Complex Analysis: Day 22

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Heading towards Residues

Recall that last time we defined 3 types of singularities

- 1. Removable
- 2. Pole
- 3. Essential

Removable singularities mean it's possible to find an alternative function that agrees with f and is defined at the singularity. A pole had $\lim_{z\to z_0} = +\infty$. Essential was neither removable nor a pole.

Theorem. If $f: \Omega \setminus \{z_0\} \to \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic and there exists r > 0 for which f(z) is bounded on $D_r(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$, then the singularity is removable. Using this we can show the following

Proposition. If $f: \Omega \setminus \{z_0\} \to \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic, then f has a pole at z_0 if and only $f(z_0)$ has a zero when f(z) has a singularity.

Example
$$f(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z-1)(z+2)} g(z) = \frac{(z-1)(z-2)}{z^2}$$
 f(z) has zero at $z=0$ and poles at $z=1, z=-2$.

Proposition. Let $f: \Omega \setminus \{a\} \to \mathbb{C}$ be holomorphic w/a pole at a of multiplicity $m \geq 1$. Then there exists r > 0 such that for all $z \in D_r(a) \setminus \{a\}$ we have that:

$$f(z)\frac{a_{-m}}{(z-a)^m} + \frac{a_{-m+1}}{(z-a)^{m-1}} + \dots + \frac{a_{-1}}{z-a} + a_0 + a_1(z-a) + \dots = \sum_{k=-m}^{\infty} a_k(z-a)^k$$
 (1)