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We will use the following identities in the solution. Firstly, it is an easy exercise of integration by parts in elementary calculus course that

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} x dx = \frac{\pi}{2^{2n}} {2n \choose n}$$
$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n+1} x dx = 0$$

where the second identity holds since the function is odd. Also, let  $C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} {2n \choose n}$  be the catalan sequence. Then its generating function is

$$c(x) = \sum_{i>0} C_i x^i = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4x}}{2x}$$

. See here for the proof. Then,

$$\sum_{i \ge 1} \frac{C_i}{i} x^i = \int_0^x \frac{c(x) - 1}{x} dx$$
$$= -\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4x}}{2x} - \log\left(\frac{x(1 + \sqrt{1 - 4x})}{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4x}}\right) + 1$$

. Then, by substituting  $x = 2\sin\theta$ , if |z| > 2,

$$\begin{split} \int_{-2}^{2} \log(z-x) \sqrt{4-x^2} dx &= \int \log z \sqrt{4-x^2} dx + \int \log \left(1-\frac{x}{z}\right) \sqrt{4-x^2} dx \\ &= 2\pi \log z + \int \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^n \sqrt{4-x^2} dx \\ &= 2\pi \log z - \sum \int \frac{1}{2n} \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^{2n} \sqrt{4-x^2} dx \\ &= 2\pi \log z - \sum \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{2nz^{2n}} 2^{2n+2} \sin^{2n} \theta \cos^2 \theta dx \\ &= 2\pi \log z - \sum \frac{2^{2n+2}}{2nz^{2n}} \left(\frac{1}{2^{2n}} \binom{2n}{n} - \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \binom{2n+2}{n+1}\right) \pi \\ &= 2\pi \log z - \sum \frac{1}{nz^{2n}} \left(\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}\right) \pi \\ &= \pi \left(2 \log z + \frac{z(z-\sqrt{z^2-4})}{2} + \log \left(\frac{z+\sqrt{z^2-4}}{z^2(z-\sqrt{z^2-4})}\right) - 1\right) \\ &= \pi \left(\frac{z(z-\sqrt{z^2-4})}{2} + \log \left(\frac{z+\sqrt{z^2-4}}{z-\sqrt{z^2-4}}\right) - 1\right) \end{split}$$

But then, it is clear by Morera's theorem that the answer is an analytic function of z, so the same result holds for  $|z| \leq 2$ .