

RESIDUES

Let $f(z)$ be single-valued and analytic inside and on c except at the point $z = a$ chosen as the centre of c . Then the Laurent series about $z = a$ is given by

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z-a)^n$$

$$= a_0 + a_1 (z-a) + a_2 (z-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{a_{-1}}{(z-a)} + \frac{a_{-2}}{(z-a)^2} + \dots \quad (1)$$

Where $a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}} dz, n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad (2)$

In the special case $n = -1$, we have from equation (2) $a_{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^0} dz$ and so

$$a_{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c f(z) dz$$

$$\Rightarrow \oint_c f(z) dz = 2\pi i a_{-1} \quad (3)$$

Calculation of residues

To obtain the residue of a function $f(z)$ at $z = a$, it may appear from equation (1) that the Laurent expansion of $f(z)$ about $z = a$ must be obtained. However, in the case where $z = a$ is a

pole of order k , there is a simple formula for a_{-1} given by $a_{-1} = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^{k-1}}{dz^{k-1}} \{(z-a)^k f(z)\}$

(4)

If $k=1$ (Simple pole)

$$a_{-1} = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z-a) f(z) \text{ where } 0! = 1$$

Example 54

Find the poles of $f(z) = \frac{z^3 + 5z + 1}{z-2}$ and the corresponding residue.

Solution:

Pole: $z-2=0 \Rightarrow z=2$

Residue at $z=2$ is given by $\lim_{z \rightarrow 2} (z-2) \frac{z^3 + 5z + 1}{(z-2)} = 8 + 10 + 1 = 19$

Example 55

Find the residue of $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(z+1)^2}$ at the poles.

Solution:

Poles occur at $(z-1)(z+1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow z = 1$ (order 1) and $(z = -1)$ order 2 at

$$z = 1, \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) \frac{z}{(z-1)(z+1)^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } z = -1, \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{1!} \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ (z+1)^2 \frac{z}{(z-1)(z+1)^2} \right\} \\ = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{z}{z-1} \right) \\ = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{z - (z-1)}{(z-1)^2} = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Example 56

Confirm the answer to example 55 by using Laurent Series.

Solution:

$$f(z) = \frac{z^3 + 5z + 1}{z - 2}$$

Pole occurs at $z=2$

Laurent expansion around $z=2$

$$\text{Let } z - 2 = u \Rightarrow z = u + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{(u+2)^3 + 5(u+2) + 1}{u} \\ &= \frac{u^3 + 3u^2(2) + 3(2)^2 u + 8 + 5u + 10 + 1}{u} \\ &= \frac{u^3 + 6u^2 + 12u + 8 + 5u + 11}{u} \\ &= \frac{u^3 + 6u^2 + 17u + 19}{u} \\ &= u^2 + \frac{19}{u} + 6u + 17 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(z) = (z-2)^2 + \frac{19}{(z-2)} + 6(z-2) + 17$$

\therefore co-efficient of $\frac{1}{z-2}$ is the residue at $z = 2$, which is 19.

Example 57

Find the residues of $f(z) = \frac{z^2 - 2z}{(z+1)^2(z^2 + 4)}$ at all its poles.

Solution:

Poles: $z = -1$ - order 2
 $z = \pm 2i$ - order 1

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{At } z = -1, \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{1!} \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \frac{(z+1)^2(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z^2+4)} \right\} \\
= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{z^2-2z}{z^2+4} \\
= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{(z^2+4)(2z-2) - (z^2-2z)(2z)}{(z^2+4)^2} \\
= \frac{(5)(-4) - (3)(-2)}{25} = -\frac{14}{25}
\end{aligned}$$

At $z = 2i$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \frac{(z-2i)(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z-2i)(z+2i)} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \frac{(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z+2i)} \\
&= \frac{(-4-4i)}{(2i+1)^2(4i)} \\
&= \frac{(-4-4i)}{(-4+4i+1)(4i)} \\
&= \frac{-4-4i}{(-3+4i)(4i)} \\
&= \frac{4(-1-i)}{4i(-3+4i)} = \frac{1(-1-i)}{i(-3+4i)} \\
&= \frac{-(1+i)}{-3i-4} = \frac{-(1+i)}{-(3i+4)} = \frac{1+i}{3i+4} \\
&= \frac{(1+i)(4-3i)}{(4+3i)(4-3i)} = \frac{4+i+3}{16+9} \\
&= \frac{7+i}{25}
\end{aligned}$$

At $z = -2i$, (order 1)

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \left\{ \frac{(z+2i)(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z+2i)(z-2i)} \right\} \\
\text{Res} = \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \frac{z^2-2z}{(z+1)^2(z-2i)} \\
= \frac{(-2i)^2 - 2(-2i)}{(-2i+1)^2(-4i)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{-4+4i}{(-4-4i+1)(-4i)} = \frac{-4+4i}{(-3-4i)(-4i)} \\
&= \frac{4(-1+i)}{(-3-4i)(-4i)} = \frac{(-1+i)}{(3i-4)} \\
&= \frac{(-1+i)(-4-3i)}{(3i-4)(-4-3i)} = \frac{4+3i-4i+3}{25} = \frac{7-i}{25}
\end{aligned}$$

At $z = -2i$ (order 1, $\Rightarrow k = 1$)

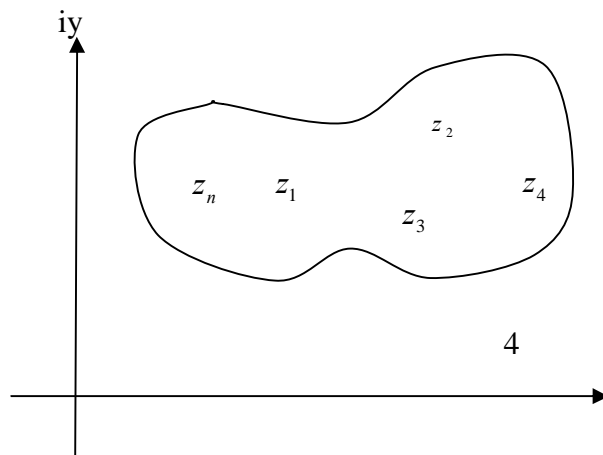
$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Res} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \frac{(z+2i)(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z+2i)(z-2i)} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \frac{(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z-2i)} \\
&= \frac{(-2i)^2 - 2(-2i)}{(-2i+1)^2(-2i-2i)} \\
&= \frac{-4+4i}{(-4-4i+1)(-4i)} \\
&= \frac{4i-4}{(-4i-3)(-4i)} = \frac{4(i-1)}{-4i(-4i-3)} \\
&= \frac{(i-1)}{(-4+3i)} \times \frac{(-4-3i)}{(-4-3i)} \\
&= \frac{-4i+3+4+3i}{(-4)^2+(3)^2} \\
&= \frac{i+7}{25}
\end{aligned}$$

THE RESIDUE THEOREM

Let $f(z)$ be a simple closed contour within and on which $f(z)$ is analytic except for a finite number of singular points z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n interior to c .

If $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ denote the residues of $f(z)$ at these points, then

$\oint_c f(z) dz = 2\pi i (\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \dots + \beta_n)$ where c is described in the positive sense.



Examples

1. Evaluate $\int \frac{2z+3}{z-1} dz$ around the circle $|z|=3$.

Solution: Pole: $z=1$ -order 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Residue at } z=1 \text{ is given by } \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{(z-1)(2z+3)}{(z-1)} \\ = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (2z+3) = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \oint_c \frac{2z+3}{z-1} = 2\pi i(5) = 10\pi i$$

OR

By Cauchy's integral formula

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c \frac{f(z)}{z-a}; z=1, f(z) = 2z+3 \\ \Rightarrow f(1) = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c \frac{2z+3}{z-1} dz$$

$$5 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c \frac{2z+3}{z-1} dz \Rightarrow \oint_c \frac{2z+3}{z-1} dz = 10\pi i$$

2. Evaluate $\oint \frac{e^z}{(z-2)(z-4)}$ when

(a) $|z|=5$ (b) $|z|=3$ (c) $|z|=1$

Solution:

(a) $|z|=5$

Poles are at $z=2$ and $z=4$, therefore they are inside c .

$$\text{At } z=2, \text{residue} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \frac{(z-2)e^z}{(z-2)(z-4)} = \frac{e^z}{(z-4)} = \frac{e^2}{-2} = B_1$$

$$\text{At } z=4, \text{residue} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 4} \frac{(z+4)e^z}{(z-2)(z+4)} = \frac{e^z}{z-2} = \frac{e^4}{2} = B_2$$

$$\int_c \frac{e^z}{(z-2)(z-4)} dz = 2\pi i \left(-\frac{e^2}{2} + \frac{e^4}{2} \right) = \pi i (e^4 - e^2)$$

(b) $|z|=3$

Pole $z=2$ is inside while pole $z=4$ is outside.

Pole $z=4$ is outside \Rightarrow residue at $z=4$ is 0.

Pole $z=2$ is inside \Rightarrow residue at $z=2$ is $-\frac{e^2}{2}$ (see (a) above)

$$\therefore \oint_c \frac{e^z}{(z-2)(z-4)} dz = 2\pi i \left(0 + -\frac{e^2}{2} \right) = 2\pi i \left(-\frac{e^2}{2} \right) = -\pi i e^2$$

(c) $|z|=1$

\therefore Both poles $z=2$ and $z=4$ are outside c .

$$\therefore \text{By Cauchy's Theorem, } \int \frac{e^z}{(z-2)(z-4)} dz = 0$$

3. Show that $\oint_c \frac{3z^2+2}{(z-1)(-z^2+9)} dz = \pi i$, where $c: |z-2|=2$

4. Evaluate $\oint \frac{dz}{z^2-iz+6}$, where $c: |z-2i|=1$

Solution:

Poles are at $z^2-iz+6=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow z &= \frac{i \pm \sqrt{(-i)^2 - 4(1)(6)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{i \pm \sqrt{-1-24}}{2} \\ &= \frac{i \pm \sqrt{-25}}{2} \\ &= \frac{i \pm 5i}{2} \end{aligned}$$

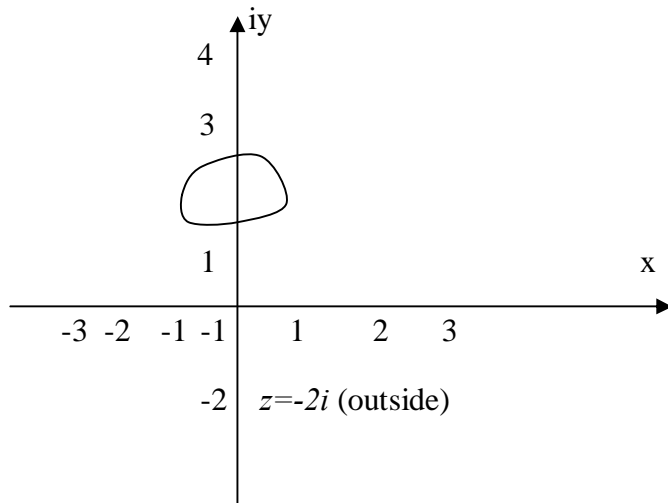
$$z_1 = \frac{6i}{2} = 3i \text{ or } z_2 = \frac{i-5i}{2} = -2i$$

$$c: |z-2i|=1 \Rightarrow |(x+iy)-2i|=1 \Rightarrow |x+i(y-2)|=1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + (y-2)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (y-2)^2 = 1$$

This equation represents a circle center $(0, 2)$, radius 1.



$\therefore z = 3i$ is on the curve while $z = -2i$ is outside.

Residue at $z = 3i$

$$k = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \operatorname{Res} s &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 3i} (z - 3i) \frac{1}{z^2 - iz + 6} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 3i} \frac{(z - 3i)}{(z - 3i)(z + 2i)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 3i} \frac{1}{z + 2i} = \frac{1}{5i}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \oint \frac{dz}{z^2 - iz + 6} = 2\pi i \left\{ \frac{1}{5i} \right\} = \frac{2\pi}{5}$$

Exercise:

Evaluate

$$1. \int_c \frac{2z^2}{z^3(z^2 + 2z + 7)} dz, \quad c: |z| = 2$$

$$2. \int_c \frac{e^{2z}}{z(z^2 + z + 3)^2} dz, \quad c: |2z + 3i| = 1$$