Math 444 - Complex Integrals

1. Integrate the function $z - \overline{z}$ on the upper half of the unit circle from z = 1 to z = -1.

2. Integrate the function $\frac{1}{z}$ on the vertical line segment from z = 1 to z = 1 - ni where n is any positive constant.

3. Find the length of the path $\gamma(t) = t - ie^{-it}$, $0 \le t \le 2\pi$. This path is called a cycloid, and it is the path taken by a fixed point on a wheel as it makes one rotation.



4. Show that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left| \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} dz \right| = 0$ when γ is the horizontal line segment from 1 - ni to -1 - ni.

Use Sage to calculate the following integrals.

5. $\int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} dz$ where $\gamma(t)$ is the arc of the parabola $y = x^2 - 1$ from x = -1 to x = 1. Hint: You can parametrize γ as $\gamma(t) = t + i(t^2 - 1)$.

6. Some integrals are too hard to evaluate exactly, even for a computer. But you can always use a Riemann sum to estimate the value numerically. Use a Riemann sum with n = 1000 steps to estimate $\int_{\gamma} \sin(z) dz$ on the spiral path $\gamma(t) = te^{it}$ for $0 \le t \le 1$. To calculate the Riemann sum, you can either use

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} f(z_k) \Delta z_k \quad \text{or} \quad \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(\gamma(t_k)) \gamma'(t_k) \Delta t.$$

Please include your code with your solution for this problem.