

A point z_0 is an isolated singularity of a function f if z_0 does not belong to the domain of f and f is holomorphic on the punctured disc defined by $0 < |z - z_0| < R$ for some $R > 0$.

It is known that if z_0 is an isolated singularity of f , then f has the Laurent expansion at z_0 :

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

or equivalently:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{(z - z_0)^n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n.$$

- (1) There are three types of isolated singularities: removable singularities, poles, and essential singularities. Provide the definition of each type and give an example for each.
- (2) State the definition of the residue of a function at an isolated singularity.
- (3) If z_0 is a simple pole of f , prove that:

$$\operatorname{res}(f, z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0) f(z).$$

- (4) If $f(z) = \frac{q(z)}{p(z)}$, where p and q are holomorphic, and z_0 is a simple zero of p , prove that:

$$\operatorname{res}(f, z_0) = \frac{q(z_0)}{p'(z_0)}.$$

- (5) If z_0 is a pole of f of order m , prove that:

$$\operatorname{res}(f, z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} g(z),$$

where $g(z) = (z - z_0)^m f(z)$.

- (6) Find the residues of the following functions at the indicated points:

- (a) $\frac{z}{(2-3z)(4z+3)}$ at $z = \frac{2}{3}$,
- (b) $\frac{z - \frac{1}{6}z^3 - \sin z}{z^8}$ at $z = 0$.

In this section, we aim to compute certain definite integrals using the Cauchy's residue theorem.

- (1) Evaluate $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\theta}{5 + 3 \cos \theta}$ using the following steps:

- (a) Consider the closed contour $\gamma : [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by $\gamma(\theta) = e^{i\theta}$. Then express I as a contour integral:

$$I = 2i \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{3z^2 + 10z + 3}.$$

- (b) Use Cauchy's residue theorem to compute I .

- (2) Evaluate the improper integral $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2 + 2x + 2}$ using the following steps:

- (a) Find all poles of $\frac{1}{z^2 + 2z + 2}$.

- (b) Let $S_R : [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the semicircle $S_R(t) = Re^{it}$ and $L_R : [-R, R] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the line segment $L_R(t) = t$. Then, for R large enough, the closed contour $\gamma_R = S_R + L_R$ contains the pole $-1 + i$ of the function $\frac{1}{z^2 + 2z + 2}$.

Compute the contour integral $\int_{\gamma_R} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 2z + 2}$ using the residue theorem.

- (c) Prove that:

$$\left| \int_{S_R} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 2z + 2} \right| \leq \frac{2\pi}{R}.$$

- (d) Prove that:

$$I = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{L_R} \frac{dz}{z^2 + 2z + 2},$$

and find I .

- (3) Use the same approach to evaluate:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1}.$$