

# Laurent series and singularities

Th If  $f(z)$  is analytic on  $R_1 < |z - z_0| < R_2$  then

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{-n} (z - z_0)^{-n}, \quad \forall z \text{ on } R_1 < |z - z_0| < R_2$$

$$\text{or } f(z) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (a_k) (z - z_0)^k = \underbrace{\dots + \frac{a_{-3}}{(z - z_0)^3} + \frac{a_{-2}}{(z - z_0)^2} + \frac{a_{-1}}{(z - z_0)}}_{\text{principal part}} + \underbrace{a_0 + a_1(z - z_0) + a_2(z - z_0)^2 + \dots}_{\text{analytic part (regular part)}}$$

principal part  
• conv. outside a circle centered at  $z_0$

analytic part (regular part)  
• conv. inside a circle centered at  $z_0$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(s)}{(s - z_0)^{n+1}} ds, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

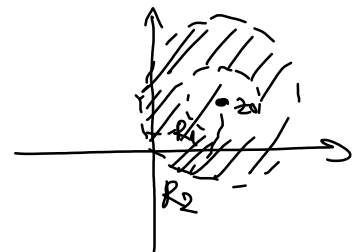
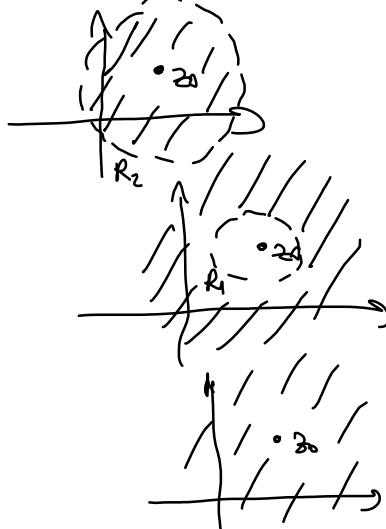
$$R_1 < |z - z_0| < R_2$$

an annulus domain

$$\rightarrow R_1 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow R_2 = \infty$$

$$\rightarrow R_1 = 0 \text{ \& } R_2 = \infty$$



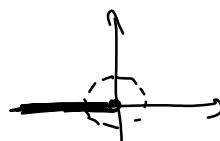
• The coefficient  $a_{-1}$  is called the Residue of the function  $f(z)$  at  $z = z_0$

## Singularities

- singularity: a point  $z_0$  at which the function  $f$  is not analytic
- isolated singularity: a singularity  $z_0$  of  $f$  for which there exists a neighborhood of  $z_0$  in which  $f$  is analytic

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z}, \quad z_0 = 0$$

• nonisolated singularity



$$f(z) = \ln z, \quad z_0 = 0$$

... .. hand at  $z_0$  contains a

• nonisolated singularity



$$f(z) = \ln z, z=0$$

- every neighborhood of  $z_0$  contains a singularity of  $f$

• removable singularity

$$f(z) = \frac{\cos z - 1}{z^2}, z_0 = 0$$

$$\cos z = 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \left( 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \frac{z^6}{6!} + \dots \right) =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2!} + \frac{z^2}{4!} - \frac{z^4}{6!} + \dots$$

no negative powers of  $z$   
we don't have a principal part

$\Rightarrow z_0$  removable singularity

• pole

$$f(z) = \frac{\cos z}{z^4} = \frac{1}{z^4} \left( 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \frac{z^6}{6!} + \dots \right) =$$

$$z_0 = 0$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{z^4}}_{\text{the principal part}} - \frac{1}{2! z^2} + \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{z^2}{6!} + \frac{z^4}{8!} - \dots$$

we have a finite no of negative powers of  $z$

$\Rightarrow z_0 = \text{pole of order 4}$

$$f(z) = \underbrace{\frac{a_{-N}}{(z-z_0)^N} + \dots + a_{-1}(z-z_0)^{-1}}_{\text{a finite no}} + a_0 + a_1(z-z_0) + \dots$$

$$a_{-N} \neq 0$$

$z_0 = \text{pole of order } N$

• essential singularity

$$f(z) = \cos\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2!} \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{4!} \frac{1}{z^4} - \frac{1}{6!} \frac{1}{z^6} + \dots$$

infinite no. of terms with negative powers

$\Rightarrow z_0 = \text{essential singularity}$

① Determine all possible Laurent series for the functions:

a)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2}, z_0=0$  ; b)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2}, z_0=1$

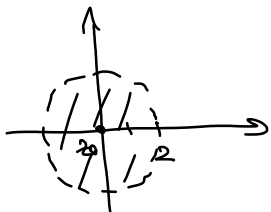
Solutions

a)

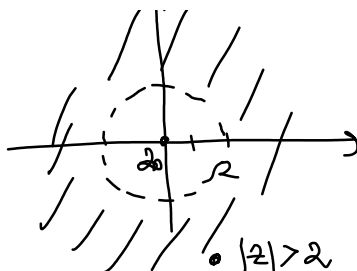


Solutions

a)



•  $|z| < 2$

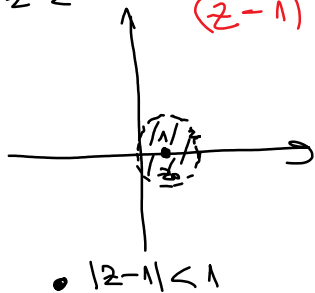


•  $|z| > 2$

•  $|z| < 2 \Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} = \frac{-1}{2-z} = \frac{-1}{2(1-\frac{z}{2})} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-\frac{z}{2}} =$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\frac{|z|}{2} < 1$   
 $= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1) \frac{z^n}{2^{n+1}}, \text{ valid for } |z| < 2.$

•  $|z| > 2 \quad (2 < |z| < \infty)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\frac{2}{|z|} < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} = \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{z}} = \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{z^{n+1}}, \text{ valid for } |z| > 2$

b)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2}, z_0 = 1$   
 $(z-1)$



•  $|z-1| < 1$

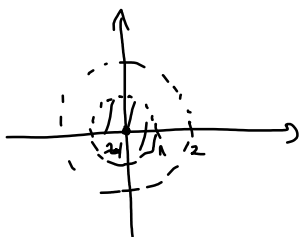


•  $|z-1| > 1$

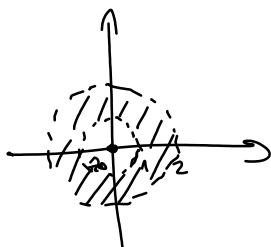
•  $|z-1| < 1 \Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} = \frac{1}{(z-1)-1} = \frac{-1}{1-(z-1)} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (z-1)^n, \text{ valid for } |z-1| < 1$

•  $|z-1| > 1$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\frac{1}{|z-1|} < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} = \frac{1}{\underline{(z-1)}-1} = \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{z-1}} = \frac{1}{z-1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z-1}\right)^n =$   
 $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-1)^{n+1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-1)^n}, \text{ valid for } |z-1| > 1$

c)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)}, z_0 = 0$



•  $|z| < 1$



•  $1 < |z| < 2$



•  $|z| > 2$

- we use partial fraction expansion

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

- $|z| < 1 \Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{z}{2}} - \frac{-1}{1-z} =$   
 $= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right) z^n, \text{ valid } |z| < 1$

- $1 < |z| < 2$   
 $\Downarrow \quad \Downarrow$   
 $\frac{1}{|z|} < 1 \quad \frac{|z|}{2} < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{z}{2}} - \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{z}} =$   
 $= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^n =$   
 $= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^{n+1}}, \text{ valid for } 1 < |z| < 2$

- $|z| > 2 \quad (2 < |z| < \infty)$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 $\frac{2}{|z|} < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{|z|} < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1} = \frac{1}{z(1-\frac{2}{z})} - \frac{1}{z(1-\frac{1}{z})} =$   
 $= \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{z}\right)^n - \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^n$

1.45 Expand the function  $f$  in Laurent series and determine the type of singularity.

a)  $f(z) = z^3 e^{\frac{1}{z}}, z_0 = 0, 0 < |z| < +\infty$

$$e^{\frac{1}{z}} = 1 + \frac{1}{1!z} + \frac{1}{2!z^2} + \frac{1}{3!z^3} + \dots$$

$$f(z) = z^3 e^{\frac{1}{z}} = z^3 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1!z} + \frac{1}{2!z^2} + \frac{1}{3!z^3} + \frac{1}{4!z^4} + \dots \right) =$$

$$= z^3 + z^2 + \frac{z}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!z} + \frac{1}{5!z^2} + \dots$$

the principal part  
we have an infinite no of terms

$\Rightarrow z_0 = 0$  essential singularity

b)  $f(z) = \frac{2 \sin^2 z}{z^5}, z_0 = 0, 0 < |z| < +\infty$

$$2 \sin^2 z = 1 - \cos 2z$$

$$\cos z = 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1 - \cos 2z}{z^5} = \frac{1}{z^5} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{(2z)^2}{2!} + \frac{(2z)^4}{4!} - \frac{(2z)^6}{6!} + \dots \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^5} \left( \frac{(2z)^2}{2!} - \frac{(2z)^4}{4!} + \frac{(2z)^6}{6!} - \dots \right) =$$

$$= 2 \frac{1}{z^3} - \frac{2^4}{4!} \frac{1}{z} + \frac{2^6}{6!} z - \dots$$

principal part  
has a finite no of terms

the analytic part

principal part  
has a finite no of terms  
 $z_0 = \text{pole of order 3}$

the analytic part

c)  $f(z) = z e^{\frac{1}{z+i}}$  ,  $z_0 = -i$  ,  $0 < |z+i| < +\infty$

$$f(z) = ((z+i) - i) e^{\frac{1}{z+i}} = (z+i) e^{\frac{1}{z+i}} - i e^{\frac{1}{z+i}} =$$

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

$$= \underbrace{z+i + 1 - i}_{\text{principal part}} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{i}{1!} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{z+i} + \left( \frac{1}{3!} - \frac{i}{2!} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{(z+i)^2} + \dots}_{\text{analytic part}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  essential singularity (infinite no of terms in the p.p)

③ Use Laurent series

a)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-4)}$  ,  $z_0 = 1$  ,  $0 < |z-1| < 3$   $\Rightarrow \frac{z-1}{3} < 1$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{1}{z-4} = \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-1)-3} = \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{3-(z-1)} =$$

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

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1) \frac{(z-1)^{n-1}}{3^{n+1}} \left( = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^{n+2}} (z-1)^n \right)$$

$\begin{matrix} l = n-1 \\ n = l+1 \end{matrix}$

b)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-4)}$  ,  $z_0 = 1$  ,  $|z-1| > 3$   $\Rightarrow \frac{3}{|z-1|} < 1$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{1}{z-4} = \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{1}{(z-1)-3} = \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{z-1}} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{z-1}\right)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3^n}{(z-1)^{n+2}}$$

homework Expand using Laurent series around  $z_0$ , the type of sing

1)  $f(z) = z \cos \frac{3}{z}$  ,  $z_0 = 0$

$$2) f(z) = \sin \frac{1}{z} \quad \text{, } z_0 = 0$$

$$3) f(z) = \frac{1 - e^{-z}}{z} \quad \text{, } z_0 = 0$$

$$4) f(z) = \frac{1 + 2z^2}{z^3 + z^5} \quad \text{, } z_0 = 0 \quad \text{, } 0 < |z| < 1$$