

ON A CLASS OF CAUCHY EXPONENTIAL SERIES

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1. Introduction. Let $Q(z)$ be a meromorphic function with poles $z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots$, the notation being so chosen that $|z_1| \leq |z_2| \leq |z_3| \leq \dots$. If $f \in L(0, 1)$, define

$$c_\nu e^{z_\nu x} = \text{res}_{z_\nu} Q(z) \int_0^1 f(t) e^{z(x-t)} dt.$$

Then, the series $\sum c_\nu e^{z_\nu x}$ is called the Cauchy Exponential Series (CES) of f with respect to $Q(z)$. If z_ν is of multiplicity m , then c_ν is a polynomial in x of degree at most $m-1$; if the poles are all simple, with residue λ_ν at z_ν , we may write

$$(1) \quad c_\nu = \lambda_\nu \int_0^1 f(t) e^{-z_\nu t} dt$$

and $\{c_\nu\}$, independent of x , are called the CE constants.

Let $C_p: |z| = r_p$ be an expanding sequence of contours, none of which passes through a pole of $Q(z)$. Suppose C_p contains n_p poles of $Q(z)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\nu=1}^{n_p} c_\nu e^{z_\nu x} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_p} Q(z) dz \int_0^1 f(t) e^{z(x-t)} dt, \\ &= I_p, \quad \text{say.} \end{aligned}$$

Denote by C_p^+, C_p^- the parts of C_p lying in the right, left half-planes respectively. If $Q(z)$ is approximately unity on C_p^+ , and is small on C_p^- , in the sense that

$$(2) \quad \int_{C_p^+} (Q(z) - 1) dz \int_0^1 f(t) e^{z(x-t)} dt = o(1)$$

$$(3) \quad \int_{C_p^-} Q(z) dz \int_0^1 f(t) e^{z(x-t)} dt = o(1)$$

as $p \rightarrow \infty$, uniformly for $x \in [0, 1]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} I_p &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_p^+} dz \int_0^1 f(t) e^{z(x-t)} dt + o(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^1 \frac{f(t) \sin r_p(x-t)}{x-t} dt + o(1) \end{aligned}$$