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#### 3.2.2 ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS IN REGIONS

**Definition 1 (Analytic Function on an Open Set)** A complex-valued function  $f(z)$  defined on an open set  $\Omega$  is said to be analytic in  $\Omega$  if it has a derivative at each point of  $\Omega$ . An analytic function is also called holomorphic

**Definition 2 (Analytic Function on an Arbitrary Set)** A function  $f(z)$  is analytic on an arbitrary point set  $A$  if it is the restriction to  $A$  of a function which is analytic in some open set containing  $A$

**Theorem 1** An analytic function in a region <sup>1</sup>  $\Omega$  whose derivative vanishes <sup>2</sup> identically must reduce to a constant. The same is true if either the real part, the imaginary part, the modulus, or the argument is constant.

#### 3.2.3 CONFORMAL MAPPING

#### 3.2.4 LENGTH AND AREA

### 3.3 LINEAR TRANSFORMATION

#### 3.3.1 THE LINEAR GROUP

#### 3.3.2 THE CROSS RATIO

**Definition 3 (Cross Ratio)** The cross ratio  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$  is the image of  $z_1$  under the linear transformation which carries  $z_2, z_3, z_4$  into  $1, 0, \infty$

**Theorem 2** If  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$  are distinct points in the extended plane and  $T$  any linear transformation, then  $(Tz_1, Tz_2, Tz_3, Tz_4) = (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$

**Theorem 3** The cross ratio  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$  is real if and only if the four points lie on a circle (or a straight line)

**Theorem 4** A linear transformation carries circles to circles (straight line is a special circle)

#### 3.3.3 SYMMETRY

**Definition 4** The points  $z, z^*$  are said to be symmetric with respect to the circle  $C$  through  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  if  $(z^*, z_1, z_2, z_3) = (z, z_1, z_2, z_3)$

**Theorem 5 (The Symmetry Principle)** If a linear transformation carries a circle  $C_1$  into a circle  $C_2$ , then it transforms any pair of symmetric points with respect to  $C_1$  into a pair of symmetric points with respect to  $C_2$

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<sup>1</sup>a connected open set does not include  $\infty$

<sup>2</sup>at one point

**3.3.4 ORIENTED CIRCLES**

**3.3.5 FAMILY OF CIRCLES**

**3.4 ELEMENTARY CONFORMAL MAPPING**

**3.4.1 THE USE OF LEVEL CURVES**

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**3.4.3 ELEMENTARY RIEMANN SURFACES**

# Chapter 4

## COMPLEX INTEGRATION

### 4.1 FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM

#### 4.1.1 LINE INTEGRALS

#### 4.1.2 RECTIFIABLE ARCS

#### 4.1.3 LINE INTEGRALS AS FUNCTIONS OF ARCS

**Theorem 6 (Fundamental Theorem of Line Integral)** *The line integral  $\int_{\gamma} (pdx + qdy)$  defined in  $\Omega$  depends only on the end point of  $\gamma$  if and only if there exists a function  $U(x, y)$  in  $\Omega$  with partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = p$  and  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial y} = q$*

**Theorem 7** *The integral  $\int_{\gamma} f(z)dz$  with continuous  $f$  depends only on the end points of  $\gamma$  if and only if  $f$  is the derivative of an analytic function in  $\Omega$*

#### 4.1.4 CAUCHY THEOREM FOR A RECTANGLE

**Theorem 8 (Cauchy Theorem)** *Let  $\partial R$  denote the boundary curve of a rectangle  $R$ . If the function  $f(z)$  is analytic on  $R$  then*

$$\int_{\partial R} f(z)dz = 0$$

**Theorem 9 (Cauchy Theorem)** *Let  $f(z)$  be analytic on the set  $R'$  obtained from a rectangle  $R$  by omitting a finite number of interior point  $\zeta_j$ . If it is true that*

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta_j} (z - \zeta_j)f(z) = 0$$

*for all  $j$ , then*

$$\int_{\partial R} f(z)dz = 0$$

#### 4.1.5 CAUCHY THEOREM IN A DISK

**Theorem 10 (Cauchy Theorem)** *If  $f(z)$  is analytic in an open disk  $\Delta$ , then*

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z)dz = 0$$

*for every closed curve  $\gamma$  in  $\Delta$*

**Theorem 11 (Cauchy Theorem)** *Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in the region  $\Delta'$  obtained by omitting a finite number of point  $\zeta_j$  from an open disk  $\Delta$ . If  $f(z)$  satisfies the condition  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \zeta_j} (z - \zeta_j)f(z) = 0$  for all  $j$ , then*

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z)dz = 0$$

*for every closed curve  $\gamma$  in  $\Delta'$*

## 4.2 CAUCHY INTEGRAL FORMULA

### 4.2.1 THE INDEX OF A POINT WITH RESPECT TO A CLOSED CURVE

**Lemma 1** *If the piecewise differentiable closed curve  $\gamma$  does not pass through the point  $a$ , then the value of the integral*

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z-a}$$

*is a multiple of  $2\pi i$*

**Definition 5 (Index of a Point with respect to a Curve - Winding Number)** *The index of point  $a$  with respect to curve  $\gamma$  is defined as*

$$n(\gamma, a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z-a}$$

**Lemma 2** *Let  $z_1, z_2$  be two points on a closed curve  $\gamma$  which does not pass through the origin. Denote the subarc from  $z_1$  to  $z_2$  in the direction of the curve by  $\gamma_1$  and the subarc from  $z_2$  to  $z_1$  by  $\gamma_2$ . Suppose that  $z_1$  lies in the lower half plane and  $z_2$  in the upper half plane. If  $\gamma_1$  does not meet the negative real axis and  $\gamma_2$  does not meet the positive real axis, then  $n(\gamma, 0) = 1$*

**Theorem 12 (Jordan Curve Theorem)** *Every Jordan curve<sup>1</sup> in the plane determines exactly two regions*

### 4.2.2 THE INTEGRAL FORMULA

**Theorem 13 (Cauchy Integral Formula)** *Suppose that  $f(z)$  is analytic in an open disk  $\Delta$  and let  $\gamma$  be a closed curve in  $\Delta$ . For any point  $a$  not in  $\gamma$*

$$n(\gamma, a)f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)dz}{z-a}$$

### 4.2.3 HIGHER DERIVATIVES

**Lemma 3** *Suppose that  $\phi(\zeta)$  is continuous on the arc  $\gamma$ . Then the function*

$$F_n(z) = \int_{\gamma} \frac{\phi(\zeta)d\zeta}{(\zeta-z)^n}$$

*is analytic and each of the regions determined by  $\gamma$  and its derivatives is  $F'_n(z) = nF_{n+1}(z)$*

**Theorem 14 (Morena Theorem)** *If  $f(z)$  is defined and continuous in a region  $\Omega$  and if  $\int_{\gamma} f(z)dz = 0$  for all closed curves  $\gamma$  in  $\Omega$ , then  $f(z)$  is analytic in  $\Omega$*

**Theorem 15 (Liouville Theorem)** *A function which is analytic and bounded in the whole plane must reduce to a constant*

## 4.3 LOCAL PROPERTIES OF ANALYTIC FUNCTION

### 4.3.1 REMOVABLE SINGULARITIES - TAYLOR THEOREM

**Theorem 16 (Removable Singularities)** *Suppose that  $f(z)$  is analytic in the region  $\Omega'$  obtained by omitting a point from a region  $\Omega$ . A necessary and sufficient condition that there exist an analytic function in  $\Omega$  which coincides with  $f(z)$  in  $\Omega'$  is that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z-a)f(z) = 0$ . The extended function is uniquely determined.  $a$  is said to be a removable singularity.*

**Theorem 17 (Taylor Theorem)** *If  $f(z)$  is analytic in a region  $\Omega$  containing  $a$ , it is possible to write*

$$f(z) = \left[ f(a) + \frac{f'(z)}{1!}(z-a) + \frac{f''(z)}{2!}(z-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n-1)}(z)}{(n-1)!}(z-a)^{n-1} \right] + f_n(z)(z-a)^n$$

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<sup>1</sup>simple curve - a curve doesn't cut itself

### 4.3.2 ZEROS AND POLES

**Proposition 1** If  $f(z)$  is analytic in  $\Omega$  and if  $f(z) = 0$  on a set  $A$  which has an accumulation point in  $\Omega$  then  $f(z)$  is identically equal to 0 on  $\Omega$

**Proposition 2 (Zeros)** Suppose  $f(z)$  is not identically zero. Then if  $f(a) = 0$ , there exists a first derivative  $f^{(h)}(a)$  which is different from zero. Then,  $a$  is said to be a zero of order  $h$ . Furthermore, by Taylor Theorem,

$$f(z) = (z - a)^h f_h(z)$$

where  $f_h(z)$  is analytic and  $f_h(a) \neq 0$

**Definition 6 (Isolated Singularity)** Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in a neighbourhood of  $a$  except  $a$ , then  $a$  is said to be an isolated singularity

**Proposition 3 (Poles)** If  $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = \infty$ , then  $a$  is said to be a pole of  $f(z)$ . If  $a$  is an isolated singularity, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(z) \neq 0$  on  $0 < |z - a| < \delta$ . Then  $g(z) = \frac{1}{f(z)}$  is defined and analytic  $0 < |z - a| < \delta$  and  $a$  is a removable singularity. Let  $h$  be the order of the zero at  $a$  of  $g(z)$ .  $a$  is also said to be the pole of order  $h$  of  $f(z)$ . Similarly, by Taylor Theorem,

$$f(z) = (z - a)^{-h} f_h(z)$$

where  $f_h(z)$  is analytic and different from zero in  $|z - a| < \delta$

**Definition 7 (Meromorphic)** An analytic function  $f(z)$  in a region  $\Omega$  except for poles is said to be meromorphic in  $\Omega$

**Proposition 4 (Algebraic Order)** Consider the conditions

1.  $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} |z - a|^\alpha |f(z)| = 0$
2.  $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} |z - a|^\alpha |f(z)| = \infty$

If there exists an integer  $h$  such that 1 holds for all  $\alpha > h$  and 2 holds for all  $\alpha < h$ , then  $h$  is said to be the algebraic order of  $f(z)$  at  $a$ . It is positive in the case of pole, negative in the case of zero, and zero if  $f(a) \neq 0$  and analytic at  $a$

**Definition 8 (Essential Isolated Singularity)** An isolated singularity which is neither removable or pole

**Theorem 18 (Casorati-Weierstrass Theorem)** An analytic function comes arbitrary close to any complex value in every neighbourhood of an essential singularity

### 4.3.3 THE LOCAL MAPPING

**Theorem 19** Let  $z_j$  be the zeros of an analytic function  $f(z)$  on a disk  $\Delta$  and does not vanish identically, each zero be counted as many times as its order indicates. For every closed curve  $\gamma$  in  $\Delta$  which does not pass through a zero

$$\sum_j n(\gamma, z_j) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_\gamma \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$

where the sum has only a finite number of nonzero terms

**Theorem 20** Suppose that  $f(z)$  is analytic at  $z_0$ ,  $f(z_0) = w_0$ , and  $f(z) - w_0$  has a zero of order  $n$  at  $z_0$ . If  $\epsilon > 0$  is sufficiently small, there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $a$  in  $|a - w_0| < \delta$ , the equation  $f(z) = a$  has exactly  $n$  roots in the disk  $|z - z_0| < \epsilon$

**Corollary 1** A nonconstant analytic function maps an open set to an open set

**Corollary 2** If  $f(z)$  is analytic at  $z_0$  with  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ , it maps a neighbourhood of  $z_0$  conformally and topologically onto a region.

### 4.3.4 THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPLE

**Theorem 21 (The Maximum Principle)** If  $f(z)$  is analytic and nonconstant in a region  $\Omega$ , then its absolute value  $|f(z)|$  has no maximum in  $\Omega$

**Theorem 22 (The Maximum Principle)** If  $f(z)$  is defined and continuous on a closed bounded set  $E$  and analytic on the interior of  $E$ , then the maximum of  $|f(z)|$  on  $E$  is assumed on the boundary of  $E$

**Theorem 23** If  $f(z)$  is analytic for  $|z| < 1$  and satisfies the conditions  $|f(z)| \leq 1$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ , then  $|f(z)| \leq |z|$  and  $|f'(0)| \leq 1$ . If  $|f(z)| = |z|$  for some  $z \neq 0$  or if  $|f'(0)| = 1$  then  $f(z) = cz$  with the constant  $c$  of absolute value 1

$${}^2\bar{A} \cap \Omega \neq \emptyset$$



## 4.4 THE GENERAL FORM OF CAUCHY THEOREM

### 4.4.1 CHAINS AND CYCLES

**Definition 9 (Chains)** Let  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n$  form a subdivision of the arc  $\gamma$ . Then the sum  $\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \dots + \gamma_n$  is said to be a chain

### 4.4.2 SIMPLE CONNECTIVITY

**Definition 10 (Simply Connected)** A region is said to be simply connected if its complement with respect to the extended plane is connected.

**Theorem 24** A region  $\Omega$  is simply connected if and only if  $n(\gamma, a) = 0$  for all cycles  $\gamma$  in  $\Omega$  and all points  $a$  belong to the complement of  $\Omega$

### 4.4.3 HOMOLOGY

**Definition 11 (Homologous)** A cycle  $\gamma$  in an open set  $\Omega$  is said to be homologous to zero with respect to  $\Omega$  if  $n(\gamma, a) = 0$  for all points  $a$  in the complement of  $\Omega$ . Denoted by  $\gamma \sim 0 \pmod{\Omega}$ <sup>3</sup>

### 4.4.4 THE GENERAL STATEMENT OF CAUCHY THEOREM

**Theorem 25 (Cauchy Theorem)** If  $f(z)$  is analytic in  $\Omega$ , then

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$$

for every cycle  $\gamma$  which is homologous to zero in  $\Omega$

**Corollary 3** If  $f(z)$  is analytic in a simply connected region  $\Omega$ , then  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$  for all cycles in  $\gamma$  in  $\Omega$

**Corollary 4** If  $f(z)$  is analytic and nonzero in a simply connected region  $\Omega$  then it is possible to define a single-valued analytic branches of  $\log f(z)$  and  $\sqrt[n]{f(z)}$  in  $\Omega$

### 4.4.5 PROOF OF CAUCHY THEOREM

### 4.4.6 LOCALLY EXACT DIFFERENTIALS

**Theorem 26** A differential  $pdx + qdy$  is said to be locally exact in  $\Omega$  if it is exact in some neighbourhood of each point in  $\Omega$ . If  $pdx + qdy$  is locally exact in  $\Omega$ , then

$$\int_{\gamma} (pdx + qdy) = 0$$

for every cycle  $\gamma \sim 0$  in  $\Omega$

### 4.4.7 MULTIPLY CONNECTION REGIONS

**Definition 12 (Multiply Connected)** A region which is not simply connected is said to be multiply connected. A region is said to have finite connectivity  $n$  if its complement has exactly  $n$  components.

**Proposition 5 (Homology Basis - Modules of Periodicity)** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be the components of the complement of  $\Omega$  and  $\infty \in A_n$ . If  $\gamma$  is a cycle in  $\Omega$ , then  $n(\gamma, a)$  only depends on which components  $a$  belongs to, namely  $n(\gamma, a) = c_i$  if  $a \in A_i$ , and  $c_n = 0$ . For each  $A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , we can find  $\gamma_i$  such that  $n(\gamma_i, a) = 1$  for  $a \in A_i$  and  $n(\gamma_i, a) = 0$  for  $a \in A_j, j \neq i$ . Then

$$\gamma - (c_1\gamma_1 + c_2\gamma_2 + \dots + c_{n-1}\gamma_{n-1}) \sim 0 \pmod{\Omega}$$

or

$$\gamma \sim c_1\gamma_1 + c_2\gamma_2 + \dots + c_{n-1}\gamma_{n-1} \pmod{\Omega}$$

That is, every cycle is homologous to a linear combination of  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n$ . The set  $\{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n\}$  is said to be the homology basis for  $\Omega$ . For any analytic function  $f(z)$  on  $\Omega$ , then

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \sum_{i=1}^n \left( c_i \int_{\gamma_i} f(z) dz \right)$$

the values  $\int_{\gamma_i} f(z) dz, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  are said to be the modules of periodicity of the differential  $f(z) dz$

<sup>3</sup>if  $\Omega$  is simply connected, all cycle in  $\Omega$  is homologous to zero

## 4.5 THE CALCULUS OF RESIDUES