

# Complex Analysis: Homework 7

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## Exercise 1.

Calculate the principal part at 0 of the functions

$$f(z) = \frac{(\sin z)^2}{\sin(z^2)}, \quad g(z) = \frac{1 - z^2}{z(1 - \cos(z^2))}.$$

### Solution Item (a)

**Note:** After working a little more on the problem, I think I found a way to calculate the limits in this problem without using Big O notation.

Let  $f_1(z) = \sin(z)/z$  and  $f_2(z) = \sin(z^2)/z^2$ . In the first place,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z f_1(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z}{z} \sin(z) = 0,$$

so 0 is a removable singularity for  $f_1$ , which is extended to the following holomorphic function (by uniqueness of the Taylor series expansion)

$$\tilde{f}_1 = \begin{cases} f_1(z) & z \neq 0, \\ 1 & z = 0. \end{cases} \quad \tilde{f}_1(z) = 1 - \frac{z^2}{3!} + \frac{z^4}{5!} + \cdots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n z^{2n}}{(2n+1)!}.$$

For a similar reason,  $f_2(z) = f_1(z^2)$  has a removable singularity at 0, and by continuity of the map  $z \mapsto z^2$ , the continuous extension for  $f_2$  is  $\tilde{f}_2 = z \mapsto \tilde{f}_1(z^2)$ . Finally,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{(f_1(z))^2}{f_2(z)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\tilde{f}_1(z))^2}{\tilde{f}_2(z)} = \frac{(\tilde{f}_1(0))^2}{\tilde{f}_1(0^2)} = \frac{1^2}{1} = 1.$$

Therefore, the principal part of the function is 0.

### Alternate Solution Item (a)

The Taylor series of  $(\sin z)^2$  is by trigonometric identities,

$$\begin{aligned}(\sin z)^2 &= \frac{1 - \cos(2z)}{2} \\&= \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} z^{2n} \\&= z^2 - \frac{2^3 z^4}{4!} + \frac{2^5 z^6}{6!} + O(z^8)\end{aligned}$$

The Taylor series of  $\sin(z^2)$  is by substitution

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(z^2) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n z^{4n+1}}{(2n+1)!} \\&= z^2 - \frac{z^6}{3!} + \frac{z^{10}}{5!} + O(z^{14})\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin z)^2}{\sin(z^2)} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^2 - \frac{2^3}{4!} z^4 + O(z^6)}{z^2 + O(z^6)} \\&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + O(z^2)}{1 + O(z^4)} = 1.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the principal part of the series is 0 because the series has a removable singularity at 0.

### Solution Item (b)

**Note:** If found a very comfortable way to calculate the principal part using Big-O notation. However, for the sake of this homework, I believe that this method requires further justifications. For now I'll define the notation as follows:

$$f(z) = O(g(z)) \text{ as } z \rightarrow 0$$

when there exists  $K > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$|f(z)| \leq M|h(z)|, \forall z \in B_\varepsilon(z).$$

Then, (using real analysis) for every series with the form  $f(z) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ ,

$$f(z) = O(z^k),$$

and thus,

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} a_0 + f(z) = a_0.$$

The Taylor series expansion of  $z(1 - \cos(z^2))$  is the following

$$\begin{aligned} z(1 - \cos(z^2)) &= z \left( 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n)!} z^{2n} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n)!} z^{2n+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2!} z^5 - \frac{1}{4!} z^9 + O(z^{13}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$g(z) = \frac{1 - z^2}{\frac{1}{2}z^5 + O(z^9)},$$

so it's clear that  $g(z)$  has a pole of order 5 at  $z = 0$ . In fact, if

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=-5}^{\infty} a_n z^n,$$

then  $a_{-5} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^5 g(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - z^2}{\frac{1}{2} + O(z^4)} = 2$ . Then, for the next coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} a_{-4} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^4 (g(z) - a_{-5} z^{-5}) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^4 (g(z) - 2z^{-5}) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^4 \frac{1 - z^2 - 2z^{-5}(\frac{1}{2!}z^5 + O(z^9))}{\frac{1}{2}z^5 + O(z^9)} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{-z^2 + O(z^4)}{\frac{1}{2}z + O(z^5)} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{-3} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^3 (g(z) - a_{-5} z^{-5} - a_{-4} z^{-4}) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^3 (g(z) - 2z^{-5}) \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^3 \frac{1 - z^2 - 2z^{-5}(\frac{1}{2!}z^5 + O(z^9))}{\frac{1}{2}z^5 + O(z^9)} \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{-z^2 + O(z^4)}{\frac{1}{2}z^2 + O(z^4)} = -2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{-2} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^2(g(z) - a_{-5}z^{-5} - a_{-4}z^{-4} - a_{-3}z^{-3}) \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^2(g(z) - 2z^{-5} + 2z^{-3}) \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^2 \frac{1 - z^2 + (-2z^{-5} + 2z^{-3})(\frac{1}{2!}z^5 - \frac{1}{4!}z^9 + O(z^{13}))}{\frac{1}{2}z^5 + O(z^9)} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - z^2 + (-1 + \frac{2}{4!}z^4 + O(z^8)) + (z^2 - \frac{2}{4!}z^6 + O(z^{10}))}{\frac{1}{2}z^3 + O(z^7)} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{12}z^4 + O(z^6)}{\frac{1}{2}z^3 + O(z^7)} = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{-1} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z(g(z) - a_{-5}z^{-5} - a_{-4}z^{-4} - a_{-3}z^{-3} - a_{-2}z^{-2}) \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z(g(z) - 2z^{-5} + 2z^{-3}) \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \frac{1 - z^2 + (-2z^{-5} + 2z^{-3})(\frac{1}{2!}z^5 - \frac{1}{4!}z^9 + O(z^{13}))}{\frac{1}{2}z^5 + O(z^9)} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - z^2 + (-1 + \frac{2}{4!}z^4 + O(z^8)) + (z^2 - \frac{2}{4!}z^6 + O(z^{10}))}{\frac{1}{2}z^4 + O(z^8)} \\
&= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{12}z^4 + O(z^6)}{\frac{1}{2}z^4 + O(z^8)} = \frac{1}{6}.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the principal part is

$$\frac{2}{z^5} - \frac{2}{z^3} + \frac{1}{6z}.$$

## Exercise 2.

Let  $M \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a finite set and let  $f : \mathbb{C} \setminus M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be holomorphic.

(a) Show that  $g(z) = z^{-2}f(z^{-1})$  is holomorphic at  $B_\varepsilon(0) \setminus \{0\}$  for  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small.

(b) Show that  $\text{Res}_0 g = \sum_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \text{Res}_c f$ .

(c) Calculate  $\int_{\partial B_1(0)} \frac{5z^6 + 4}{2z^7 + 1} dz$ .

### Solution Item (a)

For some  $R > 0$ ,  $M \subset B_R(0)$ , so it follows that  $f$  is holomorphic at  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{B_R(0)}$ . Then, the map  $z \mapsto f(z^{-1})$  and the map  $z \mapsto z^{-2}$  are holomorphic at  $B_{1/R}(0) \setminus \{0\}$ . So finally,  $g : z \mapsto z^{-2}f(z^{-1})$  is holomorphic at  $B_{1/R}(0) \setminus \{0\}$ .

### Solution Item (b)

Let  $\gamma(t) = (1/r) \cdot e^{it}$  for  $r > R$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Res}_0 g &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} g(z) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(1/z)}{z^2} dz \\ (u(z) = 1/z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{u \circ \gamma} \frac{f(u)}{u^2} dz \\ (dz = -du/u^2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{u \circ \gamma} -f(u) du.\end{aligned}$$

Now, note that  $u \circ \gamma(t) = re^{-it}$ , so the orientation of the circle is inverted, and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{u \circ \gamma} -f(u) du = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-u \circ \gamma} f(u) du = \int_{\partial B_r(0)} f(z) dz.$$

Then, since  $B_r(0) \supseteq B_R(0)$ , and  $B_R(0)$  contains all the singularities of  $f$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{u \circ \gamma} -f(u) du &= \int_{\partial B_r(0)} f(z) dz \\ &= \sum_{c \in B_r(0)} \operatorname{Res}_c f \\ &= \sum_{c \in B_R(0)} \operatorname{Res}_c f \\ &= \sum_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \operatorname{Res}_c f.\end{aligned}$$

### Solution Item (c)

Let

$$f(z) = \frac{5z^6 + 4}{2z^7 + 1},$$

and let,

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(z) &= z^{-2}f(z^{-1}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{5z^{-6} + 4}{2z^{-7} + 1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{4z^7 + 5}{z^7 + 2} \\
 &= \frac{4z^6 + 5}{z^8 + 2z}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, since all the zeroes of  $2z^7 + 1$  are in  $\partial B_{2^{-1/7}}(0) \subset \text{int} \partial B_1(0)$ , it follows that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial B_1(0)} \frac{5z^6 + 4}{2z^7 + 1} dz = \sum_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \text{Res}_c f = \text{Res}_0 g,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Res}_0 g &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} zg(z) \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{4z^6 + 5}{z^7 + 2} = \frac{5}{2}, \\
 \implies \int_{\partial B_1(0)} \frac{5z^6 + 4}{2z^7 + 1} dz &= 5\pi i
 \end{aligned}$$

### Exercise 3.

Calculate the following integrals with complex analysis methods

$$(a) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 6x^2 + 13} dx$$

$$(b) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

$$(c) \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} dx$$

### Solution Item (a)

The difference of the degrees between the denominator and numerator is 2, so we can use the following method

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 6x^2 + 13} dx = 2\pi i \sum_{\text{Im}(z_0) > 0} \text{Res}_{z=z_0} \left( \frac{z^2}{z^4 + 6z^2 + 13} \right)$$

The function  $z^4 + 6z^2 + 13$  has a zero with multiplicity 1 at

$$a = \sqrt[4]{13} \cos \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \pi \right) \right) - i \sqrt[4]{13} \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \pi \right) \right)$$

It also has multiplicity 1 zeroes at  $-\bar{a}, \bar{a}, -a$ , but the only ones at the upper half plane are  $a$  and  $-\bar{a}$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_a f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z - a) \frac{z^2}{(z - a)(z + a)(z - \bar{a})(z + \bar{a})} \\ &= \frac{a^2}{2a(2i\text{Im}(a))(2\text{Re}(a))} \\ &= \frac{-ia}{8\text{Im}(a)\text{Re}(a)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{-\bar{a}} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -\bar{a}} (z + \bar{a}) \frac{z^2}{(z - a)(z + a)(z - \bar{a})(z + \bar{a})} \\ &= \frac{\bar{a}^2}{(-2\text{Re}(a))(-2i\text{Im}(a))(-2\bar{a})} \\ &= \frac{-i\bar{a}}{8\text{Im}(a)\text{Re}(a)} \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 6x^2 + 13} dx &= \text{Res}_a f(z) + \text{Res}_{-\bar{a}} f(z) \\ &= \frac{-ia - i\bar{a}}{8\text{Im}(a)\text{Re}(a)} \\ &= \frac{i(-2\text{Re}(a))}{8\text{Im}(a)\text{Re}(a)} \\ &= \frac{-i}{4\text{Im}(a)} \\ &= \frac{i}{4\sqrt[4]{13} \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \pi \right) \right)} \end{aligned}$$

So it follows that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 6x^2 + 13} dx = \frac{-2\pi}{4\sqrt[4]{13} \sin \left( \frac{1}{2} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \pi \right) \right)} \approx 0.8643$$

Input

$$\frac{-2\pi}{4\sqrt[4]{13} \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \pi\right)\right)}$$

$\tan^{-1}(x)$  is the inverse tangent function

Exact Result

$$-\frac{\pi \csc\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \pi\right)\right)}{2\sqrt[4]{13}}$$

(result in radians)

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0.8643314998746620415510133329799156368152394651865508561031229358...

(result in radians)

and this coincides with the real result

Definite integral More digits Step-by-step solution

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 6x^2 + 13} dx = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{13} - 3)} \pi \approx 0.8643$$

Indefinite integral Approximate form Step-by-step solution

## Solution Item (b)

This integral has the form  $\int_0^\infty x^\alpha R(x) dx$  where  $0 < \alpha = 1/2 < 1$  and  $R(x) = O(x^{-2})$  without any poles at the origin. Therefore, by using the substitution  $x = t^2$ ,  $dx = 2t dt$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty x^\alpha R(x) dx &= 2 \int_0^\infty t^{2\alpha+1} R(t^2) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty t^{2\alpha+1} R(t^2) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{t^2}{t^4 + 1} dt \end{aligned}$$

It follows that since the difference between the degrees of the denominator and numerator is two,

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx = \sum_{\text{Im}(z_0) > 0} \text{Res}_{z=z_0} \left( \frac{z^2}{z^4 + 1} \right)$$

The polynomial  $z^4 + 1$  has a root of multiplicity 1 at

$$a = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

and also has roots at  $-a, \bar{a}, -\bar{a}$ , from which only  $a$  and  $-\bar{a}$  are in the upper half plane. Using the same logic as the previous item (because it's the exact same case only changing



the value of  $a$ ),

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Res}_a f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z - a) \frac{z^2}{(z - a)(z + a)(z - \bar{a})(z + \bar{a})} \\ &= \frac{-ia}{8\operatorname{Im}(a)\operatorname{Re}(a)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Res}_{-\bar{a}} f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -\bar{a}} (z + \bar{a}) \frac{z^2}{(z - a)(z + a)(z - \bar{a})(z + \bar{a})} \\ &= \frac{-i\bar{a}}{8\operatorname{Im}(a)\operatorname{Re}(a)}\end{aligned}$$

So finally,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{t^2}{t^4 + 1} dt &= \operatorname{Res}_a f(z) + \operatorname{Res}_{-\bar{a}} f(z) \\ &= \frac{-ia - i\bar{a}}{8\operatorname{Im}(a)\operatorname{Re}(a)} \\ &= \frac{i(-2\operatorname{Re}(a))}{8\operatorname{Im}(a)\operatorname{Re}(a)} \\ &= \frac{-i}{4\operatorname{Im}(a)} \\ &= \frac{-i}{4\sqrt{2}},\end{aligned}$$

and thus,

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx = 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{t^2}{t^4 + 1} dt = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}},$$

which coincides with the real result

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$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 1} dx = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 2.22144$$

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## Solution Item (c)

We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x} dx &= \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2ix} dx \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{ix}}{2ix} dx - \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-ix}}{2ix} dx \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{ix}}{2ix} dx + \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{e^{ix}}{2ix} dx \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{ix}}{2ix} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

We have a simple pole at  $x = 0$  and  $R(\infty) = 0$ , so we can apply the following formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{ix}}{x} dx &= \int_{-\infty}^\infty R(x) e^{ix} dx \\
 &= 2\pi i \sum_{\text{Im}(z_0) > 0} \text{Res}_{z=z_0} R(z) e^{iz} + \pi i \sum_{\text{Im}(z_0) = 0} \text{Res}_{z=z_0} R(z) e^{iz} \\
 &= \pi i \text{Res}_{z=0} \frac{e^{iz}}{z} = \pi i.
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin x}{x} dx = \frac{1}{2i} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{e^{ix}}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$$



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$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \approx 1.5708$$

## Exercise 4.

- (a) Let  $\gamma$  be a closed curve in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $p(z) = z^n$ . Show that  $\text{ind}_{p \circ \gamma}(0) = n \text{ind}_\gamma(0)$ .
- (b) Let  $U \subset \mathbb{C}$  be open and connected,  $c \in U$  and  $\gamma$  be a closed curve in  $U \setminus \{c\}$  such that  $\text{int}(\gamma) \subset D$ . Para a biholomorphic function  $f : U \rightarrow f(U)$  show that

$$\text{ind}_\gamma(c) = \text{ind}_{f \circ \gamma}(f(c))$$

### Solution Part (a)

Without restriction, let  $\gamma : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then, by the argument principle,

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{ind}_{p \circ \gamma}(0) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(p \circ \gamma)'(t)}{p \circ \gamma(t)} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\gamma'(t)(p' \circ \gamma)(t)}{p \circ \gamma(t)} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} dz \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{ind}_{\gamma}(a_i); \quad p(a_i) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

Since 0 is a zero of multiplicity  $n$  for  $p$ , it follows that  $a_1 = \cdots = a_n = 0$ , and thus,

$$\operatorname{ind}_{p \circ \gamma}(0) = n \cdot \operatorname{ind}_{\gamma}(0).$$

### Solution Part (b)

For every  $c \in U$ ,  $c$  is the only element in  $f^{-1}(\{f(c)\})$ . Therefore, for the function  $g(z) = f(z) - f(c)$ ,  $c$  is the unique solution for the equation  $g(z) = 0$ . So by following similar steps as the previous item,

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{ind}_{f \circ \gamma}(f(c)) &= \operatorname{ind}_{g \circ \gamma}(0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(g \circ \gamma)'(t)}{g \circ \gamma(t)} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\gamma'(t)(g' \circ \gamma)(t)}{g \circ \gamma(t)} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} dz \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \operatorname{ind}_{\gamma}(a_i); \quad g(a_i) = 0 \\ &= \operatorname{ind}_{\gamma}(c).\end{aligned}$$

### Exercise 5.

Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a holomorphic function. Suppose that for every  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , at least one coefficient in the Taylor series of  $f$  in  $a$  is vanished. Show that  $f$  is a polynomial

**Solution:**

We previously proved that the set of zeroes of a non-zero holomorphic function is discrete and closed, so it has to be countable (because uncountable sets have accumulation points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ).

Now assume for the sake of contradiction that  $f$  is not a polynomial, so the  $k$ -th derivative  $f^{(k)}$  is always non-zero, and thus, has a countable set of zeroes. So it follows that  $(f^{(k)})^{-1}(\{0\})$  is a countable set, and thus,

$$\bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} (f^{(k)})^{-1}(\{0\}) \text{ is countable too.}$$

Also note that since for every  $a \in \mathbb{C}$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_n = 0$  for the series

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (z - a)^k,$$

so it follows that for such  $n$ ,  $f^{(n)}(a) = 0$ , and thus, for every  $a \in \mathbb{C}$

$$a \in (f^{(n)})^{-1}(\{0\}) \subset \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} (f^{(k)})^{-1}(\{0\})$$

$$\implies \mathbb{C} \subset \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} (f^{(k)})^{-1}(\{0\}),$$

but that would imply that  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  is countable, which is false.