

The argument principle = formula for the number of zeros of f (or $\#f^{-1}(c)$) in a domain D :

Thm: If $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is analytic, D bounded domain with $\bar{D} \subset U$, $\partial D = \gamma$ piecewise smooth, assume f is nonzero at every point of γ . Then the number of zeros of f inside D , counted with multiplicity = order of each zero, is $n(\gamma, 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$.

Observe: $\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{d}{dz} (\log f(z))$ - the logarithmic derivative.

(NB: $\log f$ is only def'd locally up to $+2\pi i \mathbb{Z}$, but this doesn't matter for the derivative!).

Let z_1, \dots, z_k be the zeros of f inside D , with multiplicities m_1, \dots, m_k .
(isolated, hence finitely many since \bar{D} is compact).

Then we can write $f(z) = (z-z_1)^{m_1} \dots (z-z_k)^{m_k} g(z)$ where g is analytic and nowhere zero in D (check this makes sense & works near each z_i).

Properties of \log (or calculation) $\Rightarrow \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{m_1}{z-z_1} + \dots + \frac{m_k}{z-z_k} + \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)}$.

Now $\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)}$ is analytic in D (g has no zeros) so $\int_{\gamma} \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} dz = 0$,

while $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{m_j}{z-z_j} dz = m_j$ (Cauchy formula) $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum m_j$. \square

* Topological/geometric interpretation:

view f as a mapping $U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, it maps the loop $\gamma \subset U$ to $f_{\#}(\gamma) = f \circ \gamma$ loop in \mathbb{C} .
(may self-intersect). We've assumed $f \neq 0$ on γ , so $f \circ \gamma$ is actually a loop in \mathbb{C}^* .

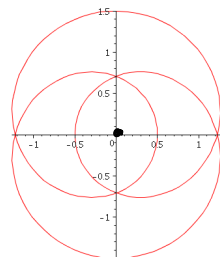
$$n(\gamma, 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{f_{\#}(\gamma)} \frac{dw}{w} \quad (\text{pullback formula, or more concretely, change of var's in path integral/chain rule})$$

$$= \text{change in } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \log(w), \text{ i.e. } \frac{1}{2\pi} \arg(w) \text{ around } f_{\#}(\gamma)$$

$$= \text{winding number of } f \circ \gamma \text{ around the origin in } \mathbb{C}.$$

Ex: $f(z) = z^3 - \frac{1}{2}z$ on unit circle:

winding number around origin is 3 (3 roots in unit disc)



Generalization: if $c \notin f(\gamma)$ then $n(\gamma, c) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)-c} dz =$ winding number of

$f(\gamma)$ around $c \in \mathbb{C}$ gives the number of times $f(z)=c$ inside D (with multiplicities).

This quantity varies continuously with c , & is an integer \Rightarrow locally constant (indep^t of c) as long as $c \notin f(\gamma)$. (Note: γ is compact, so $f(\gamma)$ as well $\Rightarrow \mathbb{C} - f(\gamma)$ is open).

Applying to $\gamma = S'(z, \delta)$, $n(\gamma, f(z)) > 0$ (isolation of zeros \Rightarrow for $\delta > 0$ small, $f(z) \notin f(\gamma)$). (2)
 $\Rightarrow n(\gamma, w) > 0 \quad \forall w \in B_\varepsilon(f(z)) \subset \mathbb{C} - f(\gamma)$, i.e. $f(B_\delta(z)) \supset B_\varepsilon(f(z))$. (in fact the whole connected component of $f(z)$ in $\mathbb{C} - f(\gamma)$).

This gives another proof of the open mapping principle.

* Another immediate generalization is to the case where f is meromorphic in D , rather than analytic: similarly write $f(z) = \frac{(z-a_1)^{n_1} \dots (z-a_k)^{n_k}}{(z-b_1)^{n_1} \dots (z-b_\ell)^{n_\ell}} g(z)$, where a_j are the zeros of f in D (with order n_j)
 b_j — " — poles — " — $n_j \Rightarrow \text{winding}(f \circ \gamma) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_\gamma \frac{f'(z) dz}{f(z)} = \sum_{j=1}^k n_j - \sum_{j=1}^\ell n_j$.

* A useful consequence of the argument principle is

Rouché's thm: $\left\| \begin{array}{l} \text{if } f \text{ and } g \text{ are analytic in } U \supset \bar{D}, \partial D = \gamma \text{ simple closed curve,} \\ \text{and } |f(z) - g(z)| < |f(z)| \quad \forall z \in \gamma, \text{ then } f \text{ and } g \text{ have the same} \\ \text{number of zeros in } D, \text{ counting with multiplicities.} \end{array} \right.$

Proof: $\left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right| < 1$ on γ , so $\frac{g}{f}$ maps γ to the open disc $B_1(1)$, which doesn't enclose the origin. So the winding number = #zeros - #poles = $\#g'(0) - \#f'(0) = 0$. \square

Rouché's thm is a good way of estimating the number of zeros of g in D by reducing to an easier calculation.

Ex: $g(z) = z^3 - 4z^2 + 1$: the fundamental thm of algebra says g has 3 roots, but how many of these are in the unit disc?

Answer: on S^1 , $|z^3 + 1| < |4z^2|$, so we can compare to $f(z) = -4z^2$ and conclude 2 of the 3 roots are in the unit disc.

Residue calculus: instead of using Cauchy's integral formula to study the behavior of analytic functions, let's now use it to evaluate integrals!

Assume we want to evaluate $\int_\gamma f(z) dz$, where $\gamma = \partial D$ and f is analytic in $U \supset \bar{D} - \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$. (or, later, a definite integral whose value can be related to \int_γ).

* Def: $\left\| \begin{array}{l} \text{The residue of } f \text{ at } p \text{ is } \text{Res}_p(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{S^1(p, \varepsilon)} f(z) dz. \\ \text{(for } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ small so } f \text{ is analytic in } D^*(p, \varepsilon) = D(p, \varepsilon) - \{p\}.) \end{array} \right.$

Expressing f as a Laurent series $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z-p)^n$ in $D^*(p, \varepsilon)$, $\boxed{\text{Res}_p(f) = a_{-1}}$.

So: the residue is easiest to calculate if f has a simple pole (ie. order 1) at p , ③
 in this case $\text{Res}_p(f) = \lim_{z \rightarrow p} (z-p)f(z)$. Otherwise, need to calculate, usually by
 determining part of the Laurent series for f . (eg. for rational functions, partial
 fraction decomposition will accomplish this).

* Now, Cauchy's theorem for $D \setminus \bigcup D(p, \epsilon)$ gives:

Residue Theorem: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{D} \text{ compact domain with piecewise smooth boundary } \gamma = \partial D, P \subset \text{int}(D) \text{ finite set,} \\ f \text{ analytic on } U \supset \bar{D} - P, \text{ then } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \sum_{p \in P} \text{Res}_p(f). \end{array} \right.$

We now explore how to use this to evaluate various kinds of definite integrals.

Example 1: $\int_0^{2\pi} R(\sin \theta, \cos \theta) d\theta$ (or $R(e^{i\theta})$) where R is a rational function (w/o. poles on S^1).

e.g. let's calculate $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a + \cos \theta}$, where $a > 1$.

Set $z = e^{i\theta}$ to turn this into a path integral on S^1 . then $d\theta = \frac{1}{i} d \log z = \frac{dz}{iz}$
 and $\cos \theta = \frac{z + \bar{z}}{2} \Rightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a + \cos \theta} = \int_{S^1} \frac{dz/z}{\frac{i}{2}(z + 2a + \bar{z}^{-1})} = -2i \int_{S^1} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 2az + 1}$

The poles are at $p_{\pm} = -a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 1}$; of these, only $p_+ = -a + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}$ is inside the unit circle. How do we calculate the residue?

\rightarrow partial fractions: $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z - p_+)(z - p_-)} = \frac{1}{p_+ - p_-} \left(\frac{1}{z - p_+} - \frac{1}{z - p_-} \right)$, so $\text{Res}_{p_+}(f) = \frac{1}{p_+ - p_-} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^2 - 1}}$

\rightarrow since this is a simple pole: $\text{Res}_{p_+}(f) = \lim_{z \rightarrow p_+} (z - p_+)f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow p_+} \frac{(z - p_+)}{(z - p_+)(z - p_-)} = \frac{1}{p_+ - p_-} = \text{same.}$

Hence $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a + \cos \theta} = -2i \int_{S^1} f(z) dz = 4\pi \text{Res}_{p_+}(f) = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{a^2 - 1}}$.

Example 2: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$ where f is a rational function $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$

(assume Q has no real roots, and $\deg Q \geq \deg P + 2$, so the integral converges).

The trick here is to recall $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R f(x) dx$; and complete the

segment $[-R, R]$ to a closed curve in \mathbb{C} by adding a semicircle of radius R in the upper half plane:
 $\int_{-R}^R f(x) dx + \int_{C_R} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{\substack{\text{Im } p > 0 \\ \text{and } |p| < R}} \text{Res}_p(f).$

Now, since $f = \frac{P}{Q}$ with $\deg Q \geq \deg P + 2$, $|f(z)| \leq \frac{C}{|z|^2}$, so $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_R} f(z) dz = 0$.

Hence: taking $R \rightarrow \infty$, we get $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 2\pi i \sum_{\text{Im}(p) > 0} \text{Res}_p(f)$. (4)

We can use $\lim_{z \rightarrow p} (z-p)f(z)$ to find $\text{Res}_p(f)$ if all poles are simple, else partial fractions. (Of course, the method of partial fractions already allowed us to integrate f !)

Ex: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2+1} = 2\pi i \text{Res}_i\left(\frac{1}{z^2+1}\right) = \pi$ (which we already knew using arctan)

using $\text{Res}_{z=i}\left(\frac{1}{z^2+1}\right) = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{z-i}{z^2+1} = \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{1}{z+i} = \frac{1}{2i}$.

Example 3: mixed rational & exponential functions (now we get to something new!)

Assume $f(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$ is a rational function as before (no real poles, $\deg Q \geq \deg P + 2$).

Then we can use the same method as above to calculate $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) e^{iz} dz$ by considering a large disc in the upper half plane.

The key point is that $|e^{iz}| = e^{-\text{Im}(z)} \leq 1$ in the upper half plane, so the path-integral along the semicircle still goes $\rightarrow 0$.

(whereas if integrand has e^{-iz} we'd want to consider the lower half-plane instead.)

Ex: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{iz}}{1+z^2} dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}_{z=i}\left(\frac{e^{iz}}{1+z^2}\right) = 2\pi i \cdot e^{-1} \cdot \text{Res}_{z=i}\left(\frac{1}{1+z^2}\right) = \frac{2\pi i}{2ie} = \frac{\pi}{e}$.

Taking real and imaginary parts:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos x}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{e}, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{1+x^2} dx = 0 \quad (\text{this was expected, by symmetry})$$

Example 3': we can actually handle the case $\deg Q = \deg P + 1$!! (still assuming \nexists real poles)

Then $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z) e^{iz} dz$ still converges, but not absolutely!

(example: $\int_{n\pi}^{(n+1)\pi} \frac{x \sin x}{1+x^2} dx \sim (-1)^n \frac{2}{n}$ convergent series, even though not abs. convergent).

Closing the path in \mathbb{C} also requires some care, to show the integrals along the portions we add do $\rightarrow 0$ as radius $\rightarrow \infty$: $\int_{\text{semicircle}} f(z) dz \rightarrow 0$ since $|f(z)| \sim \frac{C}{R}$ vs. length $= \pi R$.

One popular choice is to take a large rectangle  $\downarrow \rightarrow \infty$ but $\ll R$.

but semicircle is actually fine! The point is that:

- over the portion where $\text{Im}(z) > A$, $|e^{iz}| < e^{-A}$, so $\left| \int f(z) e^{iz} dz \right| \leq C e^{-A} \rightarrow 0$ as $A \rightarrow \infty$

- the portion where $\text{Im}(z) < A$ has length $\lesssim A$, and $|z| \gtrsim R$, so we have a bound by $\frac{CA}{R}$.

If we use eg. $A = \sqrt{R}$ to split things, we still get $\rightarrow 0$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$.