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## residues of tangent and cotangent

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We will determine the residues of the tangent and the cotangent at their poles, which by the <http://planetmath.org/node/9074>parent entry are <http://planetmath.org/SimplePoles>simple.

By the rule in the entry coefficients of Laurent series, in a simple pole  $z = a$  of  $f$  one has

$$\operatorname{Res}(f; a) = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z - a) f(z).$$

- We get first

$$\operatorname{Res}(\cot; 0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \cot z = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos z}{\frac{\sin z}{z}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1. \quad (1)$$

- All the poles of cotangent are  $n\pi$  with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\pi$  is the period of cotangent, we could infer that the residues in all poles are the same as (1). We may also calculate (with the change of variable  $z - n\pi = w$ ) directly

$$\operatorname{Res}(\cot; n\pi) = \lim_{z \rightarrow n\pi} (z - n\pi) \cot z = \lim_{w \rightarrow 0} w \cot(w + n\pi) = \lim_{w \rightarrow 0} w \cot w = 1.$$

- In the <http://planetmath.org/ComplexTangentAndCotangent>parent entry, the complement formula for the tangent function is derived. Using it, we can find the residues of tangent at its poles  $\frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$ , which are . For example,

$$\operatorname{Res}(\tan; \frac{\pi}{2}) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \left( z - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \cot \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - z \right) = \lim_{w \rightarrow 0} w \cot(-w) = -\operatorname{Res}(\cot; 0) = -1.$$

Similarly as above, the residues in other poles are  $-1$ .

Consequently, the residues of cotangent are equal to 1 and the residues of tangent equal to  $-1$ .