

Analytic functions

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Theorem 1. Let $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-a)^n$ be a power series in \mathbb{C} with radius of convergence $R \in (0, \infty]$. Define

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-a)^n, \quad \forall z \in D(a; R). \quad (*1)$$

Then f is holomorphic everywhere in $D(a; R)$, and furthermore,

$$\forall z \in D(a; R), \quad f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n(z-a)^{n-1}. \quad (*2)$$

We first need the following simple lemma that will be used in the proof of Theorem 1.

Lemma 1. For all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$|(\alpha + \beta)^n - \alpha^n| \leq n|\beta|(|\alpha| + |\beta|)^{n-1}. \quad (*3)$$

Proof. Observe that $(\alpha + \beta)^n - \alpha^n = \beta \left(\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\alpha + \beta)^k \alpha^{n-1-k} \right)$. Triangle inequality yields that, for all $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, $|\alpha + \beta|^k \leq (|\alpha| + |\beta|)^k$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |(\alpha + \beta)^n - \alpha^n| &\leq |\beta| \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (\alpha + \beta)^k \alpha^{n-1-k} \right| \\ &\leq |\beta| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\alpha + \beta|^k |\alpha|^{n-1-k} \\ &\leq |\beta| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (|\alpha| + |\beta|)^k (|\alpha| + |\beta|)^{n-1-k} \\ &= n|\beta|(|\alpha| + |\beta|)^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

From this (*3) is immediate. □

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $z_0 \in D(a; R)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. Fix $r > 0$ such that $|z_0 - a| < r < R$. In view of Lemma 1, whenever $0 < |z - z_0| < r - |z_0 - a|$, we have the following for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$|a_n| \left| \frac{(z - a)^n - (z_0 - a)^n}{z - z_0} \right| \leq n|a_n|(|z - z_0| + |z_0 - a|)^{n-1} \leq n|a_n|r^{n-1}. \quad (*4)$$

Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n(z - a)^{n-1}$ also has the radius of convergence R , one has $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n|a_n|r^{n-1}$ converges.

Choose $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} n|a_n|r^{n-1} < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$. From (*4), using the ‘comparison test’, one obtains that

the series $\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \frac{(z - a)^n - (z_0 - a)^n}{z - z_0} \right)$ converges absolutely, and subsequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \frac{(z - a)^n - (z_0 - a)^n}{z - z_0} \right) \right| &\leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |a_n| \left| \frac{(z - a)^n - (z_0 - a)^n}{z - z_0} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} n|a_n|r^{n-1} < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}, \quad \forall z \in D(z_0; r - |z_0 - a|). \end{aligned} \quad (*5)$$

We also have the following for the same reason:

$$\left| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} na_n(z_0 - a)^{n-1} \right| \leq \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} n|a_n|r^{n-1} < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}, \quad \forall z \in D(z_0; r - |z_0 - a|). \quad (*6)$$

Now consider the polynomial function $\sum_{n=0}^N a_n(z - a)^n$. Since it is holomorphic with derivative $\sum_{n=1}^N na_n(z - a)^{n-1}$, there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that one has

$$\left| \frac{\sum_{n=0}^N a_n(z - a)^n - \sum_{n=0}^N a_n(z_0 - a)^n}{z - z_0} - \sum_{n=1}^N na_n(z_0 - a)^{n-1} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad \text{whenever } 0 < |z - z_0| < \delta_1. \quad (*7)$$

Set $\delta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min\{\delta_1, r - |z_0 - a|\}$. It follows at once from (*5), (*6) and (*7) that, for all $0 < |z - z_0| < \delta$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} na_n(z_0 - a)^{n-1} \right| &\leq \left| \frac{\sum_{n=0}^N a_n(z - a)^n - \sum_{n=0}^N a_n(z_0 - a)^n}{z - z_0} - \sum_{n=1}^N na_n(z_0 - a)^{n-1} \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \frac{(z - a)^n - (z_0 - a)^n}{z - z_0} \right) \right| + \left| \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} na_n(z_0 - a)^{n-1} \right| \\ &< \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1. □

Definition 1. Let $U \subseteq_{\text{open}} \mathbb{C}$ and $f : U \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$. We say that f is analytic if for every $a \in U$ there exists $r > 0$ such that $D(a; r) \subseteq U$ and f is ‘represented by a power series centered at a on $D(a; r)$ ’, i.e., there exists a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of complex numbers such that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - a)^n, \quad \forall z \in D(a; r).$$

From Theorem 1, we conclude that any analytic function is holomorphic everywhere in its domain.

Theorem 2. Let $f : [a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be Riemann integrable and $\gamma : [a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous curve. Denote the image of γ by γ^* . Define

$$F(z) = \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{\gamma(t) - z} dt, \quad \forall z \notin \gamma^*.$$

Then F is analytic.

Note: For any fixed $z \notin \gamma^*$, the map $t \mapsto (\gamma(t) - z)$ is continuous and nowhere vanishing on $[a, b]$. Hence, $t \mapsto \frac{1}{(\gamma(t) - z)}$ is also continuous on $[a, b]$, and consequently Riemann integrable. From this, it follows that the function $[a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $t \mapsto \frac{f(t)}{\gamma(t) - z}$, is Riemann integrable. Thus the integral that appears in the definition of F makes sense.

Proof. Let $z_0 \notin \gamma^*$. Since γ^* is compact, it is closed, and hence there exists $r > 0$ such that $D(z_0; r) \cap \gamma^* = \emptyset$. Now, we observe that, for all $z \in D(z_0; r)$ and $t \in [a, b]$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(t)}{\gamma(t) - z} &= \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0) - (z - z_0)} = \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right)} \\ &= \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right)^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} \cdot (z - z_0)^n, \end{aligned}$$

since $\left| \frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right| \leq \frac{|z - z_0|}{r} < 1$. Fix $z \in D(z_0; r)$. Since f is Riemann integrable, it is bounded. Then one has

$$\left| \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} \cdot (z - z_0)^n \right| \leq \frac{\sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t)|}{r} \cdot \left(\frac{|z - z_0|}{r} \right)^n,$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in [a, b]$. From Weirstrass M -test, it now follows that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f(t)(z - z_0)^n}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}}$ converges uniformly on $[a, b]$. This yields that

$$F(z) = \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{\gamma(t) - z} dt = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} dt \right) (z - z_0)^n, \quad \forall z \in D(z_0; r). \quad (*8)$$

It now follows from (*8) that F is holomorphic on $D(z_0; r)$. \square

Corollary 1. *Let f and γ be as above in the hypothesis of Theorem 2. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define the function $F_n : \mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ as follows:*

$$F_n(z) = \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z)^n} dt, \forall z \notin \gamma^*.$$

Then F_n is holomorphic and

$$F'_n(z) = n \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z)^{n+1}} dt, \forall z \notin \gamma^*.$$

Proof. From (*8), it is clear that,

$$\frac{F^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} = \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} dt, \forall n \geq 0. \quad (*9)$$

Since z_0 is arbitrary, we have, for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $F_n = \frac{F^{(n-1)}}{(n-1)!}$. Hence, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, F_n is differentiable and, for all $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma^*$,

$$F'_n(z) = \frac{F^{(n)}(z)}{(n-1)!} = n \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z)^{n+1}} dt.$$

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In view of (*9), we now see that (*8) is the Taylor series expansion of F at the point z_0 . For any $n \geq 0$, we denote the n -th remainder term in the above-mentioned expansion by R_n . The following Corollary provides an integral representation of R_n .

Corollary 2. *Let r be as in the proof of Theorem 2. Then, for every $z \in D(z_0; r)$,*

$$R_n(z) = (z - z_0)^{n+1} \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}(\gamma(t) - z)} dt. \quad (*10)$$

Proof. Let $z \in D(z_0; r)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} R_n(z) &= \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left(\int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{k+1}} dt \right) (z - z_0)^k \\ &= (z - z_0)^{n+1} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left(\int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{k+1}} dt \right) (z - z_0)^{k-(n+1)} \\ &= (z - z_0)^{n+1} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left(\int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)} \cdot \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right)^{k-(n+1)} dt \right) \\ &= (z - z_0)^{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)} \cdot \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right)^k dt \right) \end{aligned} \quad (*11)$$

Similar to what has been done in the proof of Theorem 2, using Weirstrass M -test, we get that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)} \cdot \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right)^k \right)$$

converges uniformly on $[a, b]$. Hence, from (*11), one obtains that

$$\begin{aligned} R_n(z) &= (z - z_0)^{n+1} \int_a^b \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)} \cdot \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right)^k \right) dt \\ &= (z - z_0)^{n+1} \int_a^b \left(\frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right)^k \right) dt \\ &= (z - z_0)^{n+1} \int_a^b \left(\frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\gamma(t) - z_0} \right)} \right) dt \\ &= (z - z_0)^{n+1} \int_a^b \frac{f(t)}{(\gamma(t) - z_0)^{n+1} (\gamma(t) - z)} dt. \end{aligned}$$

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