

8150 Homework III

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Exercise 2

Prove that if

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n \text{ and } \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c'_n(z-a)^n$$

are Laurent series expansions of $f(z)$, then $c_n = c'_n$ for all n .

Proof.

Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c'_n(z-a)^n$. Then we know, for any integer k ,

$$f(z)(z-a)^{-k-1} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^{n-k-1} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c'_n(z-a)^{n-k-1}$$

Then let γ be any closed contour in the annulus going around a once, and because it is a compact set of points, the Laurent series can be integrated termwise:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \oint_{\gamma} (z-a)^{n-k-1} dz = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c'_n \oint_{\gamma} (z-a)^{n-k-1} dz$$

We know that

$$\oint_{\gamma} (z-a)^{n-k-1} dz = 2i\pi \text{ if } n = k \text{ and } 0 \text{ if } n \neq k$$

So then we are left with $2i\pi c_m = 2i\pi c'_m$ for any k , which proves the statement. ■

Exercise 3

Expand $\frac{1}{1-z^2} + \frac{1}{3-z}$ in a series of the form $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n z^n$. How many such expansions are there? In which domain is each of them valid?

Proof.

We find that:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{z-3} &= -\frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1-3z^{-1}} = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{k \geq 0} 3^{-k} z^k \text{ for } |z| < 3 \\ &= \frac{1}{z} \frac{1}{1-3z^{-1}} = z^{-1} \sum_{k \geq 0} 3^k z^{-k} \text{ for } |z| > 3\end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{1-z^2} &= \sum_{k \geq 0} z^{2k} \text{ for } |z| < 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{-1}{1-z^{-2}} = -z^{-2} \sum_{k \geq 0} z^{-2k} \text{ for } |z| > 1\end{aligned}$$

So we can just list all the possible combinations to find:

$$\begin{aligned}f(z) &= -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{k \geq 0} 3^{-k} z^k + \sum_{k \geq 0} z^{2k} \text{ for } |z| \in (-\infty, 1) \\ f(z) &= -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{k \geq 0} 3^{-k} z^k - z^{-2} \sum_{k \geq 0} z^{-2k} \text{ for } |z| \in (1, 3) \\ f(z) &= z^{-1} \sum_{k \geq 0} 3^k z^{-k} + \sum_{k \geq 0} z^{2k} \text{ for } |z| \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (3, \infty) \\ f(z) &= z^{-1} \sum_{k \geq 0} 3^k z^{-k} - z^{-2} \sum_{k \geq 0} z^{-2k} \text{ for } |z| \in (3, \infty)\end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 4

Let $P(z)$ and $Q(z)$ be polynomials with no common zeros. Assume $Q(a) = 0$. Find the principal part of $P(z)/Q(z)$ at $z = a$ if the zero a is (i) simple; (ii) double. Express your answers explicitly using P and Q .

Proof.

i.

ii.

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