

MA 205: Complex Analysis

Tutorial Solutions

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§0. Notations

1. Given $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $\Re z$ and $\Im z$ will denote the real and imaginary parts of z , respectively.
2. Given $z \in \mathbb{C}$, \bar{z} will denote the complex conjugate of z .
3. Given $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $|z|$ will denote the modulus of z , defined as $\sqrt{z\bar{z}}$ or $\sqrt{(\Re z)^2 + (\Im z)^2}$.
4. Given $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\delta > 0$,

$$B_\delta(z_0) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| < \delta\}.$$

5. $\mathbb{C}^\times := \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, the set of nonzero complex numbers.

§1. Tutorial 1

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Notation: The set $\mathbb{C}[x]$ is the set of all polynomials (with indeterminate x) with complex coefficients. Similarly, $\mathbb{R}[x]$ is defined.

1. Show that complex polynomial of degree n has exactly n roots. (Assuming fundamental theorem of algebra.)

Remark (my own): The above is counting the roots *with* multiplicity. That is, if $f(z) = (z - \iota)^2(z - 2)$, then ι is counted twice and 2 once.

Solution. Let $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ be a polynomial of degree n . We prove this via induction on n .

$n = 1$. Then, $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x$ for some $a_0, a_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $a_1 \neq 0$.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 0 \\ \iff a_0 + a_1x &= 0 \\ \iff a_1x &= -a_0 \\ \iff x &= -\frac{a_0}{a_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $f(x)$ has exactly 1 root.

Let us assume that whenever $g(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ is a polynomial of degree n , then $g(x)$ has exactly n roots. (Counted with multiplicity.)

Let $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ be a polynomial of degree $n + 1$. By FTA, there exists a root $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}$. Thus, we can write

$$f(x) = (x - x_0)g(x)$$

for some polynomial $g(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ of degree n . Moreover, note that

$$f(x) = 0 \iff x = x_0 \text{ or } g(x) = 0.$$

By induction, the latter is possible for exactly n values of x . Thus, in total, $f(x)$ has $n + 1$ roots. (Both counts are with multiplicity.) \square

2. Show that a real polynomial that is irreducible has degree at most two. i.e., if

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n, \quad a_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

then there are non-constant real polynomials g and h such that $f(x) = g(x)h(x)$ if $n \geq 3$.

Remark (my own): $a_n \neq 0$, of course.

Solution. Let $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ with degree ≥ 3 as above.

If $f(x)$ has a real root, then we are done by factoring as in the earlier question.

Thus, let us assume that $f(x) = 0$ has no real solution.

We may view $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$. Now, using FTA, we know that $f(x)$ has a complex root $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}$. By assumption, we must have $x_0 \notin \mathbb{R}$ or that $x_0 \neq \overline{x_0}$.

Claim. $f(\overline{x_0}) = 0$.

Proof. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\overline{x_0}) &= a_0 + a_1 \overline{x_0} + \cdots + a_n (\overline{x_0})^n \\
 &= a_0 + a_1 \overline{x_0} + \cdots + a_n \overline{x_0^n} \\
 &= \overline{a_0} + \overline{a_1} \overline{x_0} + \cdots + \overline{a_n} \overline{x_0^n} \\
 &= \overline{f(x_0)} \\
 &= \overline{0} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \because \overline{z^n} = \overline{z}^n \\ \because a_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and so, } a_i = \overline{a_i} \\ \overline{z_1 z_2 + z_3} = \overline{z_1} \overline{z_2} + \overline{z_3} \end{array} \right\}$$

□

Define $g(x) = (x - x_0)(x - \overline{x_0})$. A priori, this is a polynomial in $\mathbb{C}[x]$. However, upon multiplication, we see that the polynomial is actually an element of $\mathbb{R}[x]$. Indeed, we have

$$(x - x_0)(x - \overline{x_0}) = (x^2 - (2\Re x_0)x + |x_0|^2) \in \mathbb{R}[x].$$

By our claim, we see that $g(x)$ divides $f(x)$ in $\mathbb{C}[x]$. (Since x_0 and $\overline{x_0}$ are distinct, the polynomials $x - x_0$ and $x - \overline{x_0}$ are “coprime” and thus, if they individually divide $f(x)$, then their product must too.)

Thus,

$$f(x) = g(x)h(x)$$

for some $h(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$. However, since $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are both real polynomials, so is $h(x)$. (Why?)

Thus, we get that

$$f(x) = g(x)h(x)$$

for real polynomials $g(x)$ and $h(x)$. Moreover, note that $\deg g(x) = 2$ and $\deg h(x) = n - 2 \geq 1$. Thus, both are non-constant. □

3. Show that if U is a path connected open set in \mathbb{C} , so is U minus any finite set.

Solution. We will first prove the following claim:

Claim: Let $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ be open and $w \in U$. Then, $U \setminus \{w\}$ is open.

Proof. Let $z_0 \in U \setminus \{w\}$ be arbitrary. Since U was open, there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$B_{\delta_1}(z_0) \subset U.$$

Since $z_0 \neq w$, we have that $\delta_2 := |z_0 - w| > 0$.

Choose $\delta := \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$. Clearly, $\delta > 0$. Moreover, we have

$$w \notin B_{\delta_2}(z_0) \supset B_{\delta}(z_0)$$

and thus, $w \notin B_{\delta}(z_0)$. Also,

$$B_{\delta}(z_0) \subset B_{\delta_1}(z_0) \subset U.$$

Thus, we get that

$$B_{\delta}(z_0) \subset U \setminus \{w\},$$

proving that $U \setminus \{w\}$ is open. \square

By the above proof, we see that removing one point from an open set keeps it open. Thus, if we show that removing one point from an open path-connected set leaves it path-connected, then we are done since we can induct to get any other **finite**¹ set.

Thus, we now show that if U is open and path-connected, so is $U \setminus \{w\}$. (Where $w \in U$ is any arbitrary element.)

Let $z_0, z_1 \in U \setminus \{w\}$. We wish to show that there is a path in $U \setminus \{w\}$ connecting z_0 to z_1 .

Since U was path-connected to begin with, there exists a path $\sigma : [0, 1] \rightarrow U$ such that

$$\sigma(0) = z_0, \quad \sigma(1) = z_1.$$

If $\sigma(x) \neq w$ for any $x \in [0, 1]$, then we are done since σ is a path in $U \setminus \{w\}$ as well.

Suppose that this is not the case.

Then, we choose a $\delta > 0$ such that the *closed* ball

$$B := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - w| \leq \delta\}$$

has the following properties:

(a) $z_0 \notin B$,

¹Finiteness is important. Induction cannot prove this result for a countably infinite set.

(b) $z_1 \notin B$,

(c) $B \subset U$.

(Why must such a δ exist? There exists a δ_1 for which we get the first two properties since z_0 and z_1 are distinct from w . For the last property, let δ_2 be any such that $B_{\delta_2}(w) \subset U$, which exists since U is open. Then, consider $\delta_2/2$. The *closed* ball of this radius must again be completely within U . Take the minimum of δ_1 and $\delta_2/2$.)

Note that

$$\sigma^{-1}(B) = \{x \in [0, 1] : \sigma(x) \in B\}$$

is nonempty since $w \in B$ and $\sigma(c) = w$ for some $c \in [0, 1]$, by our assumption.

Moreover, $\sigma^{-1}(B)$ must be closed. (Why?)

Since it is a subset of $[0, 1]$, it is clearly bounded. Define

$$s := \inf \sigma^{-1}(B), \quad t := \sup \sigma^{-1}(B).$$

Since the set is closed, both s and t are elements of $\sigma^{-1}(B)$. Note that $\sigma(0) \notin B$ and $\sigma(1) \notin B$ and thus,

$$0 < s < t < 1.$$

(Why is the inequality $s < t$ strict?)

Note that $\sigma(s)$ and $\sigma(t)$ must lie on the circumference of B . (Why?) (This also shows why $s < t$.)

Now consider the path $\sigma' : [0, 1] \rightarrow U$ defined as follows:

$$\sigma'(x) = \begin{cases} \sigma(x) & \text{if } x \in [0, s] \cup [t, 1] \\ \gamma(x) & \text{if } x \in [s, t], \end{cases}$$

where $\gamma : [s, t] \rightarrow B$ is the path which is the arc joining $\sigma(s)$ to $\sigma(t)$. (Note that $\sigma(s) = \sigma(t)$ is possible in which case, it's the constant path.)

Clearly, σ' avoids w and is continuous. (Why?)

Moreover, $\sigma'(0) = \sigma(0) = z_0$ and $\sigma'(1) = \sigma(1) = z_1$ and thus, σ' is a path from z_0 to z_1 in $U \setminus \{w\}$, showing that $U \setminus \{w\}$ is path-connected. \square

4. Check for real differentiability and holomorphicity:

(a) $f(z) = c$,

(b) $f(z) = z$,

(c) $f(z) = z^n$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

(d) $f(z) = \Re z$,

- (e) $f(z) = |z|$,
- (f) $f(z) = |z|^2$,
- (g) $f(z) = \bar{z}$,
- (h) $f(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{z}{\bar{z}} & \text{if } z \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } z = 0. \end{cases}$

Solution. Not going to do all.

- (a) Real differentiable and holomorphic, both.
- (b) Real differentiable and holomorphic, both.
- (c) For $n \geq 0$:

Real differentiable and holomorphic, both. Let us see why.

As we know, holomorphicity implies real differentiability, so we only check that f is holomorphic on \mathbb{C} .

Let $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ be arbitrary. We show that the limit

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$$

exists.

This is clear because for $z_0 \neq z$, we have

$$\frac{z^n - z_0^n}{z - z_0} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z^k z_0^{n-1-k}.$$

The limit $z \rightarrow z_0$ of the RHS clearly exists.

$n < 0$: The function is now defined on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. It is still holomorphic and real differentiable everywhere (in its domain!).

To see this, we just use the quotient rule and appeal to the previous case of $n \geq 0$.

- (d) Real differentiable but not holomorphic. Note that f can be written as

$$f(x + iy) = x + 0iy.$$

Thus, $u(x, y) = x$ and $v(x, y) = 0$.

This is clearly real differentiable everywhere since all the partial derivatives exist everywhere and are continuous.

However, we show that f is not complex differentiable at any point. Thus, it

is not holomorphic.

This is easy because one sees that $u_x(x_0, y_0) = 1$ and $v_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$ for all $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and thus, the CR equations don't hold.

- (e) $|z|$ is real differentiable everywhere except 0 and complex differentiable nowhere. Breaking the function as earlier, we have

$$u(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \quad v(x, y) = 0.$$

On $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$, all partial derivatives exist and are continuous. At $(0, 0)$, u_x and u_y fail to exist.

This clearly shows that f is not complex differentiable at $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ since it is not even real differentiable there.

However, we see that $v_y = 0 = v_x$ everywhere else but at least one of u_x or u_y is nonzero on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ and thus, the CR equations prevent f from being complex differentiable anywhere else.

- (f) Real differentiable everywhere.
Complex differentiable precisely at 0.
Holomorphic nowhere.

Same steps as above.

- (g) Real differentiable everywhere. Complex differentiable nowhere. Use CR equations again.
- (h) f is real differentiable precisely on $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$.
However, it is not complex differentiable anywhere.

Breaking as earlier, we get

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

for $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ and

$$u(0, 0) = 0 = v(0, 0).$$

Note that u and v aren't even continuous at $(0, 0)$. Thus, neither is f . Hence, f is neither real nor complex differentiable at $(0, 0)$.

However, at all other points, all partial derivatives exist and are continuous. Thus, f is real differentiable at all those points. However, computing u_x, u_y, v_x, v_y explicitly shows that the CR equations are not satisfied anywhere. Thus, f is not complex differentiable anywhere. \square

5. Show that the CR equations take the form

$$u_r = \frac{1}{r}v_\theta, \quad v_r = -\frac{1}{r}u_\theta$$

in polar coordinates.

Solution. We shall follow the same idea as in the slides. We first write

$$f(r, \theta) = f(re^{i\theta}) = u(r, \theta) + i v(r, \theta).$$

Suppose that f is differentiable at $z_0 = r_0 e^{i\theta_0} \neq 0$. (Note that it wouldn't make sense to talk at 0 since there's a r^{-1} factor in the question anyway.)

Thus, we know that the limit

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0}$$

exists. We shall calculate it in two ways:

(a) Fix $\theta = \theta_0$ and let $r \rightarrow r_0$. Then, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_0) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow r_0} \left\{ \frac{u(r, \theta_0) - u(r_0, \theta_0)}{e^{i\theta_0}(r - r_0)} + i \frac{v(r, \theta_0) - v(r_0, \theta_0)}{e^{i\theta_0}(r - r_0)} \right\} \\ &= e^{-i\theta_0} \lim_{r \rightarrow r_0} \left\{ \frac{u(r, \theta_0) - u(r_0, \theta_0)}{r - r_0} + i \frac{v(r, \theta_0) - v(r_0, \theta_0)}{r - r_0} \right\} \\ &= e^{-i\theta_0} (u_r(r_0, \theta_0) + i v_r(r_0, \theta_0)). \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

(b) Fix $r = r_0$ and let $\theta \rightarrow \theta_0$. Then, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_0) &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0} \left\{ \frac{u(r_0, \theta) - u(r_0, \theta_0)}{r_0(e^{i\theta} - e^{i\theta_0})} + i \frac{v(r_0, \theta) - v(r_0, \theta_0)}{r_0(e^{i\theta} - e^{i\theta_0})} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{r_0} \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0} \left\{ \frac{u(r_0, \theta) - u(r_0, \theta_0)}{e^{i\theta} - e^{i\theta_0}} + i \frac{v(r_0, \theta) - v(r_0, \theta_0)}{e^{i\theta} - e^{i\theta_0}} \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (**)$$

We concentrate on the first term of the limit. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0} \frac{u(r_0, \theta) - u(r_0, \theta_0)}{e^{i\theta} - e^{i\theta_0}} \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow \theta_0} \frac{u(r_0, \theta) - u(r_0, \theta_0)}{\theta - \theta_0} \frac{\theta - \theta_0}{e^{i\theta} - e^{i\theta_0}}. \end{aligned}$$

In the product, the first term is clearly $u_\theta(r_0, \theta_0)$, after taking the limit. The second term can be calculated to be

$$\frac{1}{\iota e^{\iota\theta_0}}.$$

(How? Write $e^{\iota\theta}$ in terms of \cos and \sin and differentiate those and put it back.)

Of course, a similar argument goes through for the v term as well.

Thus, we get that $(**)$ transforms to

$$f'(z_0) = \frac{e^{-\iota\theta_0}}{r_0} (-\iota u_\theta(r_0, \theta_0) + v_\theta(r_0, \theta_0)).$$

Equating the above with $(*)$, cancelling $e^{-\iota\theta_0}$, and comparing the real and imaginary parts, we get

$$u_r(r_0, \theta_0) = \frac{1}{r_0} v_\theta(r_0, \theta_0), \quad v_r(r_0, \theta_0) = -\frac{1}{r_0} u_\theta(r_0, \theta_0),$$

as desired. □

§2. Tutorial 2

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1. If $u(X, Y)$ and $v(X, Y)$ are harmonic conjugates of each other, show that they are constant functions.

Remark (my own): This is true iff u and v are defined on domains, that is, open and path-connected sets.

Solution. Since v is a harmonic conjugate of u , we get that

$$u_X = v_Y, \quad u_Y = -v_X.$$

On the other hand, since u is a harmonic conjugate of v , we get that

$$v_X = u_Y, \quad v_Y = -u_X.$$

(Note that the equalities mean that they're true for every (X_0, Y_0) in the domain.) Thus, we get that

$$u_X = u_Y = v_X = v_Y \equiv 0,$$

identically.

Since the domain is connected, this implies that u and v are constant. \square

2. Show that $u = XY - 3X^2Y - Y^3$ is harmonic and find its harmonic conjugate.

Solution.

Smart way: If we can show that the above function is the real (or imaginary) part of a holomorphic function f , then we have shown that u is harmonic.

Writing $Z = X + iY$, it is not too tough to see that the above is the **imaginary** part of $\frac{1}{2}Z^2 + Z^3$. Since

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

is holomorphic on \mathbb{C} , this gives us that u is harmonic.

This also shows a harmonic conjugate of u is

$$v(X, Y) = -\Re f(Z) = \frac{1}{2}(Y^2 - X^2) + 3XY^2 - X^3.$$

(Note the negative sign! If we had gotten u as the *real* part of a holomorphic function, then for finding harmonic conjugate, we would've simply taken the imaginary part *without* the negative sign.)

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Laborious way: This is the way to do it if observing is difficult. First, we show that u is harmonic by manual calculation. Note that

$$u_{XX}(X_0, Y_0) = 6Y_0 \text{ and } u_{YY}(X_0, Y_0) = -6Y_0.$$

Thus, $u_{XX} + u_{YY} \equiv 0$ and u is indeed harmonic.

To find its harmonic conjugate, we perform the procedure as given in slides. Note that $u_X = v_Y$. Here, we get $u_X = Y + 6XY = v_Y$. Integrating with respect to Y gives us

$$v = \frac{1}{2}Y^2 + 3XY^2 + g(X)$$

for some function g . Then, we need $v_X = -u_Y$. Computing each individually, we get

$$3Y^2 + g'(X) = -X - 3X^2 + 3Y^2.$$

Thus, up to a constant, we get

$$g(X) = -\frac{1}{2}X^2 - X^3.$$

Finally, this gives

$$v = \frac{1}{2}Y^2 + 3XY^2 - \frac{1}{2}X^2 - X^3. \quad \square$$

3. Find the radius of convergence of the following power series:

(a) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nz^n,$

(b) $\sum_{p \text{ prime}} z^p,$

(c) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} z^n.$

Solution. We shall be using the root test in the first two cases and ratio test in the third.

One thing to recall is that if the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exists, then $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ is equal to that limit. This will be helpful in the first and third parts since the limits will themselves exist.

Moreover, we recall that if

$$\alpha = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|},$$

then the radius of convergence R is given by

$$R = \alpha^{-1}.$$

(The case $\alpha = 0$ corresponds to $R = \infty$ and vice-versa.)

Similar analysis holds for

$$\alpha = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i} \right|.$$

(Here, however, note that I need the existence of α . In the case of \limsup , that was always guaranteed.)

(a) Note that we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1.$$

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Thus, we also have

$$\alpha = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$$

and thus,

$$R = \alpha^{-1} = \boxed{1}.$$

(b) Note that first we can rewrite the series in the form

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n,$$

where

$$a_n := \begin{cases} 0 & n \text{ is not a prime,} \\ 1 & n \text{ is a prime.} \end{cases}$$

For this, we clearly have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 = 1.$$

(To see this, note that there are infinitely many primes and thus, given any n , there exists $m \geq n$ such that $a_m = 1$.)

Thus, as before, the radius of convergence is 1.

(c) Here, we have

$$a_n = \frac{n!}{n^n}.$$

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{-n} \\ &= e^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the limit actually exists and we get

$$R = \alpha^{-1} = \boxed{e}. \quad \square$$

4. Show that $L > 1$ in the ratio test (Lecture 3 slides) does not necessarily imply that the series is divergent.

Solution. Consider the sequence

$$\frac{1}{1^3}, \frac{1}{1^2}, \frac{1}{2^3}, \frac{1}{2^2}, \dots, \frac{1}{n^3}, \frac{1}{n^2}, \dots$$

That is, let (a_n) be the sequence defined by

$$a_{2n} = \frac{1}{n^2}, \quad a_{2n-1} = \frac{1}{n^3}.$$

Note that $\sum a_n$ converges, since $\sum n^{-2}$ and $\sum n^{-3}$ converge. (This can be checked via the integral test.)

On the other hand, note that that

$$L = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{2n}}{a_{2n-1}} \right| = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} n = \infty.$$

Thus, $L = \infty$, clearly > 1 .

(So, not only did we show that $L > 1$ doesn't imply **divergence** but also that even $L = \infty$ is not good enough to conclude divergence.) \square

5. Construct a infinitely differentiable function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is non-zero but vanishes outside a bounded set. Show that there are no holomorphic functions which satisfy this property.

Solution. Recall the function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ from the lectures given as

$$g(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0, \\ e^{-1/x} & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

As we saw, this is an infinitely differentiable function. Now, consider $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined as

$$f(x) := g(x)g(1-x).$$

Clearly, f is infinitely differentiable, being the product of two such functions. Moreover, $f(x) = 0$ if $x \leq 0$ or $x \geq 1$. In other words, f is 0 outside the bounded set

$$(0, 1).$$

However, f is non-zero since

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)^2 = e^{-4} \neq 0.$$

On the other hand, let $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function which is zero outside some bounded set K . We show that f is zero everywhere.

Since K is bounded, there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$|z| \leq M \quad \text{for all } z \in K.$$

Thus, choosing the point $z_0 = M + 43$, we see that f is zero in the neighbourhood of z_0 of radius 42. (Why?)

However, since \mathbb{C} is (open and) path-connected, this implies that f is zero *everywhere*, as desired. \square

Some more elaboration on the last part: In the lectures, we had seen the result that if Ω is a domain and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is analytic, then f has the following property:

Either f is identically zero or the zeroes of f form a discrete set.

Since any open disc is not discrete, we get that

f is zero on a neighbourhood $\implies f$ is zero everywhere on Ω .

However, note that we had proved the result for analytic functions. As we shall see later in the course, holomorphic functions are indeed analytic.

6. Show that $\exp : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$ is onto.

Solution. Let $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}^\times$. We show that $\exp(z) = z_0$ for some $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Note that $r = |z_0| \neq 0$.

Then,

$$w = \frac{z_0}{r}$$

has modulus 1. In other words,

$$w = x_0 + \iota y_0$$

for some $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $x_0^2 + y_0^2 = 1$.

Thus, $x_0 = \cos \theta$ and $y_0 = \sin \theta$ for some $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$.

Define $z = \log(r) + \iota\theta$. Note that this \log is the real-valued \log . Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(z) &= \exp(\log(r) + \iota\theta) = \exp(\log(r)) \cdot \exp(\iota\theta) \\ &= r \cdot (\cos \theta + \iota \sin \theta) \\ &= rw = z_0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, \exp is surjective. □

7. Show that $\sin, \cos : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are surjective. (In particular, note the difference with real sine and cosine which were bounded by 1).

Solution. We show this for \cos . The method works the same for \sin .

Recall that

$$\cos(z) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{\iota z} + e^{-\iota z}).$$

Let $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$. We show that $\cos(z) = z_0$ for some $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Consider the quadratic equation

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) = z_0. \quad (*)$$

Rearranging this gives

$$t^2 - 2z_0t + 1 = 0.$$

Note that the above has complex solutions t_1 and t_2 . (Since every complex number has a square root in \mathbb{C} !)

Moreover, note that $t_1 \neq 0$. Thus, by the previous part, there exists $z \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $e^z = t_1$. **Considering $z' = z/\iota$, we get that $e^z = e^{\iota z'} = t_1$.**

Plugging $t_1 = e^{\iota z'}$ in $(*)$ shows that

$$\cos(z') = z_0,$$

as desired. □

8. Show that for any complex number z , $\sin^2(z) + \cos^2(z) = 1$.

Solution. Recall the definitions

$$\iota \sin(z) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{\iota z} - e^{-\iota z}), \quad \cos(z) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{\iota z} + e^{-\iota z}).$$

Squaring and subtracting gives

$$(\cos(z))^2 - (\iota \sin(z))^2 = \frac{1}{4} (4e^{\iota z} e^{-\iota z}) = 1$$

or

$$\sin^2(z) + \cos^2(z) = 1.$$

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Smarter way: Consider the function $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined as

$$f(z) = \cos^2 z + \sin^2 z - 1.$$

This is analytic and vanishes on \mathbb{R} . Since \mathbb{R} is not discrete, it must vanish everywhere. \square

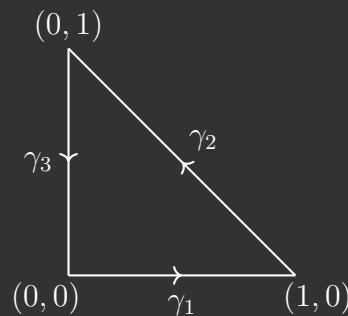
§3. Tutorial 3

8th September, 2020

1. Let γ be the boundary of the triangle

$$\{0 < y < 1 - x; 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

taken with the anticlockwise orientation.



Evaluate:

(a) $\int_{\gamma} \Re(z) dz$

Note that we can compute the integrals along $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_3$ and then add them.

Along γ_3 , the integral must be 0 since $\Re(z) = 0$ along that curve.

Along γ_1 , we parameterise the curve as

$$\gamma_1(t) = t + 0i, \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 1].$$

Then, we get that $\gamma_1'(t) = 1 + 0i$. Thus, the integral is calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_1} \Re(z) dz &= \int_0^1 \Re(\gamma_1(t)) \gamma_1'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 t dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we compute the integral along γ_2 . First, we parameterise it as

$$\gamma_2(t) = 1 - t + it, \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 1].$$

We compute the derivative as $\gamma_2'(t) = -1 + \iota$. Thus, the integral is calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_2} \Re(z) dz &= \int_0^1 \Re(\gamma_2(t)) \gamma_2'(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (1-t)(-1 + \iota) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\iota - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the overall integral as

$$\int_{\gamma} \Re(z) dz = \boxed{\frac{\iota}{2}}.$$

(b) $\int_{\gamma} z^2 dz.$

Note that γ is a closed curve and z^2 admits a primitive on \mathbb{C} . Thus, we get that the integral is $\boxed{0}$.

2. Compute $\int_{|z-1|=1} \frac{2z-1}{z^2-1} dz.$

Remark (my own): If nothing is specified, we assume that the integral is in the counterclockwise sense.

Solution. Note that the curve of integration does not enclose -1 . Keeping this in mind, we define

$$f : \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

as

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

Note that this is holomorphic on $\Omega = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-1\}$. Moreover, γ and its interior lie completely within Ω . Thus, using the Cauchy integral formula, we see that (assuming the circle is traversed counterclockwise)

$$2\pi\iota f(1) = \int_{|z-1|=1} \frac{f(z)}{z-1} dz.$$

However, note that the integral on the right is precisely what we wish to calculate. Thus, we get the desired integral's value as

$$2\pi\iota f(1) = \boxed{\pi\iota}.$$

□

3. Show that if γ is a simple closed curve traced counterclockwise, the integral $\int_{\gamma} \bar{z} dz$ equals $2\iota \text{Area}(\gamma)$.

Evaluate $\int_{\gamma} \bar{z}^m dz$ over a circle γ centered at the origin.

Solution. Suppose that $\gamma(t) = x(t) + \iota y(t)$ for $t \in [a, b]$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\gamma} \bar{z} dz &= \int_a^b \overline{\gamma(t)} \gamma'(t) dt \\
 &= \int_a^b (x(t) - \iota y(t))(x'(t) + \iota y'(t)) dt \\
 &= \int_a^b (x(t)x'(t) + y(t)y'(t)) dt + \iota \int_a^b (x(t)y'(t) - y(t)x'(t)) dt \\
 &= \int_{\gamma} (x dx + y dy) + \iota \int_{\gamma} (x dy - y dx) \\
 &= \iint_{\text{Int}(\gamma)} (0 - 0) d(x, y) + \iota \iint_{\text{Int}(\gamma)} (1 - (-1)) d(x, y) \\
 &= 2\iota \iint_{\text{Int}(\gamma)} d(x, y) \\
 &= 2\iota \text{Area}(\gamma).
 \end{aligned}$$

In going from the single integral to the double integral, we used Green's theorem which said that

$$\int_{\gamma} (M dx + N dy) = \iint_{\text{Int}(\gamma)} \left(\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial M}{\partial y} \right) d(x, y)$$

if γ is a (nice-enough) closed curve oriented counterclockwise. (Here is where we have used orientation.)

As usual, $\text{Int}(\gamma)$ denotes the “interior” of γ . (Recall Jordan's curve theorem which says that every simple closed curve divides the plane (minus the curve) into two path-connected components, one bounded and one unbounded. The “interior” is the bounded component.)

For the second part, we simply parameterise the curve as

$$\gamma(t) = r(\cos t + \iota \sin t), \quad \text{for } t \in [0, 2\pi],$$

where $r > 0$ is arbitrary.

We see that $\gamma'(t) = r(-\sin t + \iota \cos t) = \iota \gamma(t)$.

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\gamma} \bar{z}^m dz &= \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{(\gamma(t))}^m \gamma'(t) dt \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{(\gamma(t))}^{m-1} \cdot \overline{\gamma(t)} \gamma'(t) dt \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{(\gamma(t))}^{m-1} \cdot \overline{\gamma(t)} \iota \gamma(t) dt \\
&= \iota \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{(\gamma(t))}^{m-1} \cdot |\gamma(t)|^2 dt \\
&= \iota r^2 \int_0^{2\pi} r^{m-1} (\cos((m-1)t) - \iota \sin((m-1)t)) dt
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the sin integral is 0 regardless of m . However, the cos integral is 0 iff $m \neq 1$. If $m = 1$, then we get that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos(0t) dt = 2\pi.$$

Thus, we get

$$\int_{\gamma} \bar{z}^m dz = \begin{cases} 2\pi \iota r^2 & m = 1, \\ 0 & m \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

□

4. Let $\mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \Re(z) > 0\}$ be the (strict) open right half plane. Construct a **non-constant** function f which is holomorphic on \mathbb{H} such that $f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Note that the **coloured** part is my addition.

Solution. Define

$$f(z) := \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{z}\right).$$

Since $0 \notin \mathbb{H}$, we see that f is a composition of holomorphic functions and hence, is holomorphic. Moreover, one see that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \sin(n\pi) = 0,$$

as desired. Lastly, f is non-constant since

$$f(2) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1 \neq 0.$$

□

5. Let f be a holomorphic function on \mathbb{C} such that $f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Show that f is constant.

Solution.

Motivation: We would like to appeal to the theorem about analytic (and hence, holomorphic) functions which said that if the set of zeroes of f is not discrete, then f is identically zero. However, we cannot directly use that result since $\{n^{-1} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is in fact, a discrete set.

However, the difference here is that 0 is in the domain and 0 is a “limit point” of the above set. We shall use this to our advantage.

It may be useful to “recall” the definition:

Definition 1: Discrete Set

A set $S \subset \Omega$ is said to be *discrete* if for every $s \in S$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that

$$B_\delta(s) \cap S = \{s\}.$$

In other words, for every $s \in S$, there exists some $\delta > 0$ such that the δ neighbourhood of s contains no other point of S .

Note that f is holomorphic. In particular, f is continuous. Using this we see that

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(Note that here we know that f is indeed defined at 0 and thus, the above computations are valid.)

Now, we see that f is zero on

$$S = \{0\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

(It may be zero outside S as well.)

However, we see that S is *not* discrete. To see this, note that $0 \in S$ and given any $\delta > 0$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1/n < \delta$. Thus, for any $\delta > 0$, we have that $B_\delta \cap S$ contains a point apart from 0. This shows that S is not discrete.

From this, we conclude that f is identically zero. In particular, it is constant. \square

6. Expand $\frac{1+z}{1+2z^2}$ into a power series around 0. Find the radius of convergence.

Solution. Note that I've changed the solution completely as since the first upload since I solved that with $1+z^2$ in the numerator.

Let $f(z)$ denote the expression in the question.

One may compute the power series by computing $f^{(n)}(0)$. However, if we already know a power series by some other means, we may directly use that.

Recall that the power series expansion is unique. Thus, if we know *some* power series expansion with *some* radius of convergence, that must be *the* power series expansion with *that* radius of convergence.

Basically, if two different people compute two different sequence of coefficients with whatever methods, the coefficients and the radius of convergence will be equal.²

In this case, we have

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

for $|2z^2| < 1$ or $|z| < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

Moreover, we do know that the series on the right diverges for $|z| > 1/\sqrt{2}$. Thus, we get the power series of f as

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= (1+z)(1 - 2z^2 + (2z^2)^2 - (2z^2)^3 + \dots) \\ &= (1 - 2z^2 + (2z^2)^2 - (2z^2)^3 + \dots) + z(1 - 2z^2 + (2z^2)^2 - (2z^2)^3 + \dots) \\ &= 1 + z - 2z^2 - 2z^3 + 4z^4 + 4z^5 - 8z^6 - 8z^7 - \dots, \end{aligned}$$

for $|z| < 1/\sqrt{2}$.

Moreover, multiplying with a non-zero finite power series will not change the radius

of convergence. Thus, the radius of convergence is still $\boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$.

More concisely, we have

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

where a_n is given as $a_n = (-2)^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$. \square

²Maybe I am emphasising too much on something that isn't so crucial.

(As a double check, you may try to use the ratio test and compute the radius of convergence using that.)

§4. Tutorial 4

15th September, 2020

1. Show that there is a strict inequality

$$\left| \int_{|z|=R} \frac{z^n}{z^m - 1} dz \right| < \frac{2\pi R^{n+1}}{R^m - 1}; \quad R > 1, \quad m \geq 1, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Solution. [Here's another solution.](#)

First, we look at the stronger ML inequality.

Theorem 2: The Stronger ML Inequality

Let $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous function and $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \Omega$ be a curve. Let $M > 0$ be such that

$$M \geq |f(\gamma(t))|, \quad \text{for all } t \in [a, b].$$

Also, suppose that $|f(t)| < M$ for some $t \in [a, b]$.

Then,

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| < ML,$$

where L is the length of the curve, as usual.

That is, if $|f| < M$ holds for even one point, the ML inequality becomes strict.

Proof. The proof is not tough. Note that

$$\int_a^b [M - |f(\gamma(t))|] |\gamma'(t)| dt \geq 0$$

since the integrand is nonnegative. Moreover, recall from MA105 that the integral will be zero **iff** the integrand is identically zero. (We use continuity here.)

Since we know that the integrand is *not* identically zero, [\(we also use the fact that \$\gamma'\$ is 0 at only finitely many points, if any\)](#) it follows that

$$\int_a^b [M - |f(\gamma(t))|] |\gamma'(t)| dt > 0.$$

Since

$$\int_a^b M |\gamma'(t)| dt = ML,$$

the theorem follows. □

Remark. I was careless in my first presentation. The coloured parts are now updated so that they are correct. Earlier, I had put a mod and still kept a complex integral. That is not correct.

Now, consider the function

$$f(z) = \frac{z^n}{z^m - 1}$$

defined on $\Omega = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| > 1\}$.

Now, we calculate M . For a point satisfying $|z| = R$, we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{z^n}{z^m - 1} \right| &= \frac{R^n}{|z^m - 1|} \\ &\leq \frac{R^n}{||z|^m - 1|} \\ &= \frac{R^n}{R^m - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we may take $M = \frac{R^n}{R^m - 1}$. Also, considering $z = R \exp\left(\frac{\iota\pi}{m}\right)$ shows that this inequality is indeed strict at one point. Thus, we may appeal to [The Stronger ML Inequality](#) to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{|z|=R} \frac{z^n}{z^m - 1} dz \right| &\leq \int_{|z|=R} \left| \frac{z^n}{z^m - 1} \right| dz \\ &\leq M(2\pi R) \\ &= \frac{2\pi R^{n+1}}{R^m - 1}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Alternate solution. The quantity given on the right is strictly positive. (Why?) Thus, it suffices to show that the integral on the left is 0. This is what we shall do.

Note that the integrand has exactly m distinct (simple) poles. All of these are located on the unit circle. That is, they are all in the interior of the given curve.

In fact, these poles exactly given by $1, \zeta, \dots, \zeta^{m-1}$ for $\zeta := \exp\left(\frac{2\pi\iota}{m}\right)$.

Also, note that the denominator can be factorised as

$$z^m - 1 = (z - 1)(z - \zeta) \cdots (z - \zeta^{m-1}).$$

For each $0 \leq k \leq m - 1$, let $p_k(z)$ denote the product of all the factors on the

right excluding $(z - \zeta^k)$. In other words,

$$p_k(z) := \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq k}}^{m-1} (z - \zeta^j).$$

With this, we have that

$$z^m - 1 = (z - \zeta^k)p_k(z)$$

for all $0 \leq k \leq m-1$. More importantly, the function

$$\frac{z^n}{p_k(z)}$$

is well-defined and holomorphic on a small enough neighbourhood of ζ^k .

Let us now compute $p_k(\zeta^k)$. Note that it must equal

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta^k} \frac{z^m - 1}{z - \zeta^k} = \lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta^k} \frac{z^m - (\zeta^k)^m}{z - \zeta^k}.$$

Interpreting the above as the derivative limit, we get

$$p_k(\zeta^k) = m (\zeta^k)^{m-1}.$$

Armed with the above information, we can break up the desired integral as the sum of integrals around each pole and apply Cauchy residue theorem as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|z|=R} \frac{z^n}{z^m - 1} dz &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \int_{|z-\zeta^k|=\epsilon} \frac{z^n}{z^m - 1} dz \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \int_{|z-\zeta^k|=\epsilon} \frac{z^n/p_k(z)}{z - \zeta^k} dz \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} 2\pi i \frac{\zeta^{nk}}{p_k(\zeta^k)} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{m} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \zeta^{(n-m+1)k} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{m} \cdot \frac{1 - (\zeta^{n-m+1})^m}{1 - \zeta^{n-m+1}} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

2. A power series with center at the origin and positive radius of convergence, has a sum $f(z)$. If it is known that $f(\bar{z}) = \overline{f(z)}$ for all values of z within the disc of convergence, what conclusions can you draw about the power series?

Solution. Conclusion: all the coefficients of the power series are real. Let us now justify it.

Our aim will be to show that $f^{(k)}(0)$ is real for all $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. The conclusion will then follow since we know that the coefficients are given by $f^{(k)}(0)/k!$.

In the following, it will be assumed that x and x_0 are real and within the (open) disc of convergence.

First, we make the conclusion for real x that

$$f(x) = f(\bar{x}) = \overline{f(x)}.$$

That is, $f(x)$ is real whenever x is real. We now wish to show that this is true for all higher derivatives as well. That is, $f^{(k)}(x)$ is real for real x for all $k \geq 1$. It suffices to show that it is true for f' . (Why? Induct!)

Since we know that f' exists within the disc, we may compute the limit along the real axis. Fix a real x_0 within the disc and note that

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow x_0 \\ x \in \mathbb{R}}} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}.$$

Since the expression within the limit is the quotient of two purely real expressions, we see that the limit $f'(x_0)$ is real.

Thus, we are done. □

Remark. Note that we knew that all the higher derivatives of f do exist. Thus, we can reply the inductive process by just computing the limit along the real axis.

3. This is called Taylor series with remainder:

$$f(z) = f(0) + zf'(0) + \cdots + \frac{z^N}{N!}f^{(N)}(0) + \frac{z^{N+1}}{(N+1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^N f^{(N+1)}(tz) dt$$

Use this to prove the following inequalities:

$$(a) \left| e^z - \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{z^n}{n!} \right| \leq \frac{|z|^{N+1}}{(N+1)!}; \Re z \leq 0.$$

$$(b) \left| \cos(z) - \sum_{n=0}^N (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} \right| \leq \frac{|z|^{2N+2} \cosh R}{(2N+2)!}; |\Im z| \leq R.$$

Solution. (a) Note that the sum subtracted is simply the first $N + 1$ terms of the Taylor expansion given. Thus, the quantity given within the modulus is simply

$$\frac{z^{N+1}}{(N+1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^N \exp(tz) dt.$$

(We have used that $\exp^{(N+1)} = \exp$.)

Also, note that $|\exp(z)| = \exp(\Re z)$. (How?)

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^1 (1-t)^N \exp(tz) dt \right| &\leq \int_0^1 |(1-t)^N \exp(tz)| dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (1-t)^N \exp(t\Re z) dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 (1-t)^N dt \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ } \\ \text{ } \end{array} \right\} \because t\Re z \leq 0 \\ &= \frac{1}{N+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the desired result as

$$\begin{aligned} \left| e^z - \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{z^n}{n!} \right| &= \left| \frac{z^{N+1}}{(N+1)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^N \exp(tz) dt \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|z|^{N+1}}{(N+1)!} \frac{1}{N+1} \\ &\leq \frac{|z|^{N+1}}{(N+1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Note that the summation given can be seen as the first $2N + 2$ terms.
(All the coefficients from z^0 till z^{2n+1} since we know that the latter is 0.)

Thus, the quantity given within the modulus is simply

$$\frac{z^{2N+2}}{(2N+2)!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{2N+1} \cos^{(2N+2)}(tz) dt.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} |\cos(z)| &= \frac{1}{2} |e^{iz} + e^{-iz}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (|e^{iz}| + |e^{-iz}|) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (e^y + e^{-y}) \\ &= \cosh y. \end{aligned}$$

Now, note that $\cos^{(2N+2)}$ is either \cos or $-\cos$. In either case, we have

$$|\cos^{(2N+2)}(tz)| \leq |\cosh ty|.$$

Note that $\cosh y$ is an increasing function of $|y|$. (For real y .) Thus, we see that

$$|\cosh ty| \leq |\cosh y|$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

Moreover, if $|y| \leq R$, we get that

$$|\cosh ty| \leq |\cosh y| \leq \cosh R$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

Thus, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^1 (1-t)^{2N+1} \cos^{(2N+2)}(tz) dt \right| &\leq \int_0^1 (1-t)^{2N+1} |\cos^{(2N+2)}(tz)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 (1-t)^{2N+1} \cosh R dt \\ &= \frac{\cosh R}{2N+2}. \end{aligned}$$

As earlier, the desired result follows. □

4. By computing

$$\int_{|z|=1} \left(z + \frac{1}{z} \right)^{2n} \frac{1}{z} dz,$$

show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^{2n} \theta d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{4^n} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}.$$

Solution. Recall the “generalised” Cauchy integral formula³ which tells us that

$$\int_{|w-z_0|=r} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z_0)^{n+1}} dw = \frac{2\pi i}{n!} f^{(n)}(z_0)$$

where f is a function which is holomorphic on an open disc $D(z_0, R)$ and $r < R$.

In this question, we take $z_0 = 0$, $r = 1$ and

$$f(z) = (z^2 + 1)^{2n}$$

which is defined and holomorphic on all of \mathbb{C} . (So we can take $R = 2$, for example.)

Using the formula gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|z|=1} \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)^{2n} \frac{1}{z} dz &= \int_{|z|=1} \frac{(z^2 + 1)^{2n}}{z^{2n+1}} dz \\ &= \frac{2\pi i}{(2n)!} f^{(2n)}(0) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the task is now to compute $f^{(2n)}(0)$. Note that $f^{(2n)}(0)/(2n)!$ is precisely the coefficient of z^{2n} in the expansion of

$$(z^2 + 1)^{2n}.$$

Use binomial expansion, we see that

$$(z^2 + 1)^{2n} = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{k} (z^2)^k.$$

Thus, the desired coefficient is $\binom{2n}{n}$ and the integral is

$$\int_{|z|=1} \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)^{2n} \frac{1}{z} dz = 2\pi i \binom{2n}{n}.$$

Now, we may compute the integral the menial way, i.e., by *parameterising and solving*.

³My nickname, not standard

Using the standard parameterisation of $z(t) = e^{it}$ for $t \in [0, 2\pi]$, the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{|z|=1} \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)^{2n} \frac{1}{z} dz &= \int_0^{2\pi} (2 \cos t)^{2n} \frac{1}{e^{it}} (ie^{it}) dt \\ &= 4^n i \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^{2n}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Equating it with the previous result gives us the desired answer. \square

5. Locate and classify the singularities of the following:

- (a) $\frac{z^5 \sin(1/z)}{1 + z^4}$,
- (b) $\frac{1}{\sin(1/z)}$,
- (c) $\frac{z^2 + z + 1}{z^3 - 11z + 13}$.

Solution. In each part, $f(z)$ will denote the function given for that part.

- (a) To see where the function is not defined, we must see where the argument of some function goes outside the domain.

Fractions are undefined precisely when the denominator is 0. Thus, we only need to look at solutions of $z = 0$ and $z^4 + 1 = 0$.

This gives us 5 singularities, the complete set being $S = \left\{0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\pm 1 \pm i)\right\}$.

All of these are isolated since we have only finitely many singularities. Thus, we may categorise them into one of the following three: removable, pole, or essential singularity.

Now, if $z_0 \in S \setminus \{0\}$, it is easy to see the following things:

- i. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{f(z)} = 0$,
- ii. $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0)f(z)$ exists (as a finite number) and is nonzero.

Either of these is enough to conclude that z_0 is then a pole. Thus, we see that each of the four singularities satisfying $z^4 + 1 = 0$ are poles.

Finally, we show that $z = 0$ is an *essential* singularity. In other words, we show that it is neither a removable singularity nor a pole. To show that, it suffices to show that $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z)$ does not exist, neither as a finite complex number, nor as ∞ .

As we approach 0 along the positive imaginary axis, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} f(z) &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(\iota y)^5 \sin(1/\iota y)}{1 + (\iota y)^5} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} y^5 (e^{1/y} - e^{-1/y}) \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit $y^5 e^{-1/y}$ exists and $y^5 e^{1/y} \rightarrow \infty$, we see that the above limit is ∞ . (This shows that 0 is not a removable singularity.)

Now, if we approach 0 along real axis, we know that \sin is bounded and we get the limit as 0 using the typical sandwich theorem trick from MA 105. Thus, we see that 0 is not a pole either.

- (b) Here, we have a problem if $z = 0$ or $\sin(1/z) = 0$. This gives us the set of singularities as

$$S = \{0\} \cup \left\{ \frac{1}{n\pi} : n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \right\}.$$

0 is not isolated. This is because, every neighbourhood of 0 contains some point of the form $1/(n\pi)$. In other words, every punctured neighbourhood of 0 contains a singularity. Thus, 0 is not an isolated singularity.

All the other points of S are. To see this, let $z_0 \in S \setminus \{0\}$. Then,

$$z_0 = \frac{1}{n\pi}$$

for some $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.

Choose

$$\delta := \min \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{n\pi} - \frac{1}{(n+1)\pi} \right|, \left| \frac{1}{n\pi} - \frac{1}{(n-1)\pi} \right| \right\}.$$

(If $n \in \{\pm 1\}$, then just choose the other value.)

Verify that with the above choice of δ , the punctured neighbourhood $B_\delta(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$ contains no other point of S .

Now, we show that all of these isolated singularities are poles. To see this, we simply compute

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{z - z_0}{\sin(1/z)}$$

and see that this limit exists (as a finite number) and is nonzero for any $z_0 \in S \setminus \{0\}$. (How? Express the above limit as the limit seen in a derivative and compute the derivative using chain rule.)

Thus, they all are poles.

(Note that we do not try to categorise 0 since it is not isolated.)

- (c) The singularities are precisely the roots of the denominator. These are (at most) 3 and thus, all are isolated.

To see that none of these is removable, note that the limit will not exist because none of the roots of the numerator are that of the denominator. (Check that the roots of the numerator are ω and ω^2 which aren't roots of the denominator).

We show that these are all poles. Let z_0 be a root of the denominator and let m be its multiplicity. Then, note that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0)^m f(z)$$

exists and is nonzero. (Again, use that z_0 is not a root of the numerator.)

Thus, all the singularities are poles.

In fact, we can actually check that all the roots are real and distinct. (How? Compute the denominator at -100 , 0 , 2 , and 100 .)

Thus, $m = 1$ works above for all. □

§5. Tutorial 5

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1. Find Laurent expansions for the function $f(z) = \frac{2(z-1)}{z^2 - 2z + 3}$ valid on the annuli
- (a) $0 \leq |z| < 1$,
 - (b) $1 < |z| < 3$,
 - (c) $|z| > 3$.

Solution. Note that

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

In each part, we expand each fraction as a Laurent series such that the series converges on that disc.

- (a) Here, we can write

$$\frac{1}{z-3} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{3}} = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^n$$

and

$$\frac{1}{1+z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-z)^n.$$

Put them together to get the complete Laurent series.

- (b) Here, we can write

$$\frac{1}{z-3} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{3}} = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^n$$

and

$$\frac{1}{1+z} = \frac{1}{z \left(1 + \frac{1}{z}\right)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-z)^{-n-1}.$$

Put them together to get the complete Laurent series.

- (c) Here, we can write

$$\frac{1}{z-3} = \frac{1}{z} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{z}} = \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{z}\right)^{-n}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{1+z} = \frac{1}{z(1+\frac{1}{z})} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-z)^{-n-1}.$$

Put them together to get the complete Laurent series.

Note that it has to be justified that each series that we wrote did converge on the given annulus. \square

2. By integrating e^{-z^2} around a sector of radius R , one arm of which is along the real axis and the other making an angle $\pi/4$ with the real axis, show that:

$$\int_0^{\infty} \sin(x^2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{2}} = \int_0^{\infty} \cos(x^2) dx.$$

(Here, use the well-known integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-x^2) dx = \sqrt{\pi}$.)

Solution. We first state an inequality which will be helpful later.

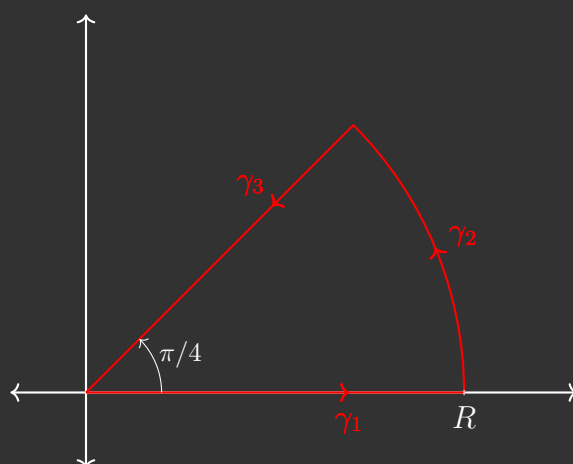
Theorem 3

If $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, then

$$\sin x \geq \frac{2}{\pi} x.$$

Proof. Use the concavity of \sin on $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$. \square

Define $f(z) = e^{-z^2}$ and consider the contour as shown in the diagram.



Since f is holomorphic everywhere, the integral along the three contours must be 0. (Cauchy's theorem.) That is,

$$\int_{\gamma_1} f(z)dz + \int_{\gamma_2} f(z)dz + \int_{\gamma_3} f(z)dz = 0.$$

We now compute them individually.

Along γ_1 : The integral becomes

$$\int_0^R e^{-x^2} dx =: I_1(R).$$

We know the value of the above integral in the limit $R \rightarrow \infty$.

Along γ_2 : The integral becomes

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} e^{-(Re^{it})^2} (\iota Re^{it}) dt =: I_2(R).$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} |I_2(R)| &\leq \int_0^{\pi/4} \left| e^{-(Re^{it})^2} (\iota Re^{it}) \right| dt \\ &\leq R \int_0^{\pi/4} \left| e^{-R^2 e^{2it}} \right| dt \\ &= R \int_0^{\pi/4} e^{-R^2 \cos(2t)} dt && (\because |\exp(z)| = \exp(\Re z)) \\ &= R \int_0^{\pi/4} e^{-R^2 \sin(2t)} dt && \left(t \mapsto \frac{\pi}{4} - t \right) \\ &= \frac{R}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} e^{-R^2 \sin t} dt && \left(t \mapsto \frac{t}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{R}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \exp\left(-\frac{2tR^2}{\pi}\right) dt && (\text{Theorem 3}) \\ &= \frac{R}{2} \frac{\pi}{2R^2} (1 - e^{-R^2}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we see that

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} I_2(R) = 0.$$

Let $\zeta = \exp\left(\frac{\iota\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + \iota)$.

Along γ_3 , we see the integral to be

$$\int_R^0 e^{-(\zeta t)^2} \zeta dt =: I_3(R).$$

Noting that $\zeta^2 = \iota$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} I_3(R) &= -\zeta \int_0^R e^{-\iota t^2} dt \\ &= -\zeta \int_0^R (\cos t^2 - \iota \sin t^2) dt. \end{aligned}$$

As observed earlier, we have

$$I_1(R) + I_2(R) + I_3(R) = 0$$

for all $R > 0$. Letting $R \rightarrow \infty$, we see that $I_2(R) \rightarrow 0$ and $I_1(R) \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$. Thus, we get

$$\zeta \int_0^\infty (\cos t^2 - \iota \sin t^2) dt = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}.$$

Letting $C := \int_0^\infty \cos t^2 dt$ and S the analogous one for \sin , we note

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(C - \iota S) &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \\ \implies \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ((C + S) + \iota(C - S)) &= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since C and S are both real, we compare the real imaginary parts of the two sides above to finally get

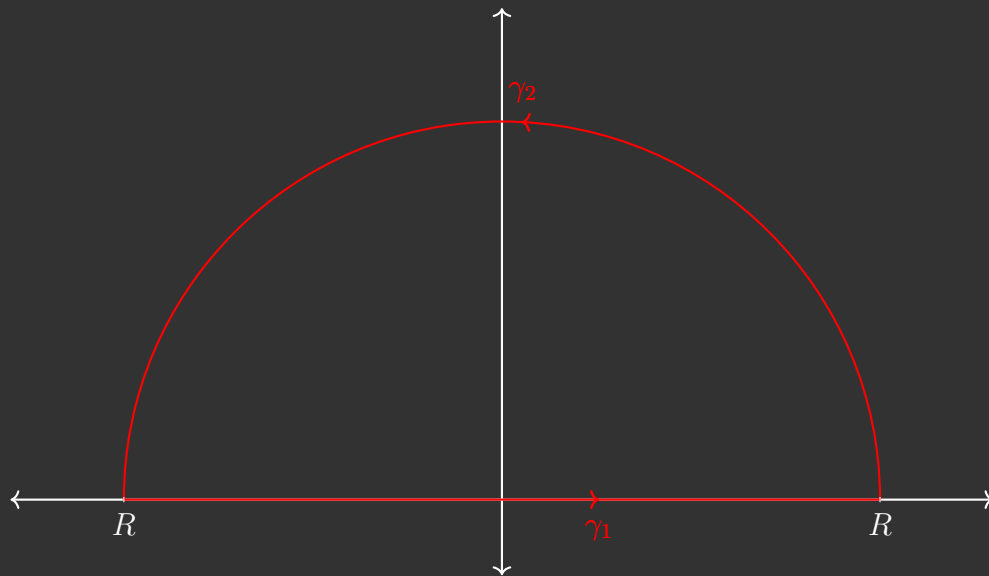
$$C = S = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}},$$

as desired. □

3. Compute using residue theory $\int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{\cos(x)}{(1+x^2)^2} dx$.

Solution. Consider the function $f(z) = \frac{e^{\iota z}}{(1+z^2)^2}$.

Note that I did **not** consider $\cos(z)/(1+z^2)^2$. Now, let $R > 1$ and consider the the contour as shown.



Note that the contour encloses exactly one singularity: ι . This is obviously isolated. Thus, we get

$$\int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz = 2\pi\iota \operatorname{Res}(f; \iota).$$

As in the previous question, argue that the second integral goes to 0 in the limit $R \rightarrow 0$. Also, note that the first integral is exactly what we want, in the limit $R \rightarrow \infty$. (The imaginary part will be zero because odd function.)

Thus, only the residue of f at ι has to be calculated. For this, note that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \iota} (z - \iota)^2 f(z)$$

exists and is nonzero. Thus, ι is a pole of order 2. Define $g(z) = (z - \iota)^2 f(z)$ and compute $\frac{1}{1!} g'(\iota)$. This will be the residue.

The final answer should come out to be $\boxed{\frac{\pi}{e}}$. (The answer I wrote earlier was off by a factor of 2.) □

4. Show by transforming into an integral over the unit circle, that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{a^2 - 2a \cos \theta + 1} d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{a^2 - 1},$$

where $a > 1$. Also compute the value when $a < 1$.

Solution. Assume that $0 < a \neq 1$. Observe the following

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{a^2 - 2a \cos \theta + 1} d\theta &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(a - \cos \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta)^2} d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(a - e^{i\theta})(a - e^{-i\theta})} d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{e^{i\theta}}{(a - e^{i\theta})(ae^{i\theta} - 1)} d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ie^{i\theta}}{(a - e^{i\theta})(ae^{i\theta} - 1)} d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{(a - z)(az - 1)} dz \\
 &= \frac{1}{ai} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{(a - z)(z - 1/a)} dz.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, compute the last integral by either using CIF or by using residue theorem. Note that the integrand has exactly one pole within the circle of integration. Take the cases $a > 1$ and $a < 1$ separately and get the answer. \square

5. Show that if a_1, \dots, a_n are the distinct roots of a monic polynomial $P(z)$ of degree n , for each $1 \leq k \leq n$ we have the formula:

$$\prod_{j \neq k} (a_k - a_j) = P'(a_k).$$

Solution. Since $P(z)$ is monic and we know all of its factors, we may write

$$P(z) = (z - a_1) \cdots (z - a_n).$$

Fix $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Note that $P(a_k) = 0$. Thus, the above can be written as:

$$P(z) - P(a_k) = (z - a_1) \cdots (z - a_n).$$

If $z \neq a_k$, then we may divide by $z - a_k$ to get

$$\frac{P(z) - P(a_k)}{z - a_k} = \prod_{j \neq k} (z - a_j).$$

Letting $z \rightarrow a_k$ gives the answer. \square

Solution. [Here's an alternate solution.](#)

As above, we can write

$$P(z) = \prod_{j=1}^n (z - a_j).$$

Fix some $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Then, the above can be written as

$$P(z) = (z - a_k)P_k(z),$$

where P_k is defined as

$$P_k(z) := \prod_{j \neq k} (z - a_j).$$

Note that $P_k(a_k)$ is precisely the LHS of the equation given in the question. On the other hand, using product rule, we have

$$P'(z) = (z - a_k)P'_k(z) + P_k(z).$$

Substituting $z = a_k$ above gives the answer. \square

6. Show that an entire function $f(z)$ has a pole at ∞ if and only if $|f(z)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $|z| \rightarrow \infty$. Also show that such entire functions are necessarily non-constant polynomials.

Before the solution, it may be useful to recall some definitions.

Definition 4: Limit is infinity

Let $a \in \mathbb{C}$ and f be a complex valued function defined on some deleted neighbourhood of a . We say

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = \infty$$

if for every $M > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$0 < |z - a| < \delta \implies |f(z)| > M.$$

When we say that “defined on some deleted neighbourhood of a ,” we also allow it to be defined on a *bigger* set. For example, f may also be defined at a . All we care is that some deleted neighbourhood of a is in the domain. Similar remark is applicable for the next definitions as well.

Definition 5: Limit at infinity

Let $a \in \mathbb{C}$ and f be a complex valued function defined on some set of the form

$\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| > R_0\}$ for some $R_0 > 0$. We say

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = a \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = a$$

if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $R > R_0$ such that

$$|z| > R \implies |f(z) - a| < \epsilon.$$

Note that in both the above cases, a was a (finite) complex number.

Definition 6: Limit at infinity is infinity

Let f be a complex valued function defined on some set of the form $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| > R_0\}$ for some $R_0 > 0$. We say

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = \infty \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = \infty$$

if for every $M > 0$, there exists $R > R_0$ such that

$$|z| > R \implies |f(z)| > M.$$

It should be clear from the above definitions that $|f(z)| \rightarrow \infty$ iff $f(z) \rightarrow \infty$.

From these definition, we get the following theorem.

Theorem 7

Let f be a function defined on a neighbourhood of infinity, that is, on a set of the form $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| > R_0\}$ for some $R_0 > 0$. Then,

$$\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = \infty \iff \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = \infty.$$

Proof. From the hypothesis of f being defined on a neighbourhood of infinity, it follows that $z \mapsto f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$ is defined on a deleted neighbourhood of 0 and thus, both the limits make sense.

Note that if $|z| > R$, then $\left|\frac{1}{z}\right| < \frac{1}{R}$.

Thus, if $|f(z)| > M$ for $|z| > R$, then $|f(z^{-1})| > M$ for $|z| < R^{-1}$.

By choosing R arbitrarily large, we can make $\frac{1}{R}$ arbitrarily small and vice-versa. Using this, conclude the theorem. \square

Solution. Let $g(z) := f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$ for $z \in \mathbb{C}^\times$.

By our definition of pole at ∞ , we know that f has a pole at ∞ iff g has a pole at 0. Thus, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} f \text{ has a pole at } \infty &\iff g \text{ has a pole at } 0 \\ &\iff \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} |g(z)| = \infty \\ &\iff \lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} |f(z)| = \infty \quad (\text{by the above theorem}) \end{aligned}$$

To show the second part: since f is entire, it has a power series expansion centered at 0 which is valid everywhere on \mathbb{C} . Let

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

be this power series. Then, $g(z)$ has its Laurent series on the annulus \mathbb{C}^\times given as

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{z^n}.$$

Since 0 is a pole of g , only finitely many a_n can be nonzero. This gives us that there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a_n = 0$ for all $n \geq N$. Moreover, since 0 is not a removable singularity, we see that $a_n \neq 0$ for at least one $n \geq 1$. This gives us that the original f was a non-constant polynomial. \square