}{z^2} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \right].$$

$$\frac{1}{z^2} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^5}{1-\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^3} = \frac{z^3}{z^7(z^3-1)} = \frac{1}{z^4(z^3-1)} = \frac{-1}{z^4(1-z^3)}$$

We look at it as a f-n of  $z$ ,  $g(z)$ .

It has a pole of order 4 at 0.

To find its residue at 0 we use geometric progression

$$\frac{1}{z^4(1-z^3)} = -\frac{1}{z^4} (1+z^3+z^6+\dots)$$

So the residue of  $g$  is  $-1$  and

$$\oint f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} g = -2\pi i$$