

Complex Analysis: Main ideas

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1. Cauchy-Riemann Equations

Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ then f is holomorphic if and only if $u_x = v_y$ and $u_y = -v_x$.

Note: To remember which sign is which, check with $(x + iy)^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + i(2xy)$

2. Cauchy's Integral Theorem

Let f be a holomorphic on a simply connected open set Ω , then the integral along any closed curve $\gamma \in \Omega$ vanishes:

$$\oint_{\gamma} f dz = 0.$$

3. Cauchy's Integral Formula

Let f be a holomorphic on a simply connected open set Ω , and let $\gamma \in \Omega$ be a simple closed curve around z_0 . Then $f(z_0)$ is uniquely determined by the values on the boundary of the curve

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z_0} d\xi,$$

and by differentiating under the integral

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz.$$

4. **Defintion: Residue** The residue of f at z_0 is the coefficient of $(z - z_0)^{-1}$ in the Taylor expansion of f about z_0 .

5. Residue Theorem

Let Ω be a “nice” region, and f is holomorphic on $\Omega \setminus \{z_0\}$. Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \text{Res}_{z_0}(f).$$

where γ is a nice curve in Ω .

6. Schwarz Lemma

Assume that $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ is a holomorphic map such that $f(0) = 0$.

Then $|f(z)| \leq |z|$ for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ and $|f'(0)| \leq 1$. Also, if $|f(z)| = |z|$ for some $z \neq 0$ or if $|f'(0)| = 1$, then f is a rotation.

7. Rouché's Theorem

Let γ be a curve in Ω homologous to 0 with winding number at most 1. Then if f and g are analytic and satisfy the inequality $|f - g| < |f|$ for all points on γ , f and g enclose the same number of zeroes.

8. Argument principle

Suppose f is a meromorphic function inside and on some closed contour C with no zeros or poles on C , then

$$\oint_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = 2\pi i(N - P)$$

where N is the number of zeros and P is the number of poles inside C .

9. **Definition: Normal Family** (Ahlfors, p. 220)

A family \mathfrak{F} is said to be normal in Ω if every sequence $\{f_n\}$ of functions $f_n \in \mathfrak{F}$ contains a subsequence which converges uniformly on every compact subset of Ω .