

1. (10 points) One interesting application of contour integration is the ability to find the area of odd shapes in the plane. If we denote the area enclosed by a positively-oriented contour C by A , then

$$A = \frac{1}{2i} \oint_C \bar{z} dz$$

(a) (6 points) Recalling that the parametrization given by $z(t) = a \cos t + ib \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ represents an elliptical contour C with horizontal axis a and vertical axis b use the formula for A to compute the area enclosed by an ellipse. (Your final answer should only involve π , a and b .)

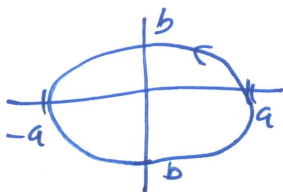
$$A = \frac{1}{2i} \int_0^{2\pi} (a \cos t - ib \sin t)(-a \sin t + ib \cos t) dt$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2i} \int_0^{2\pi} a^2 \cos t \sin t + b^2 \sin t \cos t + i(ab \sin^2 t + ab \cos^2 t) dt$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2i} (a^2 + b^2) \int_0^{2\pi} \cos t \sin t dt + \frac{1}{2i} (ab) \int_0^{2\pi} i dt$$

$$z = a \cos t + ib \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

$$z' = -a \sin t + ib \cos t$$



$$A = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin 2t}{2} dt + \frac{ab \cdot 2\pi i}{2i}$$

$$= \frac{a^2 + b^2}{4i} \left(-\frac{\cos 2t}{2} \right) \Big|_0^{2\pi} + \pi ab$$

$$= \frac{a^2 + b^2}{8i} (\cos 0 - \cos 2\pi) + \pi ab$$

$$= \pi ab$$

(b) (4 points) On the same contour as part (a) find the value of B , where

$$B = \frac{1}{2i} \oint_C z dz$$

(HINT: think how the functions in the integrands of A and B are different to obtain the value B of this integral without doing very much work.) EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER.

z is analytic everywhere so by the Cauchy-Goursat Theorem $B = \frac{1}{2i} \oint_C z dz = 0$ regardless of the shape of C

We know z is analytic because it's a polynomial in z and all polynomials in z are ENTIRE (analytic everywhere)