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Zeros and Singularities

5.1 Introduction

In this section, we shall focus our attention on zeros and singularities of a function. Residue of a function and Cauchy's Residue theorem will also be considered.

5.2 Zeros of an Analytic Function

Let $f(z)$ be an analytic function. A point $z = z_0$ is called the **zero** of the function if $f(z_0) = 0$.

If $f(z_0) = 0$ and $f'(z_0) \neq 0$, then z_0 is called a **simple zero** or a **zero of the first order**.

If $f(z_0) = 0$, $f'(z_0) = 0$ but $f''(z_0) \neq 0$, then z_0 is called a **zero of order 2**. Similarly, if $f(z_0) = f'(z_0) = f''(z_0) = f'''(z_0) = \dots = f^{(n-1)}(z_0) = 0$, but $f^{(n)}(z_0) \neq 0$, then z_0 is called a **zero of order n** .

Examples

- $z - 1$ has a zero of order 1 at $z = 1$.
- $(z - 1)^2$ has a zero of order 2 at $z = 1$.
- $(z - 1)^3$ has a zero of order 3 at $z = 1$.
- $z^2 + 1$ has simple zeros at $z = i$ and $z = -i$.

5.3 Singularity

A point z_0 at which a function $f(z)$ is not analytic is called **singular point or singularity** of $f(z)$.

For example, a function $f(z) = \frac{z}{z-3}$ is not analytic at $z = 3$; so the point $z = 3$ is the singular point of the function.

If the function $f(z)$ is analytic in some neighbourhood of the point z_0 except at z_0 itself, then z_0 is called the **isolated singular point** or **isolated singularity** of $f(z)$.

Examples

- The function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2}$ has an isolated singularity at $z = 2$.
- The function $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(z-3)}$ has isolated singularities at $z = 1$ and $z = 3$.

If z_0 is an isolated singularity of $f(z)$, there is an annulus on which $f(z)$ is analytic. Hence $f(z)$ can be represented by Laurent series:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{(z-z_0)^n} \quad (1)$$

The first part of $f(z)$ i.e. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n$ is called the analytic part and the second part is called the principal part of $f(z)$.

There are now three possible cases.

Case I. If the principal part of $f(z)$ contains a finite number terms, the isolated singular point z_0 is called the pole of $f(z)$; and in that case it may be of the form

$$\frac{b_1}{z-z_0} + \frac{b_2}{(z-z_0)^2} + \frac{b_3}{(z-z_0)^3} + \dots + \frac{b_m}{(z-z_0)^m}.$$

Then $z = z_0$ is a pole, and its order is m .
A pole of order 1 is also called a simple pole.

Examples

a. $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-3}$ has a simple pole at $z = 3$.

b. $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-3} + \frac{1}{(z-3)^2} + \frac{1}{(z-3)^3}$ has a pole of order 3 at $z = 3$.

Poles can also be determined by using the following technique:

If $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0)^m f(z)$ is a finite non-zero quantity, then $z = z_0$ is a pole of order m .

Consider the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^3}$

Here, $z = 0$ is the pole of order 3, since

$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^3 f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^3 \left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^3} \right) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (z^2 + 1) = 1$, which is a finite non-zero quantity.

Remarks:

1. If $f(z)$ has a pole at $z = z_0$, then $|f(z)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $z \rightarrow z_0$.
2. If $f(z)$ has a pole of order m , then $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ has a zero of order m and conversely, if $f(z)$ has a zero of order m , then $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ has a pole of order m .
3. Poles are isolated. That is, if z_0 is a pole of $f(z)$, then there exists a neighbourhood of z_0 which contains no other pole of $f(z)$.
4. Zeros are isolated.
5. The limit point of zeros is an isolated essential singularity of $f(z)$.
6. The limit point of a sequence of poles is a non-isolated essential singularity of $f(z)$.

Case II. If the principal part of $f(z)$ contains infinitely many terms, then the point z_0 is called the essential singularity of $f(z)$.

For examples,

- $f(z) = e^{1/z}$ has an essential singularity at $z = 0$, since

$$e^{1/z} = 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{3!} \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots$$
- $f(z) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right)$ has an essential singularity at the point $z = 1$, since

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right) = \frac{1}{1-z} - \frac{1}{3!} \frac{1}{(1-z)^3} + \frac{1}{5!} \frac{1}{(1-z)^5} - \dots$$

Case III. If the principal of $f(z)$ at $z = z_0$ contains no term, then z_0 is said to be a removable singularity. In such case, the singularity can be removed by defining $f(z)$ in such a way that it becomes analytic at z_0 .

Consider, for example, the function $f(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z}$.

It has a removable singularity at the point $z = 0$, since

$$\frac{\sin z}{z} = \frac{1}{z} \left(z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \frac{z^7}{7!} + \dots \right) = 1 - \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^4}{5!} - \frac{z^6}{7!} + \dots$$

We observe that there is no term in the principal part of $f(z)$. Here, we can remove the singularity by defining the function as follows:

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin z}{z} & \text{for } z \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } z = 0 \end{cases}$$

5.4 Singularity at Infinity

If we have to study a function at infinity, we set $z = \frac{1}{w}$. Then the behavior of the function $f(z)$ at infinity depends on the behavior of $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ at $w = 0$.

We say that $f(z)$ is analytic, has a singularity, has a pole, $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ has the same property at $w = 0$.

Examples

- The function $f(z) = z^3$ has a pole of order 3 at $w = 0$.
 $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \frac{1}{w^3}$ has a pole of order 3 at $w = 0$.
- The function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^3}$ is analytic at ∞ .
 $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = w^3$ is analytic at $w = 0$.
- The function $f(z) = e^z$ has an essential singularity at ∞ .
 $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = e^{1/w}$ has an essential singularity at $w = 0$.

Some Further Examples

- Determine the location and order of singularities of the following functions

(a) $\tan \pi z$ (b) $\cos^2 \frac{z}{2}$

- Let $f(z) = \tan \pi z$
 Here, $f(z) = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \pi z = 0$ or, $\pi z = n\pi$
 $\pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 $f'(z) = \pi \sec^2 \pi z \quad \therefore f'(\pi) = \pi \sec^2 \pi$
 So, $f'(z)$ has a zero of order 1 at $z = n$

b. Let $f(z) = \cos^2 \frac{z}{2}$

Now, $f(z) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{z}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \frac{z}{2} = 0$
 or, $z = (2n+1)\pi$

We say that

$f(z)$ is analytic, has a singularity, has a pole, etc., at infinity if $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ has the same property at $w = 0$.

Examples

- The function $f(z) = z^3$ has a pole of order 3 at infinity since $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \frac{1}{w^3}$ has a pole of order 3 at $w = 0$.
- The function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^3}$ is analytic at ∞ , since $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = w^3$ is analytic at $w = 0$.
- The function $f(z) = e^z$ has an essential singularity at infinity, since $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = e^{1/w}$ has an essential singularity at $w = 0$.

Some Further Examples

- Determine the location and order of zeros of the following functions

(a) $\tan \pi z$ (b) $\cos^2 \frac{z}{2}$ (c) $\sin\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right)$

- Let $f(z) = \tan \pi z$

Here, $f(z) = 0 \Rightarrow \tan \pi z = 0$ or, $\pi z = n\pi$ or, $z = n$ ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$)

$$f'(z) = \pi \sec^2 \pi z \quad \therefore f'(\pi) = \pi \sec^2 n\pi = \pi \neq 0$$

So, $f(z)$ has a zero of order 1 at $z = n$ ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$)

- Let $f(z) = \cos^2 \frac{z}{2}$

$$\text{Now, } f(z) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{z}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \frac{z}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{z}{2} = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{or, } z = (2n+1)\pi$$

$$f'(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin z \quad \therefore f'[(2n+1)\pi] = -\frac{1}{2} \sin(2n+1)\pi = 0$$

$$f''(z) = -\frac{1}{2} \cos z \quad \therefore f''[(2n+1)\pi] = -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2n+1)\pi$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \times (-1) = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{z}{2}$ has a zero of order 2 at $z = (2n+1)\pi$ ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$)

c. Let $f(z) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right)$

Now, $f(z) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right) = 0$ or $\frac{1}{1-z} = n\pi$

or, $1-z = \frac{1}{n\pi}$ or, $z = 1 - \frac{1}{n\pi}$

$$f'(z) = \cos\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right) \cdot (1-z)^{-2} = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{1}{1-z}\right)}{(1-z)^2}$$

$$\therefore f'\left(1 - \frac{1}{n\pi}\right) = n^2 \pi^2 \cos n\pi \neq 0$$

So, $f(z)$ has a zero of order 1 at $z = 1 - \frac{1}{n\pi}$ ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$)

2. Find the poles of the functions

(a) $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-3)^3}$

(b) $f(z) = \frac{\sinh z}{(z-\pi i)^2}$

a. The poles are given by

$$(z-1)(z-3)^3 = 0$$

Either $z-1=0$ or, $(z-3)^3=0$

$z-1=0$ gives $z=1$

And, $(z-3)^3=0$ gives $z=3$.

Thus, $z=1$ is a pole of order 1, and $z=3$ is a pole of order 3.

Alternatively,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{(z-3)^3}$$

zero quantity.

$\therefore z=1$ is a pole of order 1.

And, the point $z=3$ is a pole of order 3.

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 3} (z-3)^3 f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{z-1}$$

zero quantity.

b. The singular point is given by $z = \pi i$.
At first, it appears that $z = \pi i$ is a pole.
For,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} (z - \pi i)^2 f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} \sinh z = \sinh \pi i$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi - \cos \pi + i \sin \pi) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow z = \pi i$ is not a pole of order 2.

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} (z - \pi i) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} \frac{\sinh z}{z - \pi i}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} \frac{\cosh z}{1} = \cosh \pi i \neq 0$$

finite non-zero quantity.

3. Find the type of the singularity

(a) $f(z) = \frac{1-e^z}{z^2}$ at $z=0$

(b) $f(z) = \cot 2z$ at $z=\infty$

(c) $f(z) = (\sin z - \cos z)^{-1}$ at $z=0$

a. $f(z) = \frac{1-e^z}{z^2} = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[1 - \left(1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} + \dots \right) \right]$

$$= -\left[\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!}z + \frac{1}{4!}z^2 + \dots \right]$$

$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{(z-3)^2} = -\frac{1}{8}$, which is a finite non zero quantity.

$\therefore z = 1$ is a pole of order 1.

And, the point $z = 3$ is a pole of order 3, since

$\lim_{z \rightarrow 3} (z-3)^3 f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{z-1} = \frac{1}{2}$, which is a finite non-zero quantity.

- b. The singular point is given by $(z - \pi i)^2 = 0$ or, $z = \pi i$
At first, it appears that $z = \pi i$ is a pole of order 2 but it is not.
For,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} (z - \pi i)^2 f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} \sinh z = \sinh \pi i = \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\pi} - e^{-i\pi}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\cos \pi + i \sin \pi - \cos \pi + i \sin \pi) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow z = \pi i$ is not a pole of order 2. It is a pole of order 1. For,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} (z - \pi i) f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} \frac{\sinh z}{z - \pi i} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi i} \frac{\cosh z}{1} = \cosh \pi i = \frac{1}{2} (e^{i\pi} + e^{-i\pi}) = -1, \text{ which is a} \\ &\text{finite non-zero quantity.} \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the type of the singularity of the function

(a) $f(z) = \frac{1 - e^z}{z^2}$ at $z = 0$

(b) $f(z) = \cot 2z$ at $z = \infty$

(c) $f(z) = (\sin z - \cos z)^{-1}$ at $z = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } f(z) &= \frac{1 - e^z}{z^2} = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[1 - \left(1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots \right) \right] \\ &= - \left[\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!}z + \frac{1}{4!}z^2 + \frac{1}{5!}z^3 + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

The principal part contains only one term. So, $f(z)$ has a pole of order 1 at $z = 0$.

b. Given, $f(z) = \cot 2z = \frac{\cos 2z}{\sin 2z}$

Poles of $f(z)$ are given by

$$\sin 2z = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2z = n\pi, \quad z = \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Poles of } f(z) \text{ are } 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, 2\frac{\pi}{2}, 3\frac{\pi}{2}, \dots$$

Obviously, $z = \infty$ is limit point of these poles. Hence, $f(z)$ has a non-isolated essential singularity at $z = \infty$.

c. $f(z) = (\sin z - \cos z)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sin z - \cos z}$

Poles are given by $\sin z - \cos z = 0$

$$\text{or, } \tan z = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad z = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\text{So, the poles are } \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{9\pi}{4}, \dots \text{ (simple)}$$

$$\therefore f(z) \text{ has a simple pole at } z = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

4. Find the type of singularities of the following functions at infinity.

(a) $z^2 - \frac{1}{z^2}$ (b) $\sin z$ (c) $\cosh\left(\frac{1}{z^2 + 4}\right)$

Here, we have to investigate the function at infinity.

$$\text{Let } f(z) = z^2 - \frac{1}{z^2}. \text{ Set } z = \frac{1}{w} \text{ so that } f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \frac{1}{w^2} - w^2$$

Clearly, $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ has a pole of order 2 at $w = 0$

$\therefore f(z)$ has a pole of order 2 at $z = \infty$.

b. Let $f(z) = \sin z$. Setting $z = \frac{1}{w}$, we have

$$f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \frac{1}{w} - \frac{1}{3!} \frac{1}{w^3} + \frac{1}{5!} \frac{1}{w^5} - \dots$$

We observe that the principal part of $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ contains many terms. So, $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ has an essential singularity at $w = 0$. Consequently, $f(z)$ has the essential singularity at $z = \infty$.

c. Let $f(z) = \cosh\left(\frac{1}{z^2 + 4}\right)$. Set $z = \frac{1}{w}$. Then

$$f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \cosh\left(\frac{w^2}{1 + 4w^2}\right)$$

Clearly, $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ is analytic at $w = 0$. So, $f(z)$ is analytic at $z = \infty$.

That is, there is no singularity at $z = \infty$.

5.5 Residue at Singularity

If z_0 is an isolated singularity of $f(z)$, there is a Laurent series for $f(z)$ in the punctured disk $0 < |z - z_0| < \rho$. Hence, $f(z)$ has a Laurent series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{(z - z_0)^n}$$

$$\text{where } a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz \quad \text{and}$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{-n+1}} dz$$

The series (1) can be written as

b. Let $f(z) = \sin z$. Setting $z = \frac{1}{w}$, we have

$$f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \frac{1}{w} - \frac{1}{3!} \frac{1}{w^3} + \frac{1}{5!} \frac{1}{w^5} - \dots$$

We observe that the principal part of $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ contains infinitely many terms. So, $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ has an essential singularity at $w = 0$. Consequently, $f(z)$ has the essential singularity at $z = \infty$.

c. Let $f(z) = \cosh\left(\frac{1}{z^2 + 4}\right)$. Set $z = \frac{1}{w}$. Then

$$f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \cosh\left(\frac{w^2}{1 + 4w^2}\right)$$

Clearly, $f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right)$ is analytic at $w = 0$. So, $f(z)$ is analytic at $z = \infty$. That is, there is no singularity at $z = \infty$.

5.5 Residue at Singularity

If z_0 is an isolated singularity of $f(z)$, there is an annulus on which $f(z)$ is analytic. Hence, $f(z)$ has a Laurent series expansion about $z = z_0$

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{(z - z_0)^n} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{where } a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz \quad \text{and} \quad (2)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz \quad (3)$$

The series (1) can be written as

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \frac{b_1}{z - z_0} + \frac{b_2}{(z - z_0)^2} + \frac{b_3}{(z - z_0)^3} + \dots \quad (4)$$

The coefficient b_1 in (4) is of particular importance, and is called the residue of $f(z)$ at the point $z = z_0$ and is given by

$$b_1 = \text{Res}_{z=z_0} f(z)$$

Formula (3) tells us that

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C f(z) dz$$

It implies that

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \cdot b_1 = 2\pi i \text{Res}_{z=z_0} f(z)$$

In many cases it is relatively easy to evaluate the residue at a point without the use of integration. For example, if $z = z_0$ is a simple pole, then

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \frac{b_1}{z - z_0}$$

$$(z - z_0) f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^{n+1} + b_1$$

$$\therefore b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0) f(z)$$

This is a simple method of calculating the residue of $f(z)$ at the simple pole $z = z_0$ (pole of order 1).

5.6 Residue of a Function at a Pole of Order m

If $f(z)$ has a pole of order m , we have

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \frac{b_1}{z - z_0} + \frac{b_2}{(z - z_0)^2} + \dots + \frac{b_m}{(z - z_0)^m}$$

$$\text{or, } f(z) = \{a_0 + a_1(z - z_0) + \dots\} + \frac{b_1}{z - z_0} + \frac{b_2}{(z - z_0)^2} + \dots + \frac{b_m}{(z - z_0)^m}$$

Multiplying by $(z - z_0)^m$, we have

$$(z - z_0)^m f(z) = \{a_0(z - z_0)^m + a_1(z - z_0)^{m+1} + \dots\} + b_1(z - z_0)^{m-1} + b_2(z - z_0)^{m-2} + \dots + b_m$$

Differentiating w.r.t. z $(m-1)$ times,

$$\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \{(z - z_0)^m f(z)\} = \{a_0 m! (z - z_0) + b_1(m-1)!\}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \{(z - z_0)^m f(z)\} \right] = (m-1)!$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \{(z - z_0)^m f(z)\} \right]$$

(5) gives a formula for calculating residue of order m .

Thus we have the following relations.

a. If $f(z)$ has a pole of order 1, then

$$b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0) f(z)$$

b. If $f(z)$ has a pole of order 2, then

$$b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{d}{dz} (z - z_0)^2 f(z) \right]$$

c. If $f(z)$ has a pole of order 3, then

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} (z - z_0)^3 f(z) \right]$$

Examples

1. Find the residue of the functions a

$$(a) \frac{z+3}{(z-1)(z+2)^2}$$

$$(c) \frac{\sin z}{z^4}$$

$$(e) \cot \pi z$$

$$a. \text{ Let } f(z) = \frac{z+3}{(z-1)(z+2)^2}$$

The poles are given by $(z-1)(z+2)^2$. Clearly, $z=1$ is a simple pole, and

Differentiating w.r.t. z $(m-1)$ times,

$$\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \{(z-z_0)^m f(z)\} = \{a_0 m! (z-z_0) + a_1 \frac{(m+1)!}{2} (z-z_0)^2 + \dots\} +$$

$$b_1(m-1)!$$

$$\therefore \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \{(z-z_0)^m f(z)\} \right] = (m-1)! b_1$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \{(z-z_0)^m f(z)\} \right] \quad (5)$$

(5) gives a formula for calculating residue of $f(z)$ if $f(z)$ has a pole of order m .

Thus we have the following relations.

a. If $f(z)$ has a pole of order 1, then

$$b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z-z_0) f(z)$$

b. If $f(z)$ has a pole of order 2, then

$$b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{d}{dz} (z-z_0)^2 f(z) \right]$$

c. If $f(z)$ has a pole of order 3, then

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} (z-z_0)^3 f(z) \right] \text{ and so on.}$$

Examples

1. Find the residue of the functions at each of its poles.

(a) $\frac{z+3}{(z-1)(z+2)^2}$

(b) $\frac{1}{z^2+a^2}$

(c) $\frac{\sin z}{z^4}$

(d) $\frac{1}{1-e^z}$

(e) $\cot \pi z$

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

The poles are given by $(z-1)(z+2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow z = 1$ or -2

Clearly, $z = 1$ is a simple pole, and $z = -2$ is a pole of order 2.

$$\text{Res } f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z+3}{(z+3)^2} = \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \left[\frac{d}{dz} (z+2)^2 f(z) \right] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \frac{d}{dz} \left[\frac{z+3}{z-1} \right] \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} -\frac{4}{(z-1)^2} = -\frac{4}{9} \end{aligned}$$

b. Let $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{(z+ia)(z-ia)}$

Poles are given by $(z+ia)(z-ia) = 0 \Rightarrow z = ia$ or $-ia$

Both are simple poles.

$$\text{Res } f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow ia} (z-ia) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow ia} \frac{1}{z+ia} = \frac{1}{2ia}$$

$$\text{Res } f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -ia} (z+ia) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -ia} \frac{1}{z-ia} = -\frac{1}{2ia}$$

c. Let $f(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z^4} = \frac{1}{z^4} \left(z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \dots \right)$

$$= \frac{1}{z^3} - \frac{1}{3!} \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{5!} z - \dots,$$

which is a Laurent series. It has a pole of order 3 at $z = 0$.

Clearly, $\text{Res}_{z=0} f(z) = \text{coefficient of } \frac{1}{z} = -\frac{1}{3!} = -\frac{1}{6}$

Alternatively,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{z=0} f(z) &= \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \{z^3 f(z)\} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2!} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \frac{\sin z}{z} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left(z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \dots \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{z+3}{z-1} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[-\frac{4}{(z-1)^2} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{3!} \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

d. Poles of the function are given by $1 - e^z = 0$ or, $e^z = 1 = e^{2n\pi i}$ or

Now, $\text{Res}_{z=2n\pi i} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2n\pi i} (z - 2n\pi i) f(z)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2n\pi i} \frac{z - 2n\pi i}{1 - e^z} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2n\pi i} \frac{1}{-e^z} \\ &= -\frac{1}{e^{2n\pi i}} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

e. Let $f(z) = \cot \pi z = \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z}$

Poles are given by $\sin \pi z = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{z=n} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow n} (z-n) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow n} \frac{z-n}{\sin \pi z} \\ &= (-1)^n \lim_{z \rightarrow n} \frac{z-n}{\sin \pi z} \\ &= (-1)^n \lim_{z \rightarrow n} \frac{1}{\pi \cos \pi z} \\ &= (-1)^n \frac{1}{\pi \cos n\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^4}{5!} - \dots \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[-\frac{2}{3!} + \frac{12}{5!} z^2 - \dots \right] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{3!} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

d. Poles of the function are given by

$$1 - e^z = 0 \quad \text{or, } e^z = 1 = e^{2n\pi i} \quad \text{or, } z = 2n\pi i \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

(simple poles)

$$\text{Now, } \text{Res}_{z=2n\pi i} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2n\pi i} (z - 2n\pi i) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2n\pi i} \frac{z - 2n\pi i}{1 - e^z} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2n\pi i} \frac{1}{-e^z}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{e^{2n\pi i}}$$

$$= -1$$

e. Let $f(z) = \cot \pi z = \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z}$

Poles are given by $\sin \pi z = 0$ or $\pi z = n\pi$ ($n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$)
 $z = n$ (simple pole)

$$\text{Res}_{z=n} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow n} (z - n) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow n} (z - n) \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right)$$

$$= (-1)^n \lim_{z \rightarrow n} \frac{z - n}{\sin \pi z}$$

$$= (-1)^n \lim_{z \rightarrow n} \frac{1}{\pi \cos \pi z}$$

$$= (-1)^n \frac{1}{\pi \cos n\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi}$$

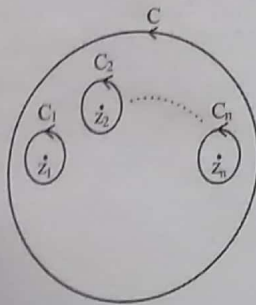
5.7 Cauchy Residue Theorem

Let $f(z)$ be analytic inside and on a simple closed curve C , except at a finite number of singularities z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n inside C . Let the residues of $f(z)$ at these points be R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n . Then

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i (R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_n)$$

[Integral of $f(z)$ around C is equal to $2\pi i$ times the sum of residues at the singular points]

Proof.



Let z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n be the singular points which are inside C . Around each of the singular points draw small non-intersecting circles C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n as shown in the figure. Then $f(z)$ is analytic in the region between C and the circles C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n . By Cauchy's theorem,

$$\int_C f(z) dz = \int_{C_1} f(z) dz + \int_{C_2} f(z) dz + \dots + \int_{C_n} f(z) dz$$

$$= 2\pi i R_1 + 2\pi i R_2 + \dots + 2\pi i R_n$$

$$= 2\pi i (R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_n)$$

$$= 2\pi i \text{ times sum of residues of } f(z) \text{ at } z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$$

Examples

1. Evaluate the following integrals (counterclockwise)

a. $\int_C \frac{z+3}{(z-2)(z+1)^2} dz,$

b. $\int_C \frac{e^z}{\cos z} dz,$ ✓

c. $\int_C \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{z^4 + 13z^2 + 36} dz,$

d. $\int_C \left(\frac{ze^{\pi z}}{z^4 - 16} + ze^{\pi/z} \right) dz,$

e. $\int_C \tan \pi z dz,$

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

Clearly, $z = 2$ is a simple pole, and Both the poles lie within the circle

$$\text{Res}_{z=2} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} (z-2) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \frac{z+3}{(z+1)^2} =$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=-1} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \left[\frac{d}{dz} (z+3) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \left[\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{z+3}{(z+1)^2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{(z+3) - 2(z+1)}{(z+1)^3}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{-z-5}{(z+1)^3}$$

$$= -\frac{5}{9}$$

Examples

1. Evaluate the following integrals (counter clockwise)

a. $\int_C \frac{z+3}{(z-2)(z+1)^2} dz, \quad C: |z| = 3$

b. $\int_C \frac{e^z}{\cos z} dz, \quad C: |z| = 3$

c. $\int_C \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{z^4 + 13z^2 + 36} dz, \quad C: |z| = \pi$

d. $\int_C \left(\frac{ze^{iz}}{z^4 - 16} + ze^{iz} \right) dz, \quad C: \text{ellipse } 9x^2 + y^2 = 9$

e. $\int_C \tan \pi z \, dz, \quad C: |z| = 1$

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

Clearly, $z = 2$ is a simple pole, and $z = -1$ is a pole of order 2.

Both the poles lie within the circle $|z| = 3$.

$$\text{Res } f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} (z-2) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \frac{z+3}{(z+1)^2} = \frac{5}{9}$$

$$\text{Res } f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \left[\frac{d}{dz} (z+1)^2 f(z) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \left[\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{z+3}{z-2} \right) \right]$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{(z-2) \cdot 1 - (z+3) \cdot 1}{(z-2)^2}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{-5}{(z-2)^2}$$

$$= -\frac{5}{9}$$

$$\text{Sum of the residues} = \frac{5}{9} - \frac{5}{9} = 0$$

By Residue Theorem,

$$\int_C \frac{z+3}{(z-2)(z+1)^2} dz = 2\pi i \times (\text{sum of the residues}) = 2\pi i \times 0 = 0$$

b. Let $f(z) = \frac{e^z}{\cos z}$

The singular points are given by

$$\cos z = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad z = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

The singular points are

$$\pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{5\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{7\pi}{2}, \dots$$

Of these singular points, only $z = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ lie inside the circle $|z| = 3$.

The other singular points are of no interest. Also, we note that the singular points are simple poles. Now, we shall find the residues of the function at $z = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$$\text{Res}_{z=\pi/2} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi/2} \left(z - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{\left(z - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) e^z}{\cos z} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right)$$

$$= e^{\pi/2} \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{z - \frac{\pi}{2}}{\cos z} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right)$$

$$= e^{\pi/2} \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{1}{-\sin z}$$

$$= e^{\pi/2} \left(\frac{1}{-1} \right) = -e^{\pi/2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=-\pi/2} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \left(z + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \frac{\left(z + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) e^z}{\cos z}$$

$$= e^{-\pi/2} \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \frac{z + \frac{\pi}{2}}{\cos z}$$

$$= e^{-\pi/2} \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \frac{1}{-\sin z}$$

$$= e^{-\pi/2}$$

Sum of residues = $e^{-\pi/2} - e^{\pi/2}$

By Residue Theorem

$$\int_C \frac{e^z}{\cos z} dz = 2\pi i \times \text{sum of residues} = 2\pi i \times (e^{-\pi/2} - e^{\pi/2})$$

$$= -4\pi i \sinh \frac{\pi}{2}$$

c. Let $f(z) = \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{z^4 + 13z^2 + 36}$

The singular points are given by

$$z^4 + 13z^2 + 36 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (z^2 + 4)(z^2 + 9) = 0$$

or $z = \pm 2i$ or $\pm 3i$. Moreover, they are simple poles.

All these poles lie inside the circle $|z| = 3$.

$$\text{Res}_{z=2i} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} (z - 2i) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} (z - 2i) \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{(z^2 + 4)(z^2 + 9)}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{(z + 2i)(z^2 + 9)}$$

$$\text{Res}_{z=-2i} f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} (z + 2i) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{(z - 2i)(z^2 + 9)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{10} \cosh 2\pi i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \frac{\left(z + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) e^z}{\cos z} \\
 &= e^{-\pi/2} \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \frac{z + \frac{\pi}{2}}{\cos z} \\
 &= e^{-\pi/2} \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \frac{1}{-\sin z} \\
 &= e^{-\pi/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Sum of residues} = e^{-\pi/2} - e^{\pi/2}$$

By Residue Theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_C \frac{e^z}{\cos z} dz &= 2\pi i \times \text{sum of residues} = 2\pi i (e^{-\pi/2} - e^{\pi/2}) \\
 &= -4\pi i \sinh \frac{\pi}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

c. Let $f(z) = \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{z^4 + 13z^2 + 36}$

The singular points are given by

$$z^4 + 13z^2 + 36 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (z^2 + 4)(z^2 + 9) = 0$$

or $z = \pm 2i$ or $\pm 3i$. Moreover, they are simple poles.

All these poles lie inside the circle $|z| = \pi$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Res}_{z=2i} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} (z - 2i) f(z) \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} (z - 2i) \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{(z^2 + 9)(z + 2i)(z - 2i)} \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{(z + 2i)(z^2 + 9)} = \frac{1}{10} \cosh 2\pi i
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Res}_{z=-2i} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} (z + 2i) f(z) \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{(z - 2i)(z^2 + 9)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{10} \cosh 2\pi i
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res } f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 3i} (z - 3i) f(z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 3i} \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{(z + 3i)(z^2 + 4)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{10} \cosh 3\pi i\end{aligned}$$

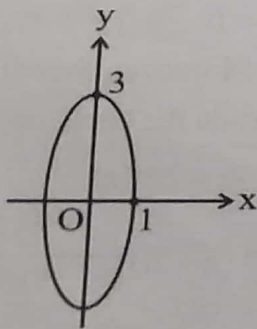
$$\text{Similarly, Res } f(z) = -\frac{1}{10} \cosh 3\pi i$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sum of residues} &= \frac{1}{5} \cosh 2\pi i - \frac{1}{5} \cosh 3\pi i \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (\cosh 2\pi i - \cosh 3\pi i) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left[\frac{1}{2} (e^{i2\pi} + e^{-i2\pi}) - \frac{1}{2} (e^{i3\pi} + e^{-i3\pi}) \right] = \frac{2}{5}\end{aligned}$$

By Residue Theorem,

$$\int_C \frac{z \cosh \pi z}{z^4 + 13z^2 + 36} dz = 2\pi i \times \text{sum of residues} = 2\pi i \times \frac{2}{5} = \frac{4\pi i}{5}$$

d. Given: $9x^2 + y^2 = 9$ or, $\frac{x^2}{1} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$.



At first, we consider the first term of the integrand.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The poles are given by } z^4 - 16 &= 0 \text{ or } (z^2 + 4)(z^2 - 4) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow z &= \pm 2i, z = \pm 2\end{aligned}$$

Of these poles, only $z = \pm 2i$ lie inside the ellipse. The other poles lie outside the ellipse, and they are of no interest.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res } f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} (z - 2i) f(z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} (z - 2i) \frac{ze^{\pi z}}{z^4 - 16} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \frac{ze^{\pi z}}{(z + 2i)(z^2 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{2i e^{2i\pi}}{4i(-8)} = -\frac{1}{16} \quad [\because e^{2i\pi} = 1]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res } f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} (z + 2i) f(z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \frac{ze^{\pi z}}{(z - 2i)(z^2 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{-2i e^{-2i\pi}}{-4i(-8)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{16}\end{aligned}$$

Now, consider the 2nd term of the series.

$$\begin{aligned}ze^{\pi/z} &= z \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{z} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\pi^2}{z^2} + \frac{1}{3!} \frac{\pi^3}{z^3} + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{\pi^4}{z^4} + \dots \right) \\ &= z + \pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2!} \frac{1}{z} + \frac{\pi^3}{3!} \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{\pi^4}{4!} \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

series.

Clearly, $z = 0$ is the essential singularity.

$$\text{Residue} = \frac{\pi^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore \int_C \left(\frac{ze^{\pi z}}{z^4 - 16} + ze^{\pi/z} \right) dz = 2\pi i \times \left(-\frac{1}{16} + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right)$$

e. The singular points are given by

$$\cos \pi z = 0 \text{ or } \pi z = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } z = \frac{(2n+1)}{2}$$

Thus, the singular points are $\pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{5}{2}, \dots$

Of these singular points only $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ lie inside the ellipse.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res}_{z=2i} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} (z - 2i) f(z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} (z - 2i) \frac{ze^{\pi z}}{z^4 - 16} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \frac{ze^{\pi z}}{(z + 2i)(z^2 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{2i e^{2i\pi}}{4i(-8)} = -\frac{1}{16} \quad [\because e^{2i\pi} = 1]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res}_{z=-2i} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} (z + 2i) f(z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \frac{ze^{\pi z}}{(z - 2i)(z^2 - 4)} \\ &= \frac{-2i e^{-2\pi i}}{-4i(-8)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{16}\end{aligned}$$

Now, consider the 2nd term of the integrand:

$$\begin{aligned}ze^{\pi/z} &= z \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{z} + \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\pi^2}{z^2} + \frac{1}{3!} \frac{\pi^3}{z^3} + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{\pi^4}{z^4} + \dots \right) \\ &= z + \pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2!} \frac{1}{z} + \frac{\pi^3}{3!} \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{\pi^4}{4!} \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots, \text{ which is a Laurent series.}\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $z = 0$ is the essential singularity of $f(z)$.

$$\text{Residue} = \frac{\pi^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore \int_C \left(\frac{ze^{\pi z}}{z^4 - 16} + ze^{\pi/z} \right) dz = 2\pi i \times \left(-\frac{1}{16} - \frac{1}{16} + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \right) = \pi \left(\pi^2 - \frac{1}{4} \right) i$$

e. The singular points are given by

$$\cos \pi z = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \pi z = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad z = \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

Thus, the singular points are $\pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm \frac{5}{2}, \dots$

Of these singular points only $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ lies inside the circle $|z| = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Res } f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1/2} \left(z - \frac{1}{2} \right) f(z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1/2} \left(z - \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\sin \pi z}{\cos \pi z} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right) \\ &= \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 1/2} \frac{z - \frac{1}{2}}{\cos \pi z} \quad \left(\frac{0}{0} \right) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 1/2} \frac{1}{-\pi \sin \pi z} = -\frac{1}{\pi}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, Res } f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1/2} \left(z + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{\sin \pi z}{\cos \pi z} = -\frac{1}{\pi}$$

$$\text{Sum of residues} = -\frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} = -\frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$\therefore \int_C \tan \pi z \, dz = 2\pi i \times \left(-\frac{2}{\pi} \right) = -4i$$

Exercise 5.1

- Find out the zeros of the following function and specify their order.
 - $f(z) = (z^4 - 1)^3$
 - $f(z) = \frac{z^2 + 4}{e^z}$
 - $f(z) = (z^4 - z^2 - 6)^3$
 - $f(z) = (\sin z - 1)^5$
- Determine the location and type of the singularities. If the singularities are poles, state their order.
 - $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-3)}$
 - $f(z) = \frac{z - \sin z}{z^3}$
 - $f(z) = \sin \frac{1}{z}$
 - $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 + a^2}$
- Find the type of the singularity of the following function at infinity.
 - e^z
 - z^3
 - $\frac{\sinh z}{(z - \pi i)^2}$
 - $(z^2 + a^2)^{-2}$
- Determine the poles of the function $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^4 + 1}$

- For the following functions, find poles (i) $f(z) = \frac{z^4}{(z-1)^2(z+2)}$ (ii) $f(z) = \frac{z^4}{(z-1)^2(z+2)}$
- Evaluate the following integrals using the residue theorem

- $\int_C \frac{1+z}{z(2-z)} \, dz$ $C: |z| = 1$
- $\int_C \frac{4-3z}{z(z-1)(z-2)} \, dz$ $C: |z| = 3/2$
- $\int_C \frac{12z-7}{(z-1)^2(2z+3)} \, dz$ $C: |z| = 2$
- $\int_C \frac{z^2}{(z-1)^2(z+2)} \, dz$ $C: |z| = 3$
- $\int_C \frac{z-1}{(z+1)^2(z-2)} \, dz$ $C: |z-i| = 1$
- $\int_C \frac{1-2z}{z(z-1)(z-2)} \, dz$ $C: |z| = 3/2$
- $\int_C \frac{2z^2+z}{z^2-1} \, dz$ $C: |z-1| = 1$
- $\int_C \frac{4z^2-4z+1}{(z-2)(z^2+4)} \, dz$ $C: |z| = 1$
- $\int_C \frac{\sin hz}{(2z-1)} \, dz$ $C: |z-i| = 1$
- $\int_C \left(\frac{e^z+z}{z^3-z} \right) \, dz$ $C: |z| = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- $\int_C \left(\frac{z^2 \sin z}{4z^2-1} \right) \, dz$ $C: |z| = 2$
- $\int_C \frac{e^z}{\cos z} \, dz$ $C: |z| = 3$
- $\int_C \frac{e^{-z^2}}{\sin 4z} \, dz$ $C: |z| = 1$

- Evaluate $\int_C \frac{\tan z}{z^2-1} \, dz$ where $C: |z| = 1$ in the counterclockwise direction.

- Evaluate $\int_C \frac{4-3z}{z^2-z} \, dz$ where C is a counterclockwise simple closed path enclosing the poles.

5. For the following functions, find the residues at each of its poles (i) $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z-1)^2(z+2)}$ (ii) $f(z) = \frac{1-2z}{z(z-1)(z-2)}$

6. Evaluate the following integrals by using Cauchy residue theorem

(i) $\int_c \frac{1+z}{z(2-z)} dz$ $c: |z| = 1$

(ii) $\int_c \frac{4-3z}{z(z-1)(z-2)} dz$ $c: |z| = 3/2$

(iii) $\int_c \frac{12z-7}{(z-1)^2(2z+3)} dz$ $c: |z| = 2$

(iv) $\int_c \frac{z^2}{(z-1)^2(z+2)} dz$ $c: |z| = 3$

(v) $\int_c \frac{z-1}{(z+1)^2(z-2)} dz$ $c: |z-i| = 2$

(vi) $\int_c \frac{1-2z}{z(z-1)(z-2)} dz$ $c: |z| = 3/2$

(vii) $\int_c \frac{2z^2+z}{z^2-1} dz$ $c: |z-1| = 1$

(viii) $\int_c \frac{4z^2-4z+1}{(z-2)(z^2+4)} dz$ $c: |z| = 1$

(ix) $\int_c \frac{\sin hz}{(2z-i)} dz$ $c: |z-i| = 1$

(x) $\int_c \left(\frac{e^z+z}{z^3-z} \right) dz$ $c: |z| = \frac{\pi}{2}$

(xi) $\int_c \left(\frac{z^2 \sin z}{4z^2-1} \right) dz$ $c: |z| = 2$

(xii) $\int_c \frac{e^z}{\cos z} dz$ $c: |z| = 3$

(xiii) $\int_c \frac{e^{-z}}{\sin 4z} dz$ $c: |z| = 1$

7. Evaluate $\int_c \frac{\tan z}{z^2-1} dz$ where $c: |z| = 3/2$ in counterclockwise direction.

8. Evaluate $\int_c \frac{4-3z}{z^2-z} dz$ where c is the curve which is counterclockwise simple closed path such that

- a. 0 and 1 are inside c
- b. 0 is inside, 1 is outside c
- c. 1 is inside, 0 is outside c
- d. 0 and 1 are outside c.

9. Evaluate $\int_c \frac{z-23}{z^2-4z-5} dz$

c: $|z-2|=4$

Answers

1. (i) 1, -1, i, -1 of order 3
(ii) $\pm 2i$, (simple)
(iii) $\pm \sqrt{3}$, $\pm i\sqrt{2}$ of order 3
(iv) $\frac{\pi}{2}$, $\frac{5\pi}{2}$, $\frac{9\pi}{2}$,, order 5
2. (i) 1, 3 (simple)
(ii) 0, removable singularity
(iii) 0; essential singularity
(iv) $\pm ia$, (simple poles)
3. (i) essential singularity (ii) pole of order 3
(iii) essential singularity (iv) no singularity
4. $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})$, $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})$, $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})$, $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}})$
5. (i) -2 (simple) and 1 (order 2), and residues are $\frac{4}{9}$ and $\frac{5}{9}$ respectively.
(ii) simple poles are 0, 1, and 2 and residues are respectively $1/2$, 1, $-3/2$
6. (i) πi (ii) $2\pi i$ (iii) 0 (iv) $2\pi i$
(v) 0 (vi) $3\pi i$ (vii) $4\pi i$ (viii) 0
(ix) $\pi i (\sinh \frac{i}{2})$ (x) $2\pi i (\frac{e}{2} + \frac{1}{2e} - 1)$
(xi) $\frac{\pi i}{4} \sin \frac{1}{2}$ (xii) $-4\pi i \sinh \frac{\pi}{2}$ (xiii) $\frac{\pi i}{2} (1 - 2e^{-\pi^2/16})$
7. $2\pi i \tan 1$
8. (a) $-6\pi i$ (b) $-8\pi i$ (c) $2\pi i$ (d) 0
9. $2\pi i$