

# Complex differentiation and the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

## Complex Variables.

**Complex number:** A number of the form,  $a+ib$

where,  $a, b$  are real and  $i=\sqrt{-1}$  is called complex number.

**Polar form:** Put,

$$a = r \cos \theta$$

$r \rightarrow$  modulus.

$$b = r \sin \theta$$

$\theta \rightarrow$  argument.

$$\therefore a^2 + b^2 = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\text{and, } \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\therefore a+ib = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

$$= r e^{i\theta} \rightarrow \text{Polar form.}$$

$$e^{ix} = \cos x + i \sin x$$

$$e^{-ix} = \cos x - i \sin x$$

**Set of natural numbers**,  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} \quad N \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Set of integer numbers**,  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

**Set of rational numbers**,  $\{p/q; p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0, (p, q) = 1\}$  coprime.

**Set of irrational numbers**,  $\{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}, \dots\}$

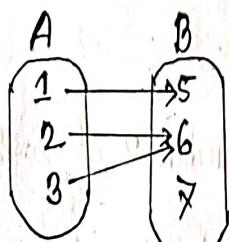
**Set of real numbers** =  $\{Q \cup Q'\}$

**Constants**: A constant is a quantity which is fixed.

**Variables**: A variable is a quantity which can take any value assigned to it.

**Complex Variable**: A complex variable is a quantity which can stand for any one of a set of complex numbers.

**Function**: Function is a correspondence between two sets (A and B say). Such that for every element in A there is a unique element in B.



**Complex function:** Each value that a complex variable  $z$  can assume, there corresponds one or more values of a complex variable  $w$ . We can say that  $w$  is a function of  $z$  and write  $w=f(z)$  or,  $w=g(z)$ .

**Analytic function:** A Complex function  $f(z)$  is said to be analytic at a Point  $z_0$  if its derivative exists at each Point  $z$  in some neighborhood of  $z_0$ .

Or, A Complex function  $f(z)$  is said to be analytic at a Point  $z_0$  if it's Taylor's series exists about  $z_0$ .

**Cauchy-Riemann equation:** A necessary condition that  $w=f(z)=u(x,y)+iv(x,y)$  be analytic in a region  $R$  is that, in  $R$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Necessary and sufficient Condition.

**Laplace equation:**

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

**Harmonic function:** If any function satisfy the Laplace equation then, the function is called Harmonic function.

**Singular point:** A point at which  $f(z)$  fails to be analytic is called a singular point or singularity of  $f(z)$ . Example:

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} \quad z=1 \rightarrow \text{singular point.}$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-2)^3} \quad z=2 \rightarrow \text{singular point.}$$

**Poles:** If  $z_0$  is not a singular and we can find a positive integer  $n$  such that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z-z_0)^n f(z) = A \neq 0$ . Then  $z=z_0$  is called a pole of order  $n$ .

If  $n=1$ ,  $z_0$  is called a simple pole.

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

(b)  $f(z) = \frac{3z-2}{(z-1)^2(z+1)(z-4)}$  has a pole of order 2 at  $z=1$ , and simple poles at  $z=-1$  and  $z=4$ .

**Q** Show that  $u = 2x - x^3 + 3xy^2$  is harmonic. Also find  $v$  (harmonic conjugate) such that  $u+iv$  is analytic.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Here,  $u = 2x - x^3 + 3xy^2$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 - 3x^2 + 3y^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 6xy \quad \therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 6x$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 2 - 3x^2 + 3y^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 6xy$$

Integrating  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  with respect to  $y$ :

$$v = 2y - 3x^2y + y^3 + C$$

Differentiating with respect to  $x$ , we get  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -6xy^2$ , hence  $v$  is harmonic.

$$(a) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -6xy^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = -6y^2 + 6y^2 = 0 \text{ hence, } v \text{ is harmonic}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -6x^2 + 6x^2 = 0 \text{ hence, } u \text{ is also harmonic.}$$

Again we see,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \text{ and } \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$$

Hence,  $u+iv$  is analytic.

**Q** (a) Prove that,  $u = e^x(x \sin y - y \cos y)$  is harmonic.

(b) Find  $v$  such that  $f(z) = u+iv$  is analytic.

\* (c) Find  $f(z)$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: (a) Here,  $u = e^x(x \sin y - y \cos y)$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x(\sin y) + (-e^x)(x \sin y - y \cos y)$$

$$= e^x \sin y - e^x x \sin y + y e^x \cos y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(e^x \sin y - e^x x \sin y + y e^x \cos y)$$

$$= -2e^x \sin y + x e^x \sin y - y e^x \cos y$$

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$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = e^x(x \cos y + y \sin y - \cos y) \\ = x e^x \cos y + y e^x \sin y - e^x \cos y.$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(x e^x \cos y + y e^x \sin y - e^x \cos y) \\ = -x e^x \sin y + 2 e^x \sin y + y e^x \cos y \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Adding eqn. (1) and (2) we get,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \text{ and } u \text{ is harmonic.}$$

(b) From the Cauchy-Riemann equations,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = e^x \sin y - x e^x \sin y + y e^x \cos y \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = x e^x \cos y + y e^x \sin y - e^x \cos y \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Integrating eqn. (3) with respect to  $y$ , keeping  $x$  constant. Then,

$$v = -e^x \cos y + x e^x \cos y + e^x(y \sin y + \cos y) + f(x) \\ = y e^x \sin y + x e^x \cos y + f(x) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Where  $f(x)$  is an arbitrary real function of  $x$ .

Substitute eqn. (5) in eqn. (4) and obtain,

Differentiating eqn. (5) with respect to  $x$ ,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -y e^x \sin y + x e^x \cos y + e^x \cos y + f'(x)$$

Putting the value  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  in eqn. (4);

$$+ y e^x \sin y + x e^x \cos y + e^x \cos y = x e^x \cos y + y e^x \sin y - e^x \cos y$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$$

Putting  $f'(x) = 0$  and  $f(x) = c$  we get;

$$v = y e^x \sin y + x e^x \cos y + c$$

$$= e^x(y \sin y + x \cos y) + c.$$

$\boxed{4}$  Find  $f(z)$  in  $u+iv = e^x(x\sin y - y\cos y) + i e^x(y\sin y + x\cos y)$ .

$$e^{ix} = \cos y + i \sin y$$

$$e^{-iy} = \cos y - i \sin y$$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

(C) We know,

$$f(z) = u+iv$$

Here,

$$u = e^x(x\sin y - y\cos y)$$

$$v = e^x(y\sin y + x\cos y)$$

$$\therefore f(z) = e^x(x\sin y - y\cos y) + i e^x(y\sin y + x\cos y)$$

$$= e^x \left\{ x \left( \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i} \right) - y \left( \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2} \right) \right\} + i e^x \left\{ y \left( \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i} \right) + x \left( \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$= i(x+iy)e^{-i(x+iy)}$$

$$= iz e^{-z}.$$

$\boxed{5}$  If  $w(z) = \phi(x, y) + i\psi(x, y)$ , represent the complex potential for an electric field and  $\psi = x^2 - y^2 + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}$ . Determine the function  $\phi$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

$$w(z) = \phi(x, y) + i\psi(x, y)$$

$$\text{and, } \psi = x^2 - y^2 + \frac{x}{x^2+y^2}, \therefore \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 2x + \frac{(x^2+y^2) \cdot 1 - x \cdot 2x}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$= 2x + \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$\text{and, } \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -2y - \frac{x(2y)}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$= -2y - \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } d\phi = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} dy$$

$$= \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} dx - \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} dy$$

$$= \left( -2y - \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right) dx - \left( 2x + \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right) dy$$

This is an exact differential equation.

$$\text{Therefore, } \phi = \int \left[ -2y - \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right] dx + C$$

$$= -2xy + \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} + C$$

$$e^{iy} - e^{-iy} = \cos y + i \sin y - \cos y + i \sin y$$

$$\Rightarrow 2i \sin y = e^{iy} - e^{-iy}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin y = \frac{e^{iy} - e^{-iy}}{2i}$$

$$e^{iy} + e^{-iy} = \cos y + i \sin y + \cos y - i \sin y$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos y = e^{iy} + e^{-iy}$$

$$\therefore \cos y = \frac{e^{iy} + e^{-iy}}{2}$$

**Q** Construct an analytic function  $f(z)$  whose real part is  $e^x \cos y$ .

Soln: Let,  $f(z) = u + iv$ .

Here,  $u = e^x \cos y$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = e^x \cos y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -e^x \sin y$$

We know,

$$dv = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy$$

$$\Rightarrow dv = e^x \cos y dx + e^x \sin y dy$$

$$\Rightarrow dv = d(e^x \sin y)$$

$$\therefore v = e^x \sin y.$$

∴ Analytic function,  $f(z) = u + iv$

$$= e^x \cos y + ie^x \sin y$$

$$= e^x (\cos y + i \sin y)$$

$$= e^x e^{iy}$$

$$= e^{(x+iy)}$$

$$= e^z.$$

**Q** Find an analytic function  $w(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ , given that  $v = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \cos y$ .  $w(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ .

Soln: It is given that,  $v = \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \cos y$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \cos y \right)$$

$$= \frac{(x^2+y^2) \cdot 1 - x \cdot 2x}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \cos y$$

$$= \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \cos y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \cos y \right)$$

$$= \frac{-x \cdot (2y)}{(x^2+y^2)^2} - \operatorname{cosec} x \sin y$$

$$= \frac{-2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} - \operatorname{cosec} x \sin y.$$

Using Cauchy-Riemann equations,

$$du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy$$

$$= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dy$$

$$\therefore du = \left[ \frac{-2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} - \operatorname{cosec} x \sin y \right] dx - \left[ \frac{y^2-x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \cos y \right] dy$$

This is an exact differential equation.

$$\int du = \int \left( -\frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2} - \operatorname{cosec} x \operatorname{sin} y \right) dx - \int \left( \frac{y^2-x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \operatorname{cos} y \right) dy.$$

Ignoring the term containing  $x$ :

$$U = \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} - \operatorname{cosec} x \operatorname{sin} y.$$

$$\therefore W = U + iv$$

$$= \frac{y}{x^2+y^2} - \operatorname{cosec} x \operatorname{sin} y + i \left[ \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} + \operatorname{cosec} x \operatorname{cos} y \right]$$

$$= \frac{y+ix}{x^2+y^2} - \operatorname{cosec} x \operatorname{sin} y + i \operatorname{cosec} x \operatorname{cos} y = U + iv.$$

**Find the values of constants  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  such that the function  $f(z) = x^2 + axy + by^2 + i(cx^2 + dxy + y^2)$  is analytic.**

Soln:

$$f(z) = x^2 + axy + by^2 + i(cx^2 + dxy + y^2)$$

$$= U + iv \quad (\text{say}).$$

$$\text{where, } U = x^2 + axy + by^2, \quad V = cx^2 + dxy + y^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = 2x + ay$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 2cx + dy$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = ax + 2by$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} = dx + 2y$$

Since,  $f(z) = U + iv$  is analytic, so Cauchy-Riemann equation must be satisfied.

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \text{ and, } \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}.$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \Rightarrow 2x + ay = dx + 2y \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{and, } \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \Rightarrow ax + 2by = -2cx - dy \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{From eqn. (1), } 2x + ay - dx - 2y = 0$$

$$\text{from eqn (2), } ax + 2by + 2cx + dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - dx + ay - 2y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ax + 2cx + 2by + dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(2-d) + y(a-2) = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow ax + 2cx + 2by + dy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(2-d) + y(2b+d) = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Equation (3) and (4) will hold good if;

$$2-d=0, a-2=0$$

$$a+2c=0, 2b+d=0$$

$$\text{i.e., } a=2, d=2, c=-1, b=-1,$$

**Q** Construct an analytic function  $f(z) = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$ , where  $v(x,y) = 6xy - 5x + 3$ . Express the result as a function of  $z$ .

Soln: It is given that  $v(x,y) = 6xy - 5x + 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= 6y - 5 & \therefore \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 6x \\ \therefore du &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy & \text{[Using C-R equation]} \\ &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy \\ &= 6x dx - (6y - 5) dy \\ \therefore u &= \int 6x dx - \int (6y - 5) dy \\ &= 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 5y + C \\ \therefore f(z) &= u + iv = 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 5y + i(6xy - 5x + 3) + C \\ &= 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 5y + 6ixy - 5ix + 3i + C \\ &= 3(x^2 - y^2 + 2iy) + (-5ix + 5y) + 3i + C \\ &= 3(x+iy)^2 - 5i(x+iy) + 3i + C \\ &\leq 3z^2 - 5iz + 3i + C \end{aligned}$$

**Q** Prove that the function  $f(z) = u + iv$ , where

$$f(z) = \frac{x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i)}{x^2 + y^2} \quad (z \neq 0), \quad f(0) = 0.$$

Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied at the origin, yet  $f'(z)$  does not exist there.

Soln: Here,  $f(z) = u + iv = \frac{x^3(1+i) - y^3(1-i)}{x^2 + y^2}$

$$\text{So, } u = \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad v = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} \quad (\text{where } z \neq 0)$$

Here, we see that both  $u$  and  $v$  are rational and finite for all values of  $z \neq 0$ . So  $u$  and  $v$  are continuous at all those points for which  $z \neq 0$ . Hence  $f(z)$  is continuous where  $z \neq 0$ .

At the origin  $u=0, v=0$ . [Since  $f(0)=0$ ]

Hence,  $u$  and  $v$  are both continuous at the origin, therefore,  $f(z)$  is continuous at the origin.

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x,0) - u(0,0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{x} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(0,y) - u(0,0)}{y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{-y}{y} \right) = -1$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{v(x,0) - v(0,0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{x} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{v(0,y) - v(0,0)}{y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{y}{y}\right) = 1.$$

Thus,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ . Therefore, Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied at  $z=0$ . Again,  $f'(0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z)-f(0)}{z} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{x^3-y^3+i(x^3+y^3)}{x^2+y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{z+i} \right]$

Let  $z \rightarrow 0$  along  $y=x$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3-y^3+i(x^3+y^3)}{x^2+y^2} \cdot \frac{1}{z+i} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{2i}{2(1+i)} = \frac{1}{2}(1-i). \end{aligned}$$

Further, let  $z \rightarrow 0$  along  $y=0$  then we have  $f'(0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3(1+i)}{x^3} = 1+i$ . Hence,  $f'(0)$  is not unique. Thus,  $f'(0)$  does not exist at the origin.

**Q** Show that the function  $u = \cos x \cosh y$  is harmonic and find its harmonic conjugate.

Soln: It is given that,  $u = \cos x \cosh y$

$$\text{then, } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = -\sin x \cosh y, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \cos x \sinh y$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -\cos x \cosh y, \quad \therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \cos x \cosh y$$

Now,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\cos x \cosh y + \cos x \cosh y = 0 \Rightarrow u$  satisfied Laplace's equation. So,  $u$  is a harmonic function.

Let  $v$  be its conjugate harmonic function, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} dv &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy \\ &= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy \\ &= -\cos x \sinh y dx - \sin x \cosh y dy \\ &= -(\cos x \sinh y dx + \sin x \cosh y dy) \end{aligned}$$

Integrating, we obtain

$$v = -\sin x \cosh y + C,$$

where  $C$  is a real constant.

**Q** Prove that,  $u = y^3 - 3x^2y$  is a harmonic function. Determine its harmonic conjugate, hence find the corresponding analytic function  $f(z)$  in terms of  $z$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Given that,  $u = y^3 - 3x^2y$  satisfies  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 6xy$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - 6x^2$ .  
 $\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 6y - 6xy$ ,  $\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3y^2 - 6x^2$   
 $\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -6y$ ,  $\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 6y$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -6y + 6y = 0 \Rightarrow u \text{ satisfies Laplace's equation, so } u \text{ is a harmonic function. Further, let } v \text{ be the harmonic conjugate to } u, \text{ then we have:}$$

$$dv = \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} dy$$

$$= -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy$$

$$= -(3y^2 - 6x^2)dx - 6xy dy$$

$$= -(3y^2 dx + 6xy dy) + 6x^2 dx$$

Integrating,

$$v = -3xy^2 + x^3 + C$$

The analytic function,

$$f(z) = u + iv$$

$$= y^3 - 3x^2y + i(-3xy^2 + x^3)$$

$$= y^3 - 3x^2y - 3xy^2i + x^3i$$

$$= (y - ix)^3 + iC$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

**Q** Prove that, if  $u = x^2 - y^2$ ,  $v = \frac{-y}{(x^2+y^2)}$ , both  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy Laplace's equation, but  $u+iv$  is not an analytic function of  $z$ .

**Sol:** Given that,

$$u = x^2 - y^2, v = \frac{-y}{(x^2+y^2)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{2xy}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -2y, \quad \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{-(x^2+y^2).1 + y \cdot 2y}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(2x) = 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-2y) = -2$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ \frac{-(x^2-y^2)}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \right]$$

$$= - \left[ \frac{(x^2+y^2)^2 \cdot (-2y) - 2(x^2+y^2) \cdot 2y(2x)}{(x^2+y^2)^4} \right]$$

$$= -(x^2+y^2) \cdot \frac{x^2+y^2 \cdot (-2y) - 2 \cdot 2y(x^2-y^2)}{(x^2+y^2)^4}$$

$$= -2y(x^2+y^2) + 2y(x^2-y^2)$$

$$= - \left[ \frac{2y(-x^2-y^2-2x^2+2y^2)}{(x^2+y^2)^3} \right]$$

$$= -2y \frac{(y^2-3x^2)}{(x^2+y^2)^3}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 2 - 2 = 0, \text{ and, } \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = \frac{2y(y^2-3x^2)-2y(y^2-3x^2)}{(x^2+y^2)^3}$$

$$= 0.$$

Hence, both  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy Laplace's equation.

But, we see that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \neq \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \neq -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$  i.e; C-R equations are not satisfied.

Hence,  $u+iv$  is not an analytic function of  $z$ .

## Complex integration and Cauchy's theorem.

**Cauchy's theorem:** Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in a region  $R$  and on its boundary  $C$ . Then

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = 0.$$

This fundamental theorem, often called Cauchy's integral theorem or briefly Cauchy's theorem.

**Prove Cauchy's theorem**  $\oint_C f(z) dz = 0$  if  $f(z)$  is analytic with derivative  $f'(z)$  which is continuous at all points inside and on a simple closed curve  $C$ .

**Soln:** Since  $f(z) = u + iv$  is analytic and has a continuous derivative

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \\ &= \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the partial derivatives,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y},$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

are continuous inside and on  $C$ . Thus, Green's theorem can be applied and we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C f(z) dz &= \oint_C (u + iv)(dx + idy) \\ &= \oint_C u dx + v dy + i \oint_C v dx + u dy \\ &= \iint_R \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx dy + i \iint_R \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) dx dy = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Evaluate**  $\int_{(0,3)}^{(2,4)} (2y+x^2) dx + (3x-y) dy$  along: (a) the parabola  $x=2t, y=t^2+3$ ; (b) straight lines from  $(0,3)$  to  $(2,3)$  and then from  $(2,3)$  to  $(2,4)$ ; (c) a straight line from  $(0,3)$  to  $(2,4)$ .

**Soln:** (a) The points  $(0,3)$  and  $(2,4)$  on the parabola correspond to  $t=0$  and  $t=1$ , respectively. Then the given integral equals,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{(0,3)}^{(2,4)} (2y+x^2) dx + (3x-y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 (2t^2+6+4+t^2). 2 dt + (6t-t^2-3). 2t dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (4t^2+12+8t^2+12t^2-2t^3-6t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (24t^2+12-2t^3-6t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Here, } x = 2t$ $\therefore dx = 2dt$ $y = t^2+3$ $\therefore dy = 2t dt$
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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left[ 24 \cdot \frac{1}{3}t^3 + 12t - 2 \cdot \frac{3}{4}t^4 - 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2}t^2 \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \left[ 8t^3 + 12t - \frac{t^4}{2} - 3t^2 \right]_0^1 \\
 &= 8 + 12 - \frac{1}{2} - 3 \\
 &= \frac{33}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Along the straight line  $(0, 3)$  to  $(2, 3)$  ;  
 $y = 3 \quad \therefore dy = 0$   
 $x$  varies from 0 to 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \int_0^2 (6+x^2) dx &= \left[ 6x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right]_0^2 \\
 &= \left( 12 + \frac{8}{3} \right) \\
 &= \frac{44}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Along the straight line  $(2, 3)$  to  $(2, 4)$

$$x=2 \quad \therefore dx=0$$

$y$  varies from 3 to 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \int_3^4 (6-y) dy &= \left[ 6y - \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right]_3^4 \\
 &= \left\{ 24 - \frac{16}{2} \right\} - \left\{ 18 - \frac{9}{2} \right\} \\
 &= 16 - \frac{27}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, the required value =  $\frac{44}{3} + \frac{27}{2}$   
 $= \frac{103}{6}$ .

- (c) An equation for the line joining  $(0, 3)$  and  $(2, 4)$  in  $2y-x=6$ . Solving for  $x$ , we have  $x=2y-6$ . Then, the line integral equals,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_3^4 \left[ 2y + (2y-6)^2 \right] 2 dy + \int_3^4 [3(2y-6) - y] dy \\
 &= \int_3^4 (2y + 4y^2 - 24y + 36) \cdot 2 dy + (6y - 18 - y) dy \\
 &= \int_3^4 (8y^2 - 48y + 72 + 6y - 18 - y) dy \\
 &= \int_3^4 (8y^2 - 39y + 54) dy
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left[ 8 \cdot \frac{1}{6} y^3 - 39 \cdot \frac{1}{2} y^2 + 54y \right]_3$$

$$= \left( \frac{8}{3} \cdot 64 - 39 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 16 + 54 \cdot 4 \right) - \left( \frac{8}{3} \cdot 27 - 39 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot 9 + 54 \cdot 3 \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{512}{3} - 312 + 216 \right) - \left( 72 - \frac{351}{2} + 162 \right)$$

$$= \frac{97}{6}.$$

- Evaluate  $\int_C z dz$  from  $z=0$  to  $z=4+2i$  along the curve  $C$  given by : (1)  $z=t^2+it$ ,  
 (2) the line from  $z=0$  to  $z=2i$  and then the line from  $z=2i$  to  $z=4+2i$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

- (1) The Points  $z=0$  and  $z=4+2i$  on  $C$  correspond to  $t=0$  and  $t=2$ , respectively. Then the line integral equals,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^2 t^2 + it \, d(t^2 + it) \\ &= \int_0^2 (t^2 - it)(2t + i) \, dt \\ &= \int_0^2 (2t^3 + it^2 - i^2 t^2 - i^2 t) \, dt \\ &= \int_0^2 (2t^3 + it^2 - 2it^2 + t) \, dt \\ &= \left[ 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} t^4 + i \cdot \frac{1}{3} t^3 - 2it^2 + t \right]_0^2 \\ &= \int_0^2 (2t^3 - it^2 + t) \, dt \\ &= \left[ 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} t^4 - i \cdot \frac{1}{3} t^3 + \frac{1}{2} t^2 \right]_0^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^4 - i \cdot \frac{1}{3} 2^3 + \frac{1}{2} 2^2 \\ &= 8 + 2 - i \cdot \frac{8}{3} \\ &= 10 - \frac{8i}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

- (2) The given line integral equals,

$$\int_C (x - iy) (dx + idy) = \int_C x dx + y dy + i \int_C x dy - y dx.$$

The line from  $z=0$  to  $z=4+2i$  is the same as the line from  $(0,0)$  to  $(0,2)$  for which  $x=0$ ,  $dx=0$  and the line integral equals,

$$\int_{y=0}^2 (0) \cdot (0) + y \, dy + i \int_{y=0}^2 (0) \, dy - y \cdot (0)$$

$$= \int_0^2 y dy = 2$$

The line from  $z=2i$  to  $z=4+2i$  is the same as the line from  $(0,2)$  to  $(4,2)$  for which  $y=2$ ,  $dy=0$  and the  $x$  varies from 0 to 4.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^4 x dx + 2 \cdot 0 + i \int_0^4 x \cdot 0 - 2 dx \\ &= \int_0^4 x dx + i \int_0^4 -2 dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right]_0^4 + i \left[ -2x \right]_0^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 16 + i \cdot -8 \\ &= 8 - 8i \end{aligned}$$

Then, the required value =  $2 + (8-8i)$

$$= 10 - 8i.$$

**Evaluate**  $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z-a}$  where  $C$  is any simple closed curve  $C$  and  $z=a$  is (a) outside  $C$ , (b) inside  $C$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

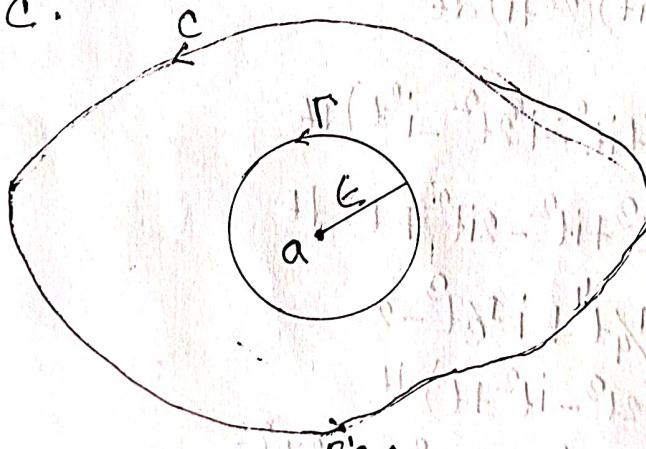


Fig. 1

(a) If  $a$  is outside  $C$ , then  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-a}$  is analytic everywhere inside and on  $C$ . Hence, Cauchy's theorem,  $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z-a} = 0$ .

(b) Suppose  $a$  is inside  $C$  and let  $\Gamma$  be a circle of radius  $\epsilon$  with center at  $z=a$  so that  $\Gamma$  is inside  $C$ . (this can be done since  $z=a$  is interior point).

$$\oint_C \frac{dz}{z-a} = \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{dz}{z-a} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, on  $\Gamma$ ,  $|z-a|=\epsilon$  or,  $z-a=\epsilon e^{i\theta}$

i.e.,  $z=a+\epsilon e^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . Thus, since  $dz=i\epsilon e^{i\theta} d\theta$ , the right side of eqn (1) becomes,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{i\epsilon e^{i\theta} d\theta}{\epsilon e^{i\theta}} = i \int_0^{2\pi} 1 d\theta = 2\pi i$$

which is required value.

**Q** Evaluate  $\oint_C \frac{dz}{(z-a)^n}$ ,  $n=2, 3, 4, \dots$  where  $z=a$  is inside the simple closed curve  $C$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: From fig. 1 on  $C$ ,  $|z-a| = \epsilon$   
 $\Rightarrow z-a = \epsilon e^{i\theta}$   
 $\Rightarrow z = a + \epsilon e^{i\theta}, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$   
 $\therefore dz = i\epsilon e^{i\theta} d\theta$ .

Hence,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{i\epsilon e^{i\theta} d\theta}{\epsilon^n e^{in\theta}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{i}{\epsilon^{n-1}} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{(1-n)i\theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{i}{\epsilon^{n-1}} \left[ \frac{e^{(1-n)i\theta}}{(1-n)i} \right]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-n)\epsilon^{n-1}} \left[ e^{2(1-n)\pi i} - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(1-n)\epsilon^{n-1}} \left[ e^{2(1-n)\pi i} - 1 \right] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Where,  $n \neq 1$ .

**Q** If  $f(\xi) = \int_C \frac{4z^2+2+5}{z-\xi} dz$ , where  $C$  is the ellipse  $(\frac{x}{2})^2 + (\frac{y}{3})^2 = 1$ . Find the value of  $f(3.5)$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $f(3.5) = \int_C \frac{4z^2+2+5}{z-3.5} dz$ .

Since  $\xi = 3.5$  is the only singular point of  $\frac{4z^2+2+5}{z-3.5}$  and it lies outside the ellipse  $C$ , therefore,  $\frac{4z^2+2+5}{z-3.5}$  is analytic everywhere within  $C$ .

Hence, by Cauchy's theory,

$$\int_C \frac{4z^2+2+5}{z-3.5} dz = 0.$$

Verify Cauchy's theorem for the integral of  $z^3$  taken over the boundary of the rectangle with vertices  $-1, 1, 1+i, -1+i$ .

Sol: Let  $f(z) = z^3$ , since  $f(z)$  is analytic within and on the boundary of the rectangle (say,  $C$ ) and also  $f'(z)$  is continuous at each point within and on  $C$ . Hence, applying Cauchy's theorem, we get

$$\oint_C z^3 dz = 0$$

Now consider,

$$\oint_C z^3 dz$$

$$= \oint_C (x+iy)^3 (dx+idy)$$

$$= \oint_C [(x+iy)^3 dx + i(x+iy)^3 dy]$$

$$= \int_{AB} (x+iy)^3 dx + i(x+iy)^3 dy + \int_{BC} (x+iy)^3 dx + i(x+iy)^3 dy$$

$$+ \int_{CD} (x+iy)^3 dx + i(x+iy)^3 dy + \int_{DA} (x+iy)^3 dx + i(x+iy)^3 dy$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx + i \int_0^1 (1+iy)^3 dy + \int_{-1}^1 (x+i)^3 dx + i \int_0^1 (1+iy)^3 dy$$

$$= 0 + i \int_0^1 (1+iy)^3 dy + \int_1^{-1} (x+i)^3 dx + i \int_0^0 (iy-1)^3 dy$$

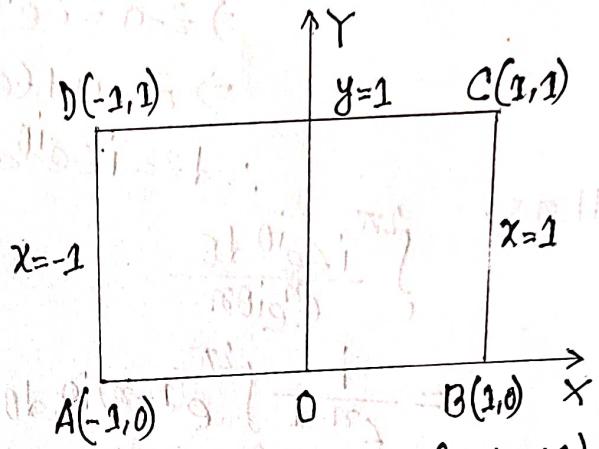
$$= i \left[ \frac{(1+iy)^4}{4xi} \right]_0^1 + \left[ \frac{(x+i)^4}{4} \right]_1^{-1} + i \left[ \frac{(iy-1)^4}{4xi} \right]_0^0$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [(1+iy)^4]_0^1 + \frac{1}{4} [(x+i)^4]_1^{-1} + \frac{1}{4} [(iy-1)^4]_0^0$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [(1+i)^4 - 1] + \frac{1}{4} [(i-1)^4 - (1+i)^4] + \frac{1}{4} [(-1-i)^4 - (i-1)^4] = 0$$

$$= 0$$

This verifies the Cauchy's theorem.



Along AB,  $y=0 \Rightarrow dy=0$  ( $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ )

Along BC,  $x=1 \Rightarrow dx=0$  ( $0 \leq y \leq 1$ )

Along CD,  $y=1 \Rightarrow dy=0$  ( $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ )

Along DA,  $x=-1 \Rightarrow dx=0$  ( $0 \leq y \leq 1$ )

**Q** Evaluate  $\int_C \frac{z+4}{z^2+2z+5} dz$ , where C is the circle  $|z+1|=1$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>:

If  $f(z) = \frac{z+4}{z^2+2z+5}$ , then poles of  $f(z)$  are given by,

$$\begin{aligned} z^2+2z+5 &= 0 \quad \therefore z = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-20}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{16}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2(-1 \pm \sqrt{4})}{2} \\ &= -1 \pm 2i \quad \therefore \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore z = -1+2i, -1-2i$$

When  $z = -1+2i$ , then  $|z+1| = |-1+2i+1| = 2 > 1$

$\therefore$  The pole  $z = -1+2i$  lies outside the circle  $|z+1|=1$

Since both the poles lie outside the circle C, hence  $f(z)$  is analytic everywhere within C.  
Also  $f'(z)$  is continuous within and on C.

By applying Cauchy's theorem, we get,

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 0 \quad \text{i.e., } \int_C \frac{z+4}{z^2+2z+5} dz = 0$$

**Q** Evaluate  $\int_C \frac{z^2-2z+1}{z-1} dz$ , where C is the circle  $|z| = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Let  $f(z) = \frac{z^2-2z+1}{z-1}$

Poles of  $f(z)$  are given by,

$$\begin{aligned} z-1 &= 0 \\ \text{i.e., } z &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since the pole  $z=1$  lie outside the circle C, hence  $f(z)$  is analytic within and on C.  
Also  $f'(z)$  is continuous at each point within and on C.

So, by applying Cauchy's theorem, we get,

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 0 \quad \text{i.e., } \int_C \frac{z^2-2z+1}{z-1} dz = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} |x+iy| &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2+y^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ \therefore x^2+y^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

## Cauchy's integral formulae and related theorems.

■ Cauchy's integral formulae: If  $f(z)$  be analytic inside and on a simple closed curve  $C$  and  $a$  is any point inside  $C$ . Then,

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

Also, the  $n$ th derivative of  $f(z)$  at  $z=a$  is given by,

$$f^{(n)}(a) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}} dz, n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Example,

$$f'(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^2} dz$$

$$f''(a) = \frac{2}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^3} dz$$

■ (a) Evaluate  $\oint_C \frac{\sin \pi z^2 + \cos \pi z^2}{(z-1)(z-2)} dz$ ,

(b)  $\oint_C \frac{e^{2z}}{(z+1)^4} dz$  where  $C$  is the circle  $|z|=3$

Sol:

(a) Since  $\frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)} = \frac{1}{(z-2)} - \frac{1}{(z-1)}$ , we have

$$\oint_C \frac{\sin \pi z^2 + \cos \pi z^2}{(z-1)(z-2)} dz = \oint_C \frac{\sin \pi z^2 + \cos \pi z^2}{z-2} dz - \oint_C \frac{\sin \pi z^2 + \cos \pi z^2}{z-1} dz$$

$|z|=3$  is a circle of radius 3.

By Cauchy's integral formulae;  $a=2$ ,

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

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi i \cdot f(2) = \oint_C \frac{\sin \pi z^2 + \cos \pi z^2}{z-2} dz$$

By Cauchy's integral formulae;  $a=1$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi i \cdot f(1) = \oint_C \frac{\sin \pi z^2 + \cos \pi z^2}{z-1} dz$$

Since  $z=1$  and  $z=2$  are inside  $C$  and  $\sin \pi z^2 + \cos \pi z^2$  is analytic inside  $C$ .  
Then the required integral;

$$\oint_C \frac{\sin \pi z^2 + \cos \pi z^2}{(z-1)(z-2)} dz = 2\pi i \cdot f(2) - 2\pi i \cdot f(1).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2\pi i (\sin \pi 2^2 + \cos \pi 2^2) - 2\pi i (\sin \pi 1^2 + \cos \pi 1^2) \\
 &= 2\pi i - (-2\pi i) \\
 &= 4\pi i.
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Let  $f(z) = e^{2z}$  and  $a = -1$  in the Cauchy integral formula,

$$f^{(n)}(a) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}} dz \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If  $n=3$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(z) &= 2e^{2z} \\
 f''(z) &= 4e^{2z} \\
 f'''(z) &= 8e^{2z} \\
 \therefore f'''(-1) &= 8e^{-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, eqn.(1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 8e^{-2} &= \frac{3!}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{e^{2z}}{(z+1)^4} dz \\
 \Rightarrow \oint_C \frac{e^{2z}}{(z+1)^4} dz &= \frac{8e^{-2} \cdot 2\pi i}{3 \times 2!} \\
 &= \frac{8\pi i e^{-2}}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  The required integral has the value  $\frac{8\pi i e^{-2}}{3}$

Evaluate  $\int_C \frac{e^{-z}}{z+1} dz$ , where  $C$  is the circle  $|z| = \frac{1}{2}$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Here,  $f(z) = e^{-z}$  is an analytic function.

The point  $z=-1$  lies outside the circle  $|z| = \frac{1}{2}$ .

$\therefore$  The function  $\frac{e^{-z}}{z+1}$  is analytic within and on  $C$ .

By Cauchy's theorem, we have

$$\int \frac{e^{-z}}{z+1} dz = 0.$$

■ Evaluate  $\int_C \frac{3z^2+z}{z^2-1} dz$ , where C is the circle  $|z-1|=1$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: The integral has singularities, where  $z^2-1=0$  i.e; at  $z=1$  and  $z=-1$ .  
The circle  $|z-1|=1$  has center at  $z=1$  if  $f(z)=3z^2+z$ , is an analytic function.

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{z^2-1} &= \frac{1}{(z-1)(z+1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z-1} - \frac{1}{z+1} \right) \\ \therefore \int_C \frac{3z^2+z}{z^2-1} dz &= \frac{1}{2} \int_C \frac{3z^2+z}{z-1} dz - \frac{1}{2} \int_C \frac{3z^2+z}{z+1} dz \quad \text{--- (1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi i \cdot f(1) - 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi i (3 \cdot 1^2 + 1) - 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\pi i \cdot 4 \\ &= 4\pi i\end{aligned}$$

■ Evaluate  $\int_C \frac{\sin 3z}{z+\pi/2} dz$  if C is the circle  $|z|=5$

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $|z|=5$  is a circle of radius 5.

From Cauchy's theorem;  $a = -\pi/2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore f(-\pi/2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{\sin 3z}{z+\pi/2} dz \\ \int_C \frac{\sin 3z}{z+\pi/2} dz &= 2\pi i \cdot f(-\pi/2) \\ &= 2\pi i \cdot \sin(3 \cdot -\pi/2) \\ &= 2\pi i \cdot 1 \\ &= 2\pi i.\end{aligned}$$

## The residue theorem and applications.

### Laurent series:

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

With an appropriate change of notation, we can write the above as

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

This is called a Laurent series or expansion.

### Residues:

Let  $f(z)$  be single valued and analytic inside and on a circle  $C$  except at the point  $z=a$  chosen at the center of circle  $C$ . Then  $f(z)$  has a Laurent's series about  $z=a$  given by,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z-a)^n \\ &= a_0 + a_1(z-a) + a_2(z-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{a_{-1}}{z-a} + \frac{a_{-2}}{(z-a)^2} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where,

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

In the special case, when  $n=-1$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{-1} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C f(z) dz \\ \Rightarrow \oint_C f(z) dz &= 2\pi i a_{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

This  $a_{-1}$  is known as the residue of  $f(z)$  at  $z=a$ .

### Calculation of residues:

If  $z=a$  is a pole of order  $k$ , there is a simple formula for  $a_{-1}$  given by,

$$a_{-1} = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^{k-1}}{dz^{k-1}} \left\{ (z-a)^k f(z) \right\}$$

If  $k=1$  (simple pole), then the result is especially simple and is given by,

$$a_{-1} = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z-a) f(z).$$

## Residue theorem:

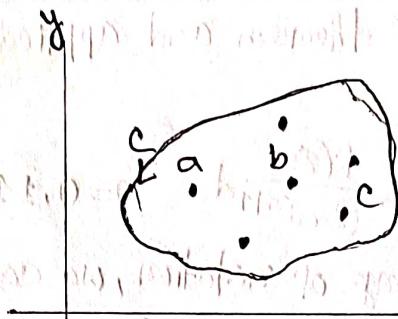


Fig. 1

Let  $f(z)$  be single-valued and analytic inside and on a simple closed curve  $C$  except at the singularities  $a, b, c, \dots$  inside  $C$ , which have residues given by  $a_{-1}, b_{-1}, c_{-1}, \dots$  [in Fig. 1].

Then the residue theorem states that,

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i (a_{-1} + b_{-1} + c_{-1} + \dots)$$

i.e., the integral of  $f(z)$  around  $C$  is  $2\pi i$  times the sum of the residues of  $f(z)$  at the singularities enclosed by  $C$ .

**Q.** Find the residues of (a)  $f(z) = \frac{z^2 - 2z}{(z+1)^2(z^2+4)}$  and (b)  $f(z) = e^z \cos z$  at all its poles in the finite plane.

Soln: (a) Here,  $f(z) = \frac{z^2 - 2z}{(z+1)^2(z^2+4)}$

Now,  $f(z)$  has three poles;  $z = -1$  is a pole of order 2.

$$z^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow z = \pm 2i \text{ are simple poles.}$$

Residue at  $z = -1$ :

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{(-1-1)!} \frac{d^{2-1}}{dz^{2-1}} \left\{ (z+1)^2 \cdot \frac{z^2 - 2z}{(z+1)^2(z^2+4)} \right\}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z^2 - 2z}{z^2 + 4} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \left( z^2 + 4 \right) \frac{d}{dz} (z^2 - 2z) - (z^2 - 2z) \frac{d}{dz} (z^2 + 4)$$

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

$$= \frac{-20 + 6}{25}$$

$$= -\frac{14}{25}$$

Residue at  $z=2i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \left\{ (z-2i) \cdot \frac{(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z-2i)(z+2i)} \right\} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2i} \left\{ \frac{z^2-2z}{(z+1)^2(z+2i)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{-4-4i}{(2i+1)^2 \cdot 4i} = \frac{2+i}{25} \end{aligned}$$

Residue at  $z=-2i$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \left\{ (z+2i) \cdot \frac{(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z-2i)(z+2i)} \right\} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -2i} \left\{ \frac{(z^2-2z)}{(z+1)^2(z-2i)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{-4+4i}{(-2i+1)^2 \cdot (-4i)} = \frac{2-i}{25} \end{aligned}$$

⑤ Here,  $f(z) = e^z \operatorname{cosec}^2 z = \frac{e^z}{\sin^2 z}$  has double poles at  $z=0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \dots$  i.e.,  $z=\pm m\pi$

where,  $m=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

⑥ Residue at  $z=m\pi$  is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{z \rightarrow m\pi} \frac{1}{1!} \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ (z-m\pi)^2 \cdot \frac{e^z}{\sin^2 z} \right\} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow m\pi} \frac{e^z [(z-m\pi)^2 \sin z + 2(z-m\pi) \sin z - 2(z-m\pi)^2 \cos z]}{\sin^3 z} \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $z-m\pi=u$  or,  $z=u+m\pi$ , this limit can be written

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} e^{u+m\pi} \left\{ \frac{u^2 \sin u + 2u \sin u - 2u^2 \cos u}{\sin^3 u} \right\} \\ &= e^{m\pi} \left\{ \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{u^2 \sin u + 2u \sin u - 2u^2 \cos u}{\sin^3 u} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

This limit in brackets can be obtained using L'Hospital's rule. However, it is clear to first note that,

$$\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{u^3}{\sin^3 u} = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{u}{\sin u} \right)^3 = 1$$

and thus write the limit as

$$e^{m\pi} \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{u^2 \sin u + u \cos u - 2u^2 \cos u}{\sin u^3} \cdot \frac{u^3}{\sin^3 u} \right)$$

$$= e^{m\pi} \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{u^2 \sin u + u \sin u - 2u^2 \cos u}{u^3}$$

$$= e^{m\pi}.$$

Evaluate  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z^2+2z+2)} dz$  around the circle  $C$  with equation  $|z|=3$ .

Soln: Here, the integral,  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z^2+2z+2)} dz$  has three poles.

$z=0$  is a pole of order 2. and,  $z^2+2z+2=0$

$$\Rightarrow z = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = -1 \pm i \text{ are simple poles.}$$

Residue at  $z=0$  is,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(2-1)!} \frac{d^{2-1}}{dz^{2-1}} \left\{ z^2 \cdot \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z^2+2z+2)} \right\}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2+2z+2} \right\}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{(z^2+2z+2)(tze^{zt}) - (e^{zt})(2z+2)}{(z^2+2z+2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2t-2}{4} = \frac{t-1}{2}$$

Residue at  $z=-1+i$  is,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -1+i} \left\{ [z - (-1+i)] \cdot \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z^2+2z+2)} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow -1+i} \left\{ \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2} \right\} \cdot \lim_{z \rightarrow -1+i} \left\{ \frac{z+1-i}{z^2(z^2+2z+2)} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{e^{(-1+i)t}}{(-1+i)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2i} = \frac{e^{(-1+i)t}}{4}$$

Residue at  $z=-1-i$  is,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -1-i} \left\{ [z - (-1-i)] \cdot \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z^2+2z+2)} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{e^{(-1-i)t}}{4}$$

Then, by the residue theorem;

$$\oint_C \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z^2+2z+2)} dz = 2\pi i (\text{sum of residues}) \\ = 2\pi i \left\{ \frac{-1}{2} + \frac{e^{(-1+1)t}}{4} + \frac{e^{(-1-i)t}}{4} \right\} \\ = 2\pi i \left\{ \frac{-1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} \text{cont} \right\}$$

that is,  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{e^{zt}}{z^2(z^2+2z+2)} dz = \frac{-1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t} \text{cont.}$

Evaluate  $\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{x^6+1}$ :

Soln:

Consider  $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z^6+1}$ , where C is the closed contour

of Fig. 1 consisting of the line from -R to R

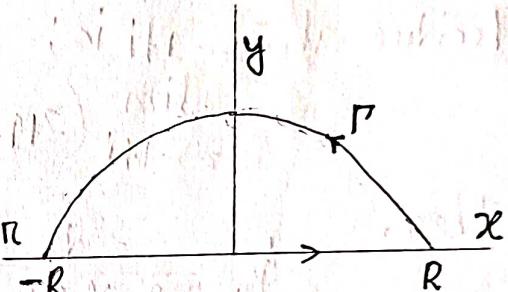


Fig. 1

and the semicircle  $\Gamma$ , traversed in the positive (counter clockwise) sense.

Since  $z^6+1=0$  when  $z=e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{3\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{7\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{9\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{11\pi i}{6}}$ , there are simple poles at  $e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{9\pi i}{6}}$ . Only the poles  $e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}}, e^{\frac{9\pi i}{6}}$  lie within C. Then, using L'Hospital's rule,

$$\text{Residue at } e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}} = \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}} \left( (z - e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}) \frac{1}{z^6+1} \right) = \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{\frac{\pi i}{6}}} \frac{1}{6z^5} = \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{5\pi i}{6}}.$$

$$\text{Residue at } e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}} = \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}}} \left( (z - e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}}) \frac{1}{z^6+1} \right) = \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{\frac{5\pi i}{6}}} \frac{1}{6z^5} = \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{5\pi i}{6}}.$$

$$\text{Residue at } e^{\frac{9\pi i}{6}} = \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{\frac{9\pi i}{6}}} \left( (z - e^{\frac{9\pi i}{6}}) \frac{1}{z^6+1} \right) = \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{\frac{9\pi i}{6}}} \frac{1}{6z^5} = \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{25\pi i}{6}}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \oint_C \frac{dz}{z^6+1} = 2\pi i \left\{ \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{5\pi i}{6}} + \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{5\pi i}{6}} + \frac{1}{6} e^{-\frac{25\pi i}{6}} \right\} \\ = \frac{2\pi}{3},$$

$$\text{That is, } \int_{-R}^R \frac{dx}{x^6+1} + \int_{\Gamma} \frac{dz}{z^6+1} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

Taking the limit of both sides of eqn. (1) as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  and we have,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R \frac{dx}{x^6+1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6+1} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

Since,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6+1} = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^6+1}$$

the required integral has the value  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

■ Show that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2 dx}{(x^2+1)^2(x^2+2x+2)} = \frac{\pi}{50}$

Sol<sup>n</sup>: The poles of  $z^2/(z^2+1)^2(z^2+2z+2)$  enclosed by the contour C of Fig. 1 are  $z=i$  of order 2 and  $z=-1+i$  of order 1.

Residue at  $z=i$  is;

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ (z-i)^2 \frac{z^2}{(z+1)^2(z-1)^2(z^2+2z+2)} \right\} = \frac{9i-12}{100}$$

Residue at  $z=-1+i$  is;

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -1+i} (z+1-i) \frac{z^2}{(z^2+1)^2(z+1-i)(z+1+i)} = \frac{3-4i}{25}$$

Then,

$$\oint_C \frac{z^2 dz}{(z^2+1)^2(z^2+2z+2)} = 2\pi i \left( \frac{9i-12}{100} + \frac{3-4i}{25} \right) = \frac{\pi\pi}{50}$$

or,  $\int_{-R}^R \frac{x^2 dx}{(x^2+1)^2(x^2+2x+2)} + \int_R^{\infty} \frac{z^2 dz}{(z^2+1)^2(z^2+2z+2)} = \frac{\pi\pi}{50}$ .

■ Show that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos 3\theta}{5-4\cos\theta} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{12}$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup>: Let  $z = i\theta$ , then  $\cos\theta = (z+\bar{z})/2$ ,  $\cos 3\theta = (z^3+\bar{z}^3)/2$ ,  $dz = iz d\theta$  so that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos 3\theta}{5-4\cos\theta} d\theta = \oint_C \frac{(z^3+\bar{z}^3)/2}{5-4(z+\bar{z})/2} \frac{dz}{iz} = \frac{-1}{2i} \oint_C \frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)} dz$$

The integrand has a pole of order 3 at  $z=0$  and a simple pole  $z=\frac{1}{2}$ .

Residue at  $z=0$  is,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left\{ z^3 \cdot \frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)} \right\} = \frac{21}{8}$$

Residue at  $z=\frac{1}{2}$  is,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \left\{ (z-\frac{1}{2}) \cdot \frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)} \right\} = -\frac{65}{24}$$

Then,  $-\frac{1}{2i} \oint_C \frac{z^6+1}{z^3(2z-1)(z-2)} dz = -\frac{1}{2i}(2\pi i) \left\{ \frac{21}{8} - \frac{65}{24} \right\} = \frac{\pi}{12}$  as required.