

Riemann Surfaces - Spring 2024

EXERCISES SHEET 1

Ex 1. Take $h = \Delta x \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x+\Delta x, y) + i v(x+\Delta x, y)}{\Delta x}$$
$$= u_x + i v_x$$

Take now $h = i\Delta y$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+h) - f(z)}{h} = \lim_{\Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{u(x, y+\Delta y) + i v(x, y+\Delta y)}{i\Delta y}$$
$$= -i u_y + v_y$$

As the limits coincide, we find $u_x = v_y$ & $v_x = -u_y$.

Ex 2. Parametrise γ_r as

$$\gamma_r: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad \gamma_r(t) = r e^{2\pi i t}$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma_r} z^{n-1} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^1 r^{n-1} e^{2\pi i(n-1)t} (r 2\pi i) e^{2\pi i t} dt$$
$$= r^n \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i n t} dt$$

$$\text{If } n=0 \Rightarrow r^0 \int_0^1 dt = 1.$$

$$\text{If } n \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{r^n}{2\pi i n} e^{2\pi i n t} \Big|_{t=0}^1 = 0.$$

Ex 3. Simple pole $\Rightarrow f(z) = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n$. Thus

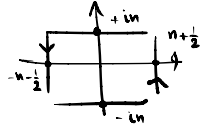
$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow z_0} (z-z_0) f(z) = \lim_{|z| \rightarrow z_0} \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^{n+1} = a_{-1} = \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_0} f(z).$$

Ex 4. For $\Gamma = \gamma \cup \gamma_1 \cup \dots \cup \gamma_N$ as in the figure, we have

$$\oint_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 0$$

as Γ is contractible within the holomorphicity domain. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{\oint_{\gamma_i} f(z) dz}_{= \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_i} f(z) \text{ by Cauchy}} \end{aligned}$$

Ex 5. For $n \geq 0$, take $\gamma_n =$  Notice that

$$\cos(\pi z) = \cos(\pi x) \cosh(\pi y) - i \sin(\pi x) \sinh(\pi y)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\cos(\pi z)|^2 = \cos^2(\pi x) \cosh^2(\pi y) + \sin^2(\pi x) \sinh^2(\pi y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \cos^2(\pi x) (\cosh^2(\pi y) - \sinh^2(\pi y)) \\
 &\quad + (\sin^2(\pi x) + \cos^2(\pi x)) \sinh^2(\pi y) \\
 &= \cos^2(\pi x) + \sinh^2(\pi y)
 \end{aligned}$$

and similarly $|\sin(\pi z)|^2 = \sin^2(\pi x) + \sinh^2(\pi y)$. Thus:

$$|\cot(\pi z)|^2 = \frac{\cos^2(\pi x) + \sinh^2(\pi y)}{\sin^2(\pi x) + \sinh^2(\pi y)}.$$

Along the vertic. sides of γ_n , i.e. $z = \pm(n + \frac{1}{2}) + y$,

$$|\cot(\pi z)|^2 = \frac{\sinh^2(\pi y)}{1 + \sinh^2(\pi y)} = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \sinh^2(\pi y)} \leq 1.$$

and along the horiz. sides, i.e. $z = x \pm in$,

$$|\cot(\pi z)|^2 \leq \frac{1 + \sinh^2(\pi n)}{\sinh^2(\pi n)} = \coth^2(\pi n) \leq \sqrt{2}$$

Thus, overall along γ_n , $|\cot(\pi z)| \leq 2$. Besides, $\frac{1}{|z^{2k}|} \leq \frac{1}{n^{2k}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma_n} \underbrace{\frac{\pi}{z^{2k}} \cot(\pi z) dz}_{= f(z)} \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{n^{2k}} \cdot 2 \cdot l(\gamma_n) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^{2k}} 2(2n + 2n + 1) = 2 \cdot \frac{4n+1}{n^{2k}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma_n} f(z) dz \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

On the other hand, the integrand has poles at $z=0$ and $z = \pm m$, $m > 0$ integer. Besides,

• at $z=0$, $f(z) = \frac{\pi}{z^{2k}} \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m z^{2m} B_{2m} \pi^{2m-1} z^{2m-1}}{(2m)!} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} f(z) = (-1)^k \frac{B_{2k} (2\pi)^{2k}}{(2k)!}$$

• at $z=+m$, the pole is simple:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Res}_{z=m} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow m} (z-m) \frac{\pi}{z^{2k}} \cot(\pi z) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \cdot \frac{\pi}{(z+m)^{2k}} \frac{\cos(\pi z)}{\sin(\pi z)} = \frac{1}{m^{2k}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by residue thm

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma_n} f(z) dz &= (-1)^k \frac{B_{2k} (2\pi)^{2k}}{(2k)!} + \sum_{\substack{m=-n, \dots, +n \\ m \neq 0}} \frac{1}{m^{2k}} \\ &= (-1)^k \frac{B_{2k} (2\pi)^{2k}}{(2k)!} + 2 \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{1}{m^{2k}} \end{aligned}$$

In the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$, we find

$$\zeta(2k) = (-1)^{k+1} \frac{B_{2k} (2\pi)^{2k}}{2 \cdot (2k)!}$$

The same strategy for odd values would give $0=0$.