

Evaluate the integral $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx$. [95 高應大機械 8]

[解] $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^4 + 1}$, 極點有 $e^{i\pi/4}, e^{i3\pi/4}, e^{i5\pi/4}, e^{i7\pi/4}$, 其中 $e^{i\pi/4}, e^{i3\pi/4}$ 在上半平面

$$\text{Res}[f(z); e^{i\pi/4}] = \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\pi/4}} \frac{1}{4z^3} = \frac{1}{4e^{i3\pi/4}} = \frac{1}{4\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)} = \frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i}{2[(-\sqrt{2})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2]} = \frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i}{8}$$

$$\text{Res}[f(z); e^{i3\pi/4}] = \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i3\pi/4}} \frac{1}{4z^3} = \frac{1}{4e^{i9\pi/4}} = \frac{1}{4\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i}{2[(\sqrt{2})^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2]} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i}{8}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4 + 1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi i \left(\frac{-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i}{8} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{4}$$