

# 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:

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

infinite at the origin

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

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

# Essential singularities

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

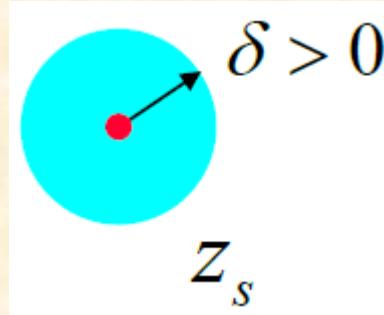
It consists of a finite number of positive powers of  $z$ , followed by an infinite number of negative powers of  $z$ .

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

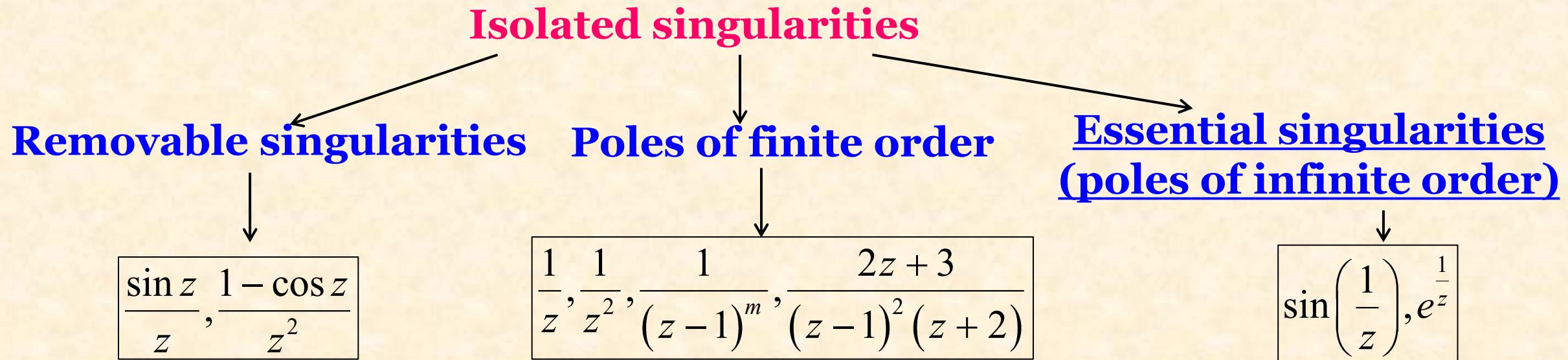
The function is singular at  $z_s$  but is analytic for  $0 < |z - z_s| < \delta$ .



**Examples:**

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

# Classification of Isolated Singularities



# Non-Isolated Singularity

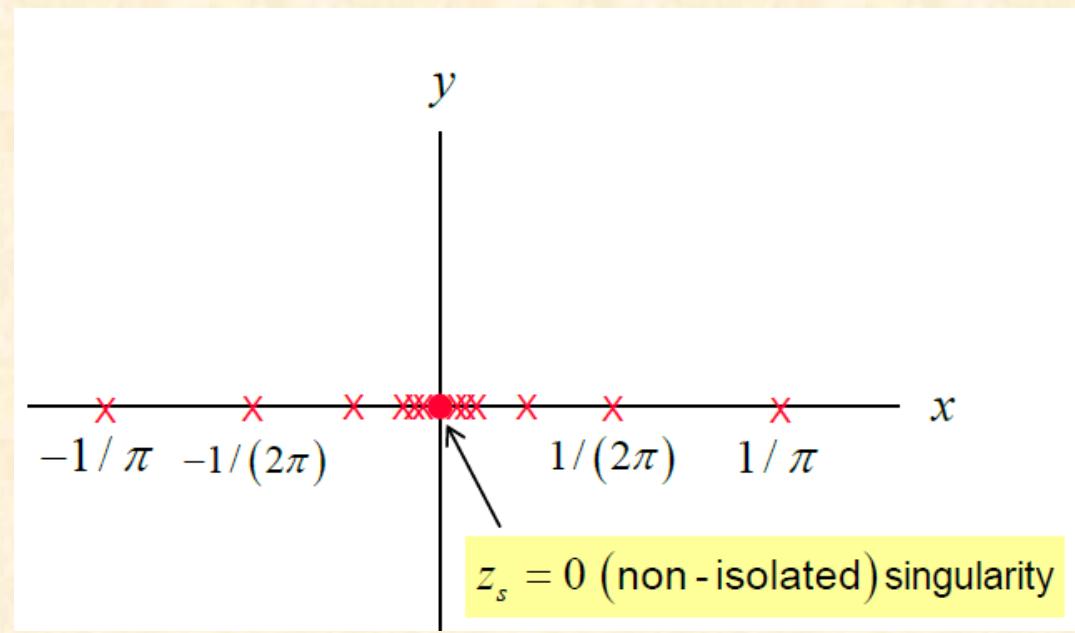
The singularities described above arise from the non-analytic behaviour of single-valued functions.

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  $z_0 \in A$

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

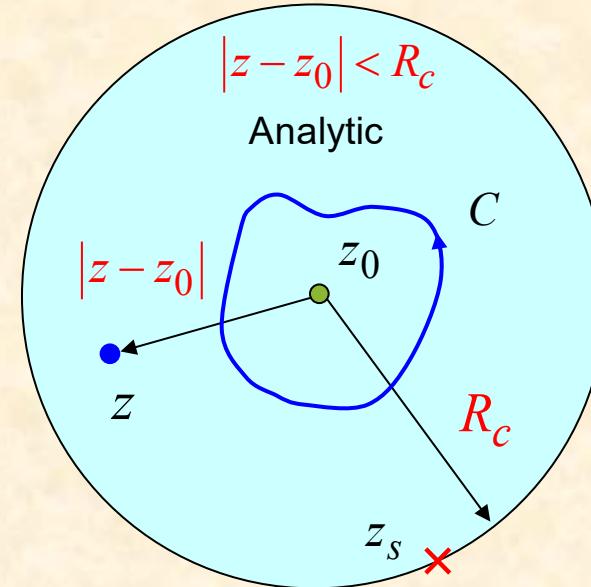
where the series converges on any disk  $|z - z_0| < r$  contained in  $A$

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

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.



# **LAURENTS SERIES**

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 and on the circles and within the annulus between  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  then for any  $z$  in the annulus, we have

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

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

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

## 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  $\frac{2}{|z|} < 1; \frac{|z|}{3} < 1$

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

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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  $|z| < 1$

## Problem 3

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

**Solution:**

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

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

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

This is the required Laurent's series valid for  $1 < |z| < 2$

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

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

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 . . .