

SINGULARITIES, POWER SERIES AND RESIDUE THEOREM

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Singularity

In Mathematics, a singularity is in general a point at which a given mathematical object is not defined, or a point of exceptional set where it fails to be well-behaved in some particular way, such as differentiability.

For Example: the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ on the real line has a singularity at $x = 0$, where it is not defined.

But if $f(x) = |x|$ also has a singularity at $x = 0$, since it is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

Definition: A point z_s is a singular point of the function $f(z)$ if the function is not analytic at z_s .

(The function does not necessarily have to be infinite there.)

Poles or unessential singularities

A pole is a point in the complex plane at which the value of a function becomes infinite.

For example, $w = 1/z$ is infinite at $z = 0$, and we say that the function $w = 1/z$ has a pole at the origin.

A pole has an “order”:

The pole in $w = 1/z$ is first order.

The pole in $w = 1/z^2$ is second order.

Removable singularities

If $w = f(z)$ becomes infinite at the point $z = a$, we define: $g(z) = (z-a)^n f(z)$ where n is an integer.

If it is possible to find a finite value of n which makes $g(z)$ analytic at $z = a$, then, the pole of $f(z)$ has been “removed” in forming $g(z)$ and is called removable singularity.

Essential singularities

Certain functions of complex variables have an infinite number of terms which all approach infinity as the complex variable approaches a specific value. These could be thought of as poles of infinite order, but as the singularity cannot be removed by multiplying the function by a finite factor, they cannot be poles.

Essential singularities

This type of singularity is called an **essential singularity** and is portrayed by functions which **can be expanded in a descending power series** of the variable.

Example: $e=1/z$ has an essential singularity at $z = 0$.

Essential singularities can be distinguished from poles by the fact that they cannot be removed by multiplying by a factor of finite value.

Example:

$$w = e^{\frac{1}{z}} = 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2!z^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!z^n} + \dots \longrightarrow \text{infinite at the origin}$$

Try to remove the singularity of the function at the origin by multiplying z_p

$$z^p w = z^p e^{\frac{1}{z}} = z^p + z^{p-1} + \frac{z^{p-2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{z^{p-n}}{n!} + \dots$$

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As $z \rightarrow 0, z^p w \rightarrow \infty$

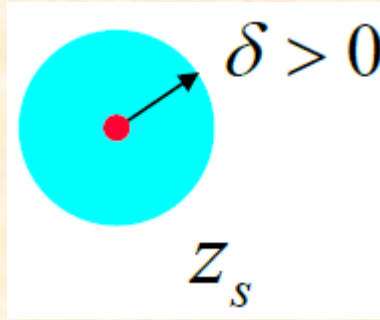
It consists of a finite number of positive powers of z , followed by an infinite number of negative powers of z .

It is impossible to find a finite value of p which will remove the singularity in $e^{1/z}$ at the origin.

The singularity is “essential”.

Isolated Singularity

The function is singular at z_s but is analytic for $0 < |z - z_s| < \delta$.



Examples:

$$\frac{\sin z}{z}, \frac{1}{z}, e^{\frac{1}{z}}, \frac{1}{\sin z} \text{ at } z = 0$$

Classification of Isolated Singularities

Isolated singularities

Removable singularities

$$\frac{\sin z}{z}, \frac{1 - \cos z}{z^2}$$

Poles of finite order

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

Essential singularities
(poles of infinite order)

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{z}\right), e^{\frac{1}{z}}$$

Non-Isolated Singularity

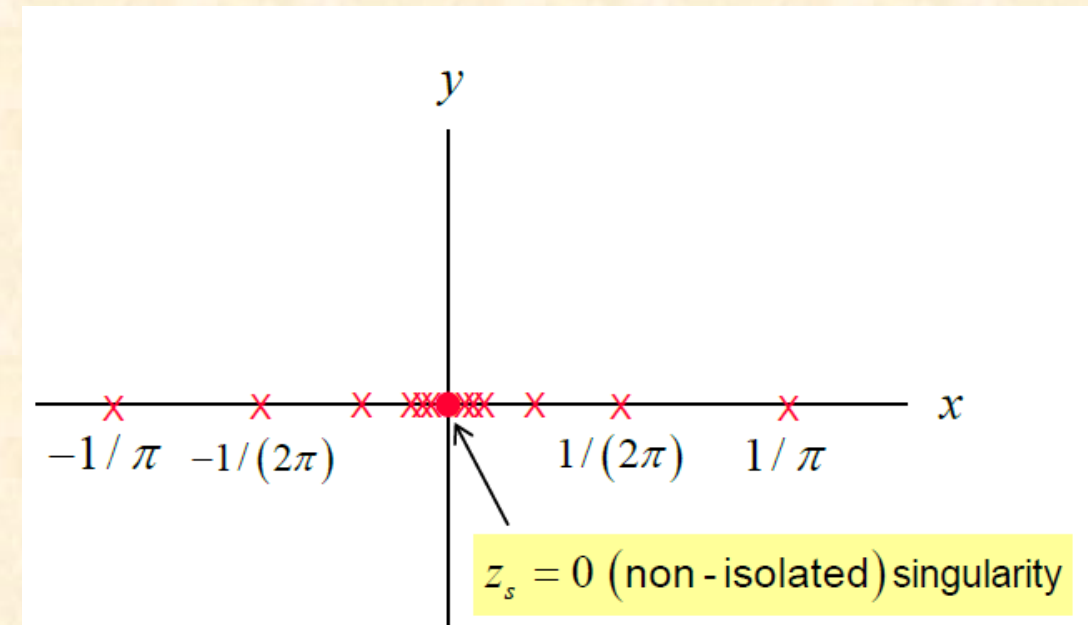
The singularities described above arise from the **non-analytic behaviour** of **single-valued functions**.

However, **multi-valued** functions frequently arise in the solution of engineering problems.

This is a singularity that is not isolated.

Example:

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)}$$



Taylor series

Taylor's theorem completes the story by giving the converse: around each point of analyticity an analytic function equals a convergent power series.

Theorem: Suppose that $f(z)$ is analytic in a region A . let $z_0 \in A$

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

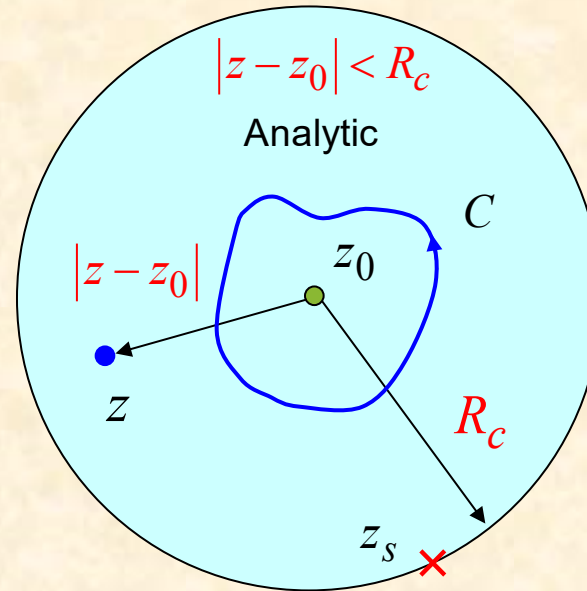
where the series converges on any disk $|z - z_0| < r$ contained in A

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

Where c is a closed curve in A around z_0 .

Taylor series

The Taylor series will converge within the radius of convergence and diverge outside.



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If c_1 and c_2 are two concentric circles with centre at $z = z_0$ and radii r_1 and r_2 ($r_1 < r_2$) and if $f(z)$ is analytic inside on the circles and within the annulus between c_1 and c_2 then for any z in the annulus, we have

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

Where,

$$a_n = \frac{f^n(z_0)}{n!} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{-n+1}} dz$$

and the integration being taken in **positive direction**. This series (1) is called Laurent series of $f(z)$ about the point $z = z_0$

Problem 1

Expand $f(z)=\cos z$ as a Taylor's series about $z= \pi/4$.

Solution:

Function	Value of function at $z = 0$
$f(z) = \cos z$	$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$f'(z) = -\sin z$	$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$f''(z) = -\cos z$	$f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
$f'''(z) = \sin z$	$f'''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
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The Taylor series of $f(z)$ about $z = \pi/4$ is

$$\cos z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \left(z - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{1!}\right) + \left(z - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{2!}\right) + \left(z - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{3!}\right) + \dots$$

Problem 2

Expand $f(z) = \frac{z^2-1}{(z+2)(z+3)}$ as a Taylor's and Laurent's series.

Solution:
$$f(z) = \frac{z^2 - 1}{(z + 2)(z + 3)} = 1 + \frac{3}{z + 2} - \frac{8}{z + 3}$$

(i) When $|z| < 2$ then $\frac{|z|}{2} < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= 1 + \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \frac{z}{2}\right)^{-1} - \frac{8}{3} \left(1 + \frac{z}{3}\right)^{-1} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{z}{2} + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right\} - \frac{8}{3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{z}{3} + \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^3 + \dots \right\} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n - \frac{8}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^n \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{3}{2^{n+1}} - \frac{8}{3^{n+1}} \right) (z)^n \end{aligned}$$

This is the required Taylor's series valid for $|z| < 2$

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(ii) When $2 < |z| < 3$ then $\frac{2}{|z|} < 1; \frac{|z|}{3} < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \left(1 + \frac{2}{z}\right)^{-1} - \frac{8}{3} \left(1 + \frac{z}{3}\right)^{-1} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \left\{1 - \frac{2}{z} + \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^3 + \dots\right\} - \frac{8}{3} \left\{1 - \frac{z}{3} + \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^3 + \dots\right\} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^n - \frac{8}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^n \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{3 \cdot 2^n}{z^{n+1}} - \frac{8z^n}{3^{n+1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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(iii) When $|z| > 3$ then $\frac{3}{|z|} < 1$;

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \left(1 + \frac{2}{z}\right)^{-1} - \frac{8}{z} \left(1 + \frac{3}{z}\right)^{-1} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \left\{ 1 - \frac{2}{z} + \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^3 + \dots \right\} - \frac{8}{z} \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{z} + \left(\frac{3}{z}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{3}{z}\right)^3 + \dots \right\} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^n - \frac{8}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{3}{z}\right)^n \\ &= 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{z^{n+1}} (3 \cdot 2^n - 8 \cdot 3^n) \end{aligned}$$

This is the required Laurent's series valid for $|z| > 3$

Problem 3

Expand $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2-3z+2}$ as a Taylor's and Laurent's series for all possible intervals.

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

(i) When $|z| < 1$;

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1} = (1-z)^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \{1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots\} - \frac{1}{2} \left\{1 + \frac{z}{2} + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^3 + \dots\right\} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right) (z)^n \end{aligned}$$

This is the required Taylor's series valid for $|z| < 1$

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Expand $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 - 3z + 2}$ as a Taylor's and Laurent's series for all possible intervals.

Solution:

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

(ii) When $1 < |z| < 2$ then $\frac{1}{|z|} < 1$; $\frac{|z|}{2} < 1$;

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)^{-1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{z}{2} + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right\} - \frac{1}{z} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{-n} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1} = \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \frac{2}{z}\right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{z} + \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^3 + \dots \right\} - \frac{1}{z} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^n - \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{-n} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{z^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

This is the required Laurent's series valid for $|z| > 2$

Practice Problem

Expand as a Taylor's and Laurent's series for all possible intervals.

(i) $f(z) = \frac{(z-2)(z+2)}{(z+1)(z+4)}$

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

Thanks a lot ...