

A function f is called meromorphic on domain D , if f is analytic or has a pole at every point in D .

Integration of meromorphic functions

Let $f(z)$ has a pole of order n at $z_0 \in D$.

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k (z-z_0)^k \text{ which is not valid}$$

for every point in D .

Now consider $\int f(z) dz$.

$$|z-z_0|=r$$

$$= \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \left[\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k (z-z_0)^k \right] dz$$

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Using Cauchy's Theorem, for $k \geq 0$,

$$\int_{|z-z_0|=r} (z-z_0)^k dz = 0, \text{ since } (z-z_0)^k \text{ is completely analytic in } |z-z_0| \leq r.$$

$$\text{Remember } f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw.$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi i f(z) = \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw.$$

$$\text{When } f(z) = 1 \text{ on } D, \int_{\partial D} \frac{dw}{w-z} = 2\pi i.$$

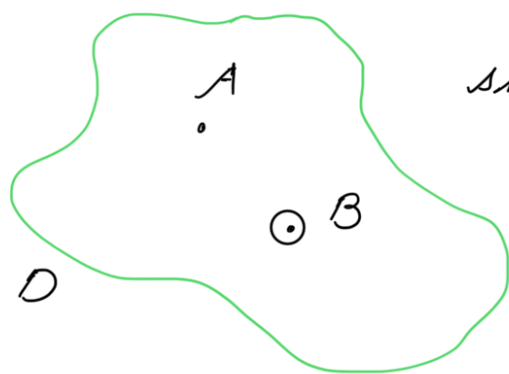
$$\oint_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{dz}{z-z_0} = 2\pi i$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{dz}{z-z_0} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{dz}{(z-z_0)^2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{dz}{(z-z_0)^n} = 0 \text{ for } n < 1.$$

Thus $\int_{|z-z_0|=r} f(z) dz = a_{-1} \cdot 2\pi i$

Now what if there are 2 poles in D .



We will construct a very small disk B around the 2nd pole.

Let $D' = D \setminus B$

$$\int_{D'} f(z) = 2\pi i \cdot a_{-1}$$

In B , let $f(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a'_k (z-z_0)^k$

$$\int_B f(z) dz = 2\pi i \cdot a'_{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_D f(z) dz = 2\pi i (a_{-1} + a'_{-1})$$

We will define $\boxed{\text{Res}_{z_0} f(z) = a_{-1}}$ which

is called the residue of $f(z)$ at the pole z_0 .

If there are n poles in the domain D ,

then $\boxed{\int_D f(z) dz = 2\pi i \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Res}_{z_j}(f)}$

Calculating residues

Let $f(z)$ has a pole of order 1 in D .

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} a_k (z-z_0)^k$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \{f(z) \cdot (z-z_0)\} = a_{-1}$$

If order of pole is $n > 1$, then

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \{f(z) \cdot (z-z_0)^n\} = \sum_{k=-n}^{-1} a_k (z-z_0)^{n+k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \{f(z) \cdot (z-z_0)^n\}^{(n-1)} = \text{Res}_{z_0}(f)$$