

Extreme Integration

Start with Taylor Series.

If $f(z)$ is regular in D , then all derivatives exist, therefore we can expand $f(z)$ in a Taylor series about some point z_0 .

$$\begin{aligned} a &= f(z_0) \\ a_n &= \frac{1}{n!} f^n(z_0) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The question is if the series converges? If z_0 is in the center of a disk with radius r , such that r is equal to the distance between z_0 and the closest singularity.

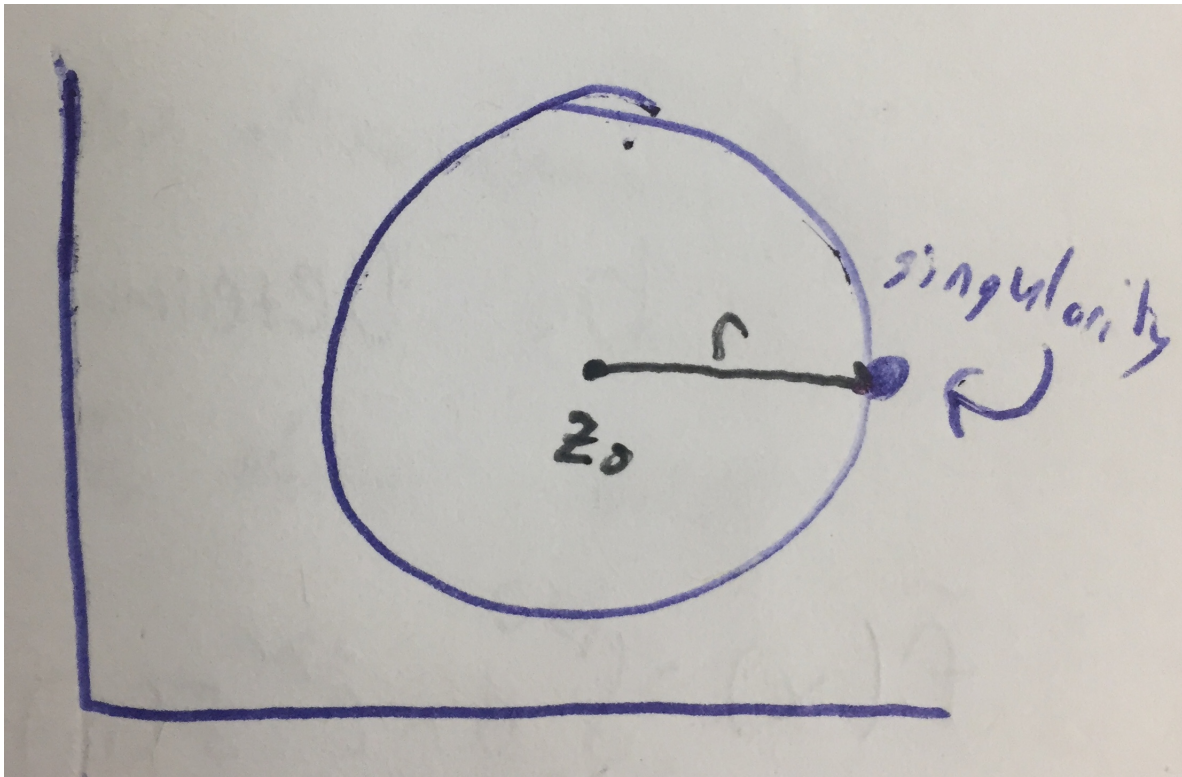


Figure 1: Make a caption. Radius of Convergence defined by r . R is length to closest singularity.

As an example consider

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z} \tag{2}$$

The function exists everywhere, except for the singularity at $z=0$. To evaluate we can expand the function

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{z_0 - z}{z_0}\right)^n} \tag{3}$$

We can now use a geometric series. The Taylor series is

$$\frac{1}{z_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z_0 - z}{z_0}\right)^n \tag{4}$$

To converge then

$$\frac{z - z_0}{z_0} < 1 \tag{5}$$

We know $z - z_0 < z_0$.

Laurent Series

Expand the series about point z_0

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} \quad (6)$$

Where the second line comes from Cauchy.

As an example we can again use $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$ which is naturally the form for a Laurent series.

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{a_1}{z - 0} \quad (7)$$

Where we define $a_1 = 1$ and $z_0 = 0$

The contour would need to go around z_0 , but we may not need to include z_0 in our domain (i.e. we can make the contour as small as we want around z_0 infinitely small about the point).

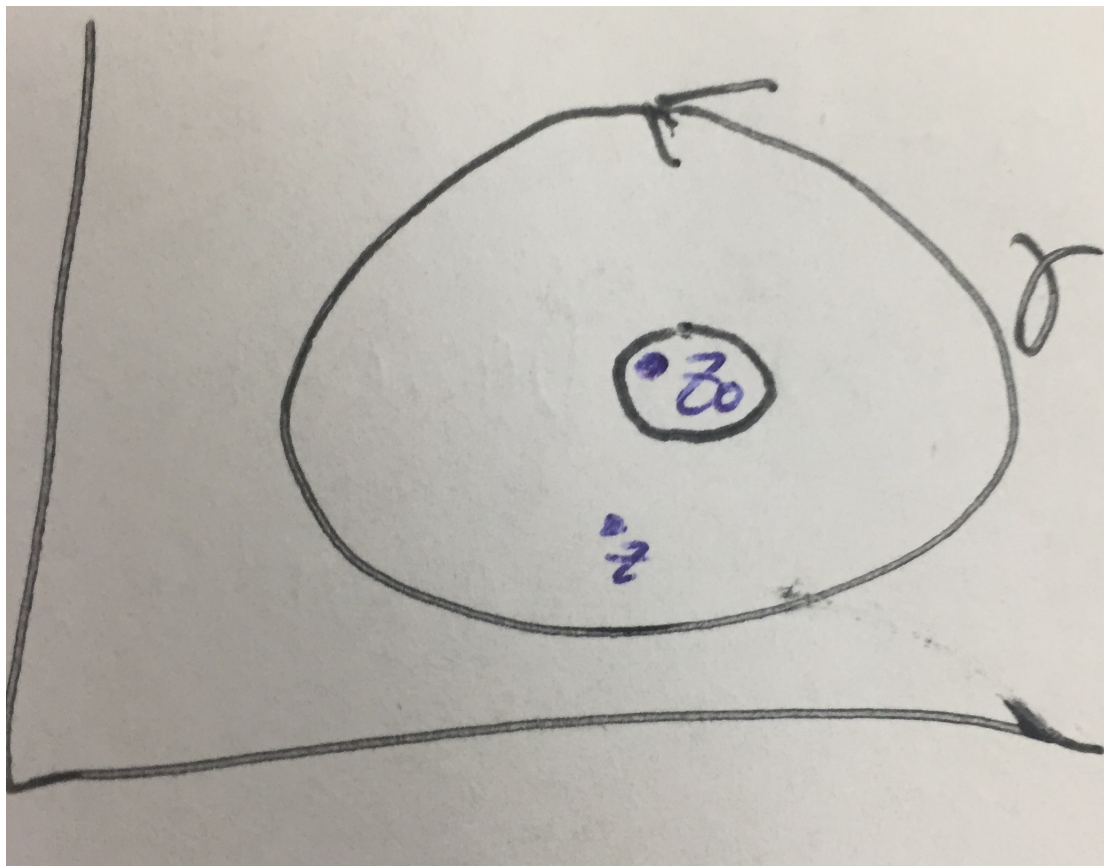


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We can now represent $f(z)$ at any point z because the function is regular the integral is not a function of path.

Pole

z_0 is a simple pole of order M if $a_m \neq 0$, but for any $m' > m$ $a_{m'} = 0$.

If m is infinite, then z_0 is known as an essential singularity at this point.

There are other types of singularities, for example a branching point occurs for $f(z) = \sqrt{z}$. In polar coordinates we could write $z = Re^{i\theta}$.

$$f(z) = \sqrt{z} = \sqrt{R}e^{i\theta} \quad (8)$$

We can choose a new contour

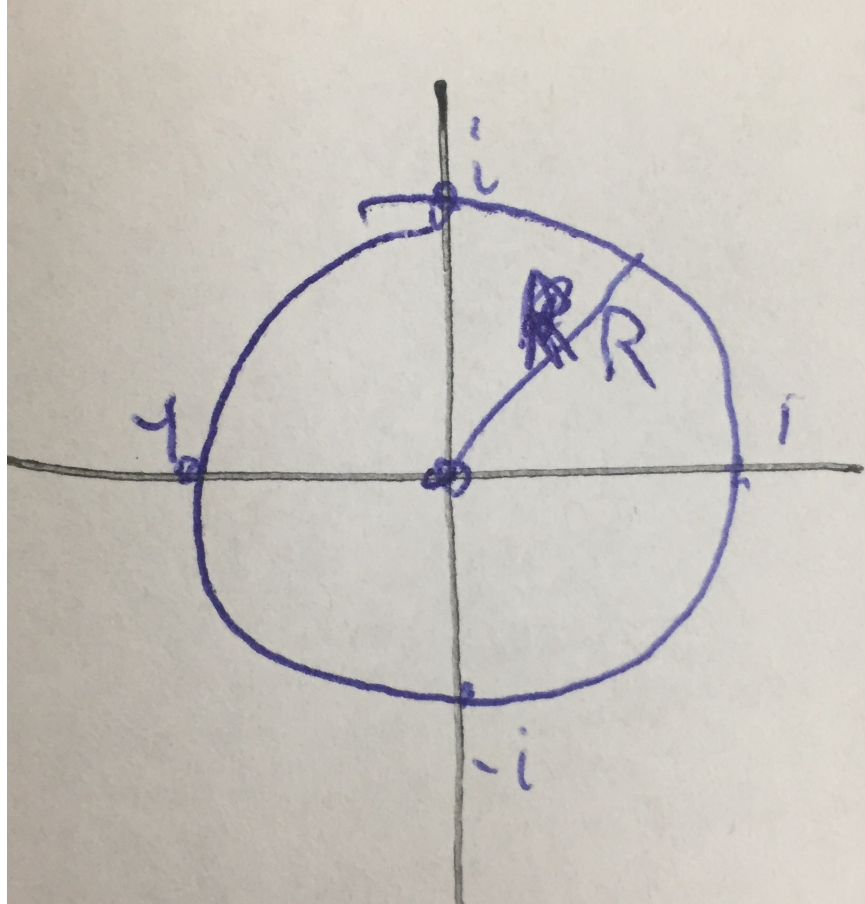


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$$\begin{aligned}
 f(1) &= e^{i\theta/2} = 1 \\
 f(i) &= e^{i\pi/4} = 1 \\
 f(-1) &= e^{i\pi/2} = 1 \\
 f(1) &= e^{i2\pi/2} = -1
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

The function continuously changes about the branching point, start at 1, end at -1, the function therefore cannot be continuous. If you go around another time, you will get a value of 1, and so on. This means \sqrt{z} is a double-value function.

We can consider instead $\ln(z)$, and again let $z = Re^{i\theta}$, recall $n = \pm (1, 2, 3, \dots)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) = \ln(z) &= \ln(Re^{i\theta}) = \ln(Re^{i\theta+2\pi ni}) = \ln(R) + \ln(e^{i\theta+2\pi ni}) \\
 &= \ln(R) + 2\pi ni + i\theta
 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Therefore \ln is an infinite valued function (because n runs from 0 to infinity), we collect a phase each iteration

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln(1) &= 0 \\
 \ln(2) &= 2\pi i
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Another type of singularity is an essential singularity, consider a Taylor expansion.

$$f(z) = e^{1/z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{z^n} \tag{12}$$

All the a_n terms are $\frac{1}{n!}$ so they all exist, $z=0$ is an essential singularity.

The Residue Theorem

$$\oint dz f(z) = 2\pi i \sum_i \text{res} \quad (13)$$

Consider some function $f(z)$ in a domain D , with isolated residues z_1, z_2, \dots

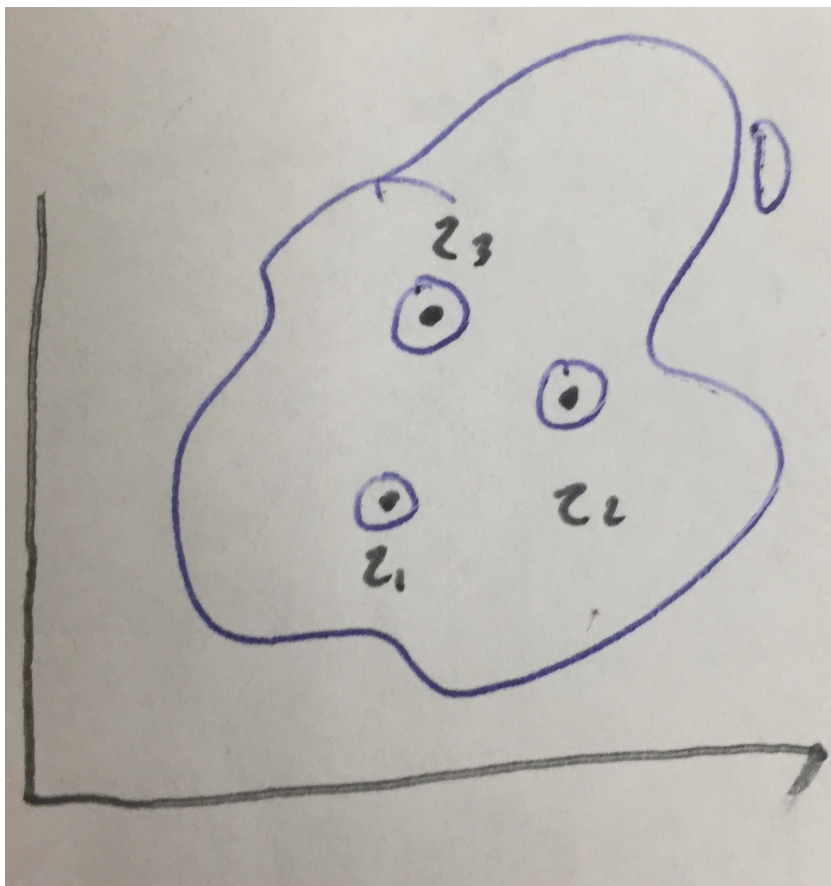


Figure 4: Make a caption. isolated singularities

If you define a contour over a set of isolated singularities (poles) then the value of the integral is simply the values associated with the singularities through the residue theorem.

$$\text{residue} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0) f(z) = a_1(z_0) \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) \frac{a_1}{(z - z_0)} \Rightarrow a_1(z_0) = \text{residue} \quad (14)$$

So you need to compute a limit for each singularity to get the residue, and compute the integral through all of the residues.

Isolated Singularities

There own type of singularity (finite power), these methods do not work for branching points and essential singularities, keep that in mind.

As an example consider

$$f(z) = \frac{e^z}{z^5} \Rightarrow \oint dz \frac{e^z}{z^5} \quad (15)$$