

# Argument Principle

## Theorem

Let  $f(z)$  be analytic on  $\overline{D}$  with boundary  $\gamma$ . The number of zeros of  $f(z)$  in  $D$  is given by:

$$N = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$

## Proof

$\overline{D}$  is a compact set, so the number of zeros is finite

Let  $f(z) = \left[ \prod_{k=1}^N (z - z_k) \right] g(z)$ , where  $g(z) \neq 0$  in  $D$

$$\log f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^N \log(z - z_k) + \log g(z)$$

Now differentiate wrt  $z$ :

$$\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{z - z_k} + \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)}$$

Now, multiply by  $\frac{1}{2\pi i}$  and integrate on  $\gamma$ :

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z - z_k} dz + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} dz$$

But  $\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)}$  is analytic in  $D$ :

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{k=1}^N (1) + 0$$

$$\therefore N = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$

## Theorem: Newton

Let  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$ :

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$$

## Theorem

Let  $f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k$  and let  $\gamma$  enclose all of the zeros of  $f(z)$ :

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$$

## Proof

$$f(z) = a_n \prod_{k=1}^n (z - z_k)$$

$$\log f(z) = \log a_n + \sum_{k=1}^n \log(z - z_k)$$

Now differentiate wrt  $z$ :

$$\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = 0 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{z - z_k}$$

Now, multiply by  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} z$  and integrate on  $\gamma$ :

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{z}{z - z_k} dz = \sum_{k=1}^n z_k = -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$$