# Complex Analysis Review

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### 1 Polar Form and Complex Exponentials

• A complex number z = x + iy can be written in polar coordinate  $(r, \theta)$  where r = |z|,

$$x = r\cos\theta$$
, and  $y = r\sin\theta$ .

- The angle  $\theta$  is not unique. We know that  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$  works. However, if  $\theta$  works, then  $\theta \pm 2\pi k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , also works.
- We call the value of any of these  $\theta$  angles the **phase** or the **argument** of z. It is denoted by

arg z.

For example, we write

$$\arg i = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

Note that  $\arg z$  is a multi-valued function.

- To make  $\arg z$  a single-valued function, we specify an interval that  $\arg z$  can take. We commonly use  $\arg_{\tau} z$  to denote the argument that takes value from  $(\tau, \tau + 2\pi]$ . Note that the function has a  $2\pi$  value jump on the line containing complex number whose  $\arg z = \tau$ .
- The principal branch of arg z is denoted Arg z, and it is defined to be Arg  $z = \arg_{-\pi} z$ .

## 2 Analytic Functions

• Let f be a complex-value function defined in a neighborhood of  $z_0$ . Then the **derivative** of f at  $z_0$  is given by

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}z}(z_0) \equiv f'(z_0) := \lim_{\Delta z \to 0} \frac{f(z_0 + \Delta z) - f(z_0)}{\Delta z}.$$

provided that the limit exists.

- f(z) is **complex differentiable** at  $z_0$  if  $f'(z_0)$  exists and independent of how  $\Delta z$  approaches 0.
- If f is complex differentiable in an open region, we say that f is **analytic** in that region.
- All polynomials and quotients of polynomials are analytic where they are defined. That is, except where the denominator is 0.
- The function  $f(z) = \bar{z}$  is nowhere differentiable.

### 3 Cauchy-Riemann Equations

• Theorem 3.1. If f(z) = u(x,y) + iv(x,y) is analytic in an open region, then the following Cauchy–Riemann equations:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$$
, and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ 

must hold at every point in the region.

• The converse is almost true:

**Theorem 3.2.** If the partial derivatives exist in an open region around point  $z_0$ , are continuous at  $z_0$ , and satisfy the Cauchy–Riemann equations at  $z_0$ , then f is analytic at  $z_0$ .

It follows that, if the partial derivatives exist, are continuous, and satisfy Cauchy–Riemann equations in an open region, then f is analytic in that region.

• If u(x,y) and v(x,y) satisfies the Cauchy–Riemann equations, then they are **harmonic**. That is,

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial u^2} = 0$$
, and  $\nabla^2 v = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial u^2} = 0$ .

This is because

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y}, \text{ and}$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) = -\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x}.$$

The same derivation can be shown for  $\nabla^2 v$ .

- We also have that the contours of constant u and v almost always intersect at right angles. The exceptions are the plances where f'(z) = 0. This is the consequence of f being analytic, so conformal.
- Example 3.3. Find all functions f(z) which are analytic in whole complex plane and have their real part  $u(x,y) = xy \cos x \cosh y$ .

**Solution.** Since f is analytic everywhere, it must satisfy the Cauchy–Riemann equations everywhere. We have that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = y + \sin x \cosh y = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}.$$

Therefore,

$$v = \frac{y^2}{2} + \sin x \sinh y + g(x)$$

for some function g(x). Now,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \cos x \sinh y + g'(x) = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -x + \cos x \sinh y.$$

As such,

$$g'(x) = -x,$$

so  $g(x) = -x^2/2 + C$  for some constant C. As such, we have that

$$v(x,y) = \frac{y^2}{2} + \sin x \sinh y - \frac{x^2}{2} + C.$$

Now,

$$\begin{split} f(z) &= u(x,y) + iv(x,y) \\ &= xy - \cos x \cosh y + i \bigg( \frac{y^2}{2} + \sin x \sinh y - \frac{x^2}{2} + C \bigg) \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} (x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy) - (\cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y) + iC \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} z - \cos z + iC. \end{split}$$

# 4 Application to Fluid Dynamics

- We let  $\mathbf{v}(x, y)$  denote a 2D velocity field.
- ullet We are interested in a velocity field  ${f v}$  such that it is:
  - **Incompressible:**  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ . That is, there exists a scalar function  $\psi(x,y)$  such that

$$\mathbf{v}_x = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y}$$
, and  $\mathbf{v}_y = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}$ .

Here,  $\psi$  is called the **stream function**.

- Irrotational: There exists a scalar function  $\phi(x,y)$  such that

$$\mathbf{v}_x = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$
, and  $\mathbf{v}_y = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$ .

- Note that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  satisfies Cauchy–Riemann equations. So,  $\phi(x,y) + i\psi(x,y)$  is an analytic function.
- The contours of  $\psi$  are all the **streamlines**.
- Fluid flows along stream lines.

### 5 Complex Exponentials, Sines, and Cosines

• We know that the exponential function

$$e^z = e^{x+iy} = e^x \cos y + ie^x \sin y$$

is analytic on the whole complex plane.

• Define

$$\cos z = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2},$$

$$\sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i},$$

$$\cosh z = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2}, \text{ and}$$

$$\sinh z = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2}.$$

- Familiar trigonometric identities hold with  $\cos z$  and  $\sin z$ .
- Here are some useful identities about hyperbolic functions:

$$\frac{d}{dz}\sinh z = \cosh z$$

$$\frac{d}{dz}\cosh z = \sinh z$$

$$\cos(iz) = \cosh z$$

$$\sin(iz) = i\sinh(z)$$

$$\cos z = \cosh(iz)$$

$$\sin z = i\sinh(iz)$$

$$\cosh^2 z - \sinh^2 z = 1$$

• We also have that

$$\cos z = \cos(x + iy) = \cos x \cos(iy) - \sin x \sin(iy) = \cos x \cosh y - i \sin x \sinh y,$$

and

$$\sin z = \sin(x + iy) = \sin x \cos(iy) + \cos x \sin(iy) = \sin x \cosh y + i \cos x \sinh y.$$

### 6 Complex Logarithms

• If  $z \neq 0$ , define  $\log z$  to be the set of infinitely many values

$$\log z := \ln|z| + i \arg z = \ln|z| + i \operatorname{Arg} z + i 2\pi k \ (k \in \mathbb{Z}).$$

- Let f(z) be a multi-valued complex function. We say that g(z), defined on some open region D, to be a **branch** of f(z) if:
  - -g is continuous in D, and
  - -g(z) agrees with one of the possible values of f(z).
- The principal branch of the logarithm function  $\log z$ , denoted by  $\log z$ , is defined as:

$$\text{Log } z := \ln |z| + i \text{Arg } z.$$

It is defined on the set  $\mathbb{C} - \{z : \operatorname{Re}(z) \leq 0, \operatorname{Im}(z) = 0\}.$ 

 $\bullet$  Once a branch of  $\log z$  is chosen, we have that

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}z}\log z = \frac{1}{z}$$

at any z such that the branch is defined.

- The point  $z_0$  is called a **branch point** for f(z) if f(z) changes its value as one starts out at a point, traces a closed path enclosing  $z_0$  and returns to the starting point.
- The point z = 0 is a branch point of  $\log z$ .
- The poin  $z = \infty$  is also a branch point of  $\log z$ . This is because, if we let  $\zeta = 1/z$ . We have that  $\log z = -\log \zeta$ . Hence, there's a branch point at  $\zeta = 0$ , which means  $z = \infty$ .

- To see if a finite  $z_0$  is a branch point, encircle it with a small loop. If f(z) changes after one circuit, it is a branch point.
- To see if  $\infty$  is a branch point, circle *all* finite branch points. If f(z) changes after one circuit, then  $\infty$  is a branch point.
- The function  $f(z) = z^{\alpha} = e^{\alpha \log z}$ , where  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Z} \cup \{0\}$ , is a multi-valued function.

### 7 Complex Integration

- A point set  $\gamma$  in the complex plane is said to be a **smooth arc** if it is the range of some continuous complex-value function z = z(t),  $a \le t \le b$  that satisfies the following conditions:
  - -z(t) has a continuous derivative on [a,b],
  - -z'(t) does not vanishes on [a,b].
  - -z(t) is one-to-one on [a,b].
- A point set  $\gamma$  is said to be a **smooth closed curve** if it is the range of some continuous function  $z = z(t), a \le t \le b$ , satisfying the conditions:
  - -z(t) has a continuous derivative on [a,b],
  - -z'(t) does not vanishes on [a,b].
  - -z(t) is one-to-one on [a,b) and z(a)=z(b) and z'(a)=z'(b).
- A contour  $\Gamma$  is either a single point  $z_0$  or a finite sequence of directed smooth curve  $(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n)$  such that the terminal point of  $\gamma_k$  coincides with the initial point of  $\gamma_{k+1}$ .

We write  $\Gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \cdots + \gamma_n$ .

• If f(z) is a continuous function on  $\gamma$ , the complex integral on a smooth curve  $\gamma$  is given as:

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{a}^{b} f(z(t))z'(t) dt.$$

• If  $\Gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \cdots + \gamma_n$ , then

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz + \dots + \int_{\gamma_n} f(z) dz.$$

• ML bound. If f is continuous on the contour  $\Gamma$  and if  $|f(z)| \leq M$  on every point  $z \in \Gamma$ , then

$$\left| \int_{\Gamma} f(z) \, \mathrm{d}z \right| \le ML$$

where L is the length of the contour  $\Gamma$ .

• If f(z) = F'(z) for some function F, then

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = F(z_T) - F(z_I),$$

where  $z_T$  is the terminal point and  $z_I$  is the initial point of the smooth curve  $\gamma$ .

As a result, if  $\gamma$  is a closed contour, the integral is identically zero.

- Any domain *D* possessing the property that every loop in *D* can be continuously deformed in *D* to a point is called a **simply connected domain**.
- Theorem 7.1 (Cauchy's Integral Theorem). Let f(z) be analytic in a simply connected domain D and  $\Gamma$  any loop in D. Then,

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) \, \mathrm{d}z = 0.$$

- Corollary 7.2. If f is analytic in a simply connected region D, then f has path independence.
- Corollary 7.3 (Deforming the Contour). Let f be a function analytic in a domain D containing loops  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Gamma_1$ . If these loops can be continuously deformed into one another in D, then

$$\int_{\Gamma_0} f(z) \, \mathrm{d}z = \int_{\Gamma_1} f(z) \, \mathrm{d}z.$$

- Corollary 7.4. In a simply connected domain, an analytic function has an anti-derivative, its contour integrals are independent of path, and its loop integrals vanish.
- Consider the following integral:

$$\int_C (z-z_0)^n \,\mathrm{d}z$$

where C is any circle centered at  $z_0$  traversed in the counterclockwise direction (i.e., positively oriented). If  $n \neq -1$ , then  $(z-z_0)^n$  has an anti-derivative, which is  $(z-z_0)^{n+1}/(n+1)$ . So, the integral vanishes. If n = -1, then we deform the circle to the circle of radius one. That is, we can now assume  $C = \{z : |z-z_0| = 1\}$ . Now, take the parameterization  $z(t) = z_0 + e^{it}$  where  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ . We have that  $z'(t) = ie^{it}$ . So,

$$\int_C \frac{1}{z - z_0} \, \mathrm{d}z = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{e^{it}} (ie^{it}) \, \mathrm{d}t = \int_0^{2\pi} i \, \mathrm{d}t = 2\pi i.$$

Thus,

$$\int_C (z - z_0)^n dz = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \neq -1, \\ 2\pi i, & \text{if } n = -1. \end{cases}$$

It follows that, if  $\Gamma$  is any simple positively oriented contour containing  $z_0$  in the inside, then

$$\int_{\Gamma} (z - z_0)^n dz = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n \neq -1, \\ 2\pi i, & \text{if } n = -1. \end{cases}$$

• Theorem 7.5 (Cauchy's Integral Formula). Let  $\Gamma$  be any simple positive oriented contour. If f is analytic in some simply connected domain D containing  $\Gamma$  and  $z_0$  is any point inside  $\Gamma$ , then

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz.$$

In general,

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

for any integer  $n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$ 

- Using the Cauchy's integral formula, we can establish the following facts:
  - If f is analytic in a domain D, then all of its derivatives exist and are analytic in D.
  - If f = u + iv is analytic in a domain D, then all partial derivatives of u and v exist and are continuous in D.
  - If f is continuous in a domain D and if

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) \, \mathrm{d}z = 0$$

for every closed contour  $\Gamma$  in D, then f is analytic in D.

• Using the Cauchy's integral formula and the ML bound, we have the following lemma:

**Lemma 7.6.** Let f be analytic inside and on a circle  $C_R$  of radius R centered about  $z_0$ . If  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all z on the circle  $C_R$ , then the derivatives of f at  $z_0$  satisfies:

$$\left| f^{(n)}(z_0) \right| \le \frac{n!M}{R^n}.$$

• Theorem 7.7 (Liouville's). The only bounded entire functions are constant functions.

*Proof.* Let us say that  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all z. Take a circle  $C_R$  around any point  $z_0$  and n = 1. We have that  $|f'(z_0)| \leq M/R$ . As  $R \to \infty$ , we have that the bound goes to zero. Hence,  $f'(z_0) = 0$  everywhere. So, f must be constant.

- Theorem 7.8 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra). Every non-constant polynomial with complex coefficients has at least one root.
- Lemma 7.9 (Mean-value property). If f is analytic inside and on the circle  $C_R$  of radius R around  $z_0$ , then

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + Re^{it}) dt.$$

In other words,  $f(z_0)$  is the average of its values around the circle  $C_R$ .

- Lemma 7.10. Suppose that f is analytic in a disk centered at  $z_0$  and that the maximum value of |f(z)| over this disk is  $f(z_0)$ . Then |f(z)| is constant in the disk.
- Theorem 7.11. If f is analytic in a domain D and |f(z)| achieves its maximum value at a point  $z_0$  in D, then f is constant in D.
- Theorem 7.12. A function analytic in a bounded domain and continuous up to and including its boundary attains its maximum modulus on the boundary.
- Theorem 7.13. Let  $\phi$  be a function harmonic on a simply connected domain D. Then there is an analytic function f such that  $\phi = \operatorname{Re} f$  on D.
- Theorem 7.14. If  $\phi$  is harmonic in a simply connected domain D and  $\phi$  achieves its maximum or minimum value at some point  $z_0$  in D, then  $\phi$  is constant in D.
- Theorem 7.15. If  $\phi$  is harmonic in a simply connected domain D and continuous up to and including the boundary attains its maximum and minimum on the boundary.

### 8 Series Representation of Analytic Functions

- The series  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c^i$  converse to 1/(1-c) if |c| < 1.
- Suppose that the terms  $c_j$  satisfies the inequality  $|c_j| \leq M_j$  for all j larger than some integer J. Then, if the series  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} M_j$  converges, so does  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j$
- Lemma 8.1 (Ratio Test). Suppose the terms of the series  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j$  have the property that the ratio  $|c_{j+1}/c_j|$  approaches a limit L as  $j \to \infty$ . Then the series converges if L < 1 and diverges if L > 1.
- The sequene  $\{F_n(z)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is said to **converge uniformly to** F(z) **on the set** T if for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an integer N such that when n > N, we have

$$|F(z) - F_n(z)| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $z \in T$ .

- The series  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_j(z)$  converges uniformly to f(z) on T if its sequence of partial sums converges uniformly to f(z) on T.
- If f is analytic at  $z_0$ , then the series

$$f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0) + \frac{f''(z_0)}{2!}(z - z_0)^2 + \dots = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(j)}(z_0)}{j!}(z - z_0)^j$$

is called the **Taylor's series** for f around  $z_0$ . If  $z_0 = 0$ , it is also known as the **Maclaurin series** for f.

- Theorem 8.2. If f is analytic in the disc  $|z z_0| < R$ , then the Taylor's series of f around  $z_0$  converges to f(z) for all z in this disk. Furthermore, the convergence of the series is uniform in any closed subdisk  $|z z_0| \le R' < R$ .
- The series of the form  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (z-z_0)^j$  is called a **power series**. The constant  $a_j$  are the **coefficients** of the power series.
- For any power series  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (z-z_0)^j$  there is a real number R between 0 and  $\infty$  inclusive, which depends only on the coefficients  $\{a_j\}$  such that
  - the series converges for  $|z z_0| < R$ ,
  - the series converges uniformly in any closed subdisk  $|z z_0| \le R' < R$ , and
  - the series diverges for  $|z z_0| < R$ .

The number R is called the **radius of convergence** of the power series.

- If a power series  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j z^j$  converges at a point having modulus r, then it converges at every poin in the disk |z| < r.
- Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of functions continuous on a set  $T \subset \mathbb{C}$  and converging uniformly to f on T. Then f is also continuous on T.
- Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of functions continuous on a set  $T \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  containing the contour  $\Gamma$ , and suppose that  $f_n$  converges uniformly to f on T. Then, the sequence  $\int_{\Gamma} f_n(z) dz$  converges to  $\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz$ .
- Let  $f_n$  be a sequence of functions analytic in a simply connected domain D and converging uniformly to f in D. Then f is analytic in D.

- Theorem 8.3. A power series sums to a function that is analytic at every point in its circle of convergence.
- If  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i(z-z_0)^i$  converges to f(z) in some circular neighborhood of  $z_0$ , then

$$a_j = \frac{f^{(j)}(z_0)}{j!}.$$

That is, the Taylor's series of f around  $z_0$  is unique.

• Theorem 8.4. Let f be analytic in the annulus  $r < |z - z_0| < R$ . Then f can be expressed there as the sum of two series:

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (z - z_0)^j + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{-j} (z - z_0)^{-j}$$

both series converging in the annulus, converging uniformly in any closed subannulus  $r < \rho_1 \le |z-z_0| \le \rho_2 < R$ . The coefficients of  $a_i$  is given by:

$$a_j = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta - z_0)^{j+1}} \,\mathrm{d}\zeta$$

where C is a positively oriented simple closed contour lying in the annulus and containing  $z_0$  in its interior. The sum of the two series is called the **Laurent series** of f around  $z_0$  in the annulus  $r < |z - z_0| < R$ .

- The Laurent series is unique.
- A point  $z_0$  is called a **zero of order** m for the function f if f is analytic at  $z_0$  and its first m-1 derivatives vanishes at  $z_0$ , but  $f^{(m)}(z_0) \neq 0$ .
- Let f by analytic at  $z_0$ . Then f has a zero of order m at  $z_0$  if and only if f can be written as  $f(z) = (z z_0)^m g(z)$  where g is an analytic function at  $z_0$  and  $g(z_0) \neq 0$ .
- If f is an analytic function such that  $f(z_0) = 0$ , then either f is identically zero in a neighborhood of  $z_0$  or there is a punctured disk about  $z_0$  in which f has no zeros.
- An **isolated singularity** of f is a point  $z_0$  suc hthat f is analytic in some punctured disk  $0 < |z z_0| < R$ , but not analytic at  $z_0$  itself.
- **Definition 8.5.** Let f have an isolated singularity at  $z_0$ , and let  $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_j(z-z_0)^j$  be the Laurant series expansion of f in  $0 < |z-z_0| < R$ . Then,
  - If  $a_j = 0$  for all j < 0, we say that  $z_0$  is a removable singularity of f;
  - If  $a_{-m} \neq 0$  for some positive integer m but  $a_j = 0$  for all j < -m, we say that  $z_0$  is a **pole of order** m of f;
  - If  $a_i \neq 0$  for infinitely many negative js, we say that  $z_0$  is an essential singularity of f.
- If f has a removable singularity at  $z_0$ , then
  - -f(z) is bounded in some punctured disk around  $z_0$ ,
  - -f(z) has a (finite) limit at z appraoches  $z_0$ , and
  - -f(z) can be redefined at  $z_0$  so that the new function is analytic at  $z_0$ .

- If the function f has a pole of order m at  $z_0$ , then  $|(z-z_0)^{\ell}f(z)| \to \infty$  as  $z \to z_0$  for all integer  $\ell < m$ , while  $(z-z_0)^m f(z)$  has a removable singularity at  $z_0$ . In particular  $|f(z)| \to \infty$  as z approaches a pole.
- A function f as a pole of order m at  $z_0$  if and only if in some punctured neighborhood of  $z_0$ ,

$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z - z_0)^m}$$

where g is analytic at  $z_0$  and  $g(z_0) \neq 0$ .

- If f has a zero of order m at  $z_0$ , then 1/f has a pole of order m at  $z_0$ . Conversely, if f has a pole of order m at  $z_0$ , then 1/f has a removable singularity at  $z_0$ , and if we define  $(1/f)(z_0) = 0$ , then 1/f has a zero of order m at  $z_0$ .
- Theorem 8.6 (Picard's). A function with an essential singularity assumes every complex number, with possibly one exception, as a vlue in any neighborhood of this singularity.
- We can distinguishes singularity by looking at the limit of f(z) as  $z \to z_0$ . If the limit is bounded, that indicates a removable singularity. If the limit approaches infinity, that indicates a pole. Anything else indicates an essential singularity.

### 9 Residue Theory

• **Definition 9.1.** If f has an isolated singularity at the point  $z_0$ , then the coefficient of  $a_{-1}$  of  $1/(z-z_0)$  in the Laurent expansion of f around  $z_0$  is called the **residue** of f at  $z_0$  and is denoted by

$$\operatorname{Res}(f; z_0)$$
 or  $\operatorname{Res}(z_0)$ .

• Consider evaluating the integral

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) \, \mathrm{d}z$$

where  $\Gamma$  is a simple closed positively oriented contour and f(z) is analytic on and inside  $\Gamma$  except for a single isolated singularity  $z_0$  inside  $\Gamma$ .

We know that f(z) has Laurent series expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a_j (z - z_0)^j.$$

Thus,

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a_j \int_{\Gamma} (z - z_0)^j dz = 2\pi i a_{-1} = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}(f; z_0)$$

• Now, if  $\Gamma$  has my isolated singularities inside it, say  $z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_m$ , then

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^{m} \operatorname{Res}(f; z_k).$$

• If f has a pole of order m at  $z_0$ , then

Res
$$(f; z_0) = \lim_{z \to z_0} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\mathrm{d}^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} [(z - z_0)^m f(z)].$$

In particular, if f has a pole of order 1 at  $z_0$ , then

Res
$$(f; z_0) = \lim_{z \to z_0} (z - z_0) f(z)$$
.

• To find integrals of the form  $\int_0^{2\pi} U(\cos\theta, \sin\theta) d\theta$ , convert it to a contour integral around the circle  $C = \{z : |z| = 1\}$  with:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$
$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i} \left( z - \frac{1}{z} \right)$$
$$d\theta = \frac{dz}{iz}.$$

Then, use Residue theory to find the integral.

• Given any function f continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , the limit

$$\lim_{\rho \to \infty} \int_{-\rho}^{\rho} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x$$

is called the **Cauchy's principal value** of the integral of f over  $(-\infty, \infty)$ . We denote it by the symbol:

$$\text{p.v.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

- If
- f is analytic on and above the real axis except for a finite number of isolated singularities in the open upper half-plane, and
- $-\lim_{\rho\to\infty}\int_{C_\rho^+} f(z) dz = 0$  where  $C_\rho^+$  is the half circular arc from  $(\rho,0)$  to  $(-\rho,0)$  traversed positively, then p.v.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$  can be found by integrating the half circle contour.
- Lemma 9.2. If f(z) = P(z)/Q(z) is a quotient of two polynomials such that  $\deg Q \ge 2 + \deg P$ , then

$$\lim_{\rho \to \infty} \int_{C_{\rho}^{+}} f(z) \, \mathrm{d}z = 0.$$

• One can also find the Cauchy's principal value of the following integrals using Residue theory:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \cos mx \, dx$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \sin mx \, dx$$

where m is a positive real number. Again, the trick is to transform the sine and cosine to complex exponetials with:

$$\cos mx = \frac{e^{imx} + e^{-imx}}{2}, \text{ and}$$
$$\sin mx = \frac{e^{imx} - e^{-imx}}{2i}.$$

Consider the case of evaluating the integral with cosine. We have that

$$\begin{split} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \cos mx \, \mathrm{d}x &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \frac{e^{imx} + e^{-imx}}{2} \, \mathrm{d}x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{imx} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \, \mathrm{d}x + \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-imx} \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \, \mathrm{d}x. \end{split}$$

We shall convert the two integrals on the RHS to contour integrals. Which contour should we use? Consider  $e^{imz}$ . We have that  $e^{imz} = e^{im(x+iy)} = e^{imx}e^{-my}$ . So, we have that  $e^{imz}$  is bounded in the upper half plane. On the other hand,  $e^{-imz}$  is bounded in the lower half plane. As a result, we should use the upper half circle contour with the integral involving  $e^{imx}$  and the lower half circle contour with integral involving  $e^{-imx}$ .

- Evaluating the contour in the last item involves integrating over the half circular arc. The process can be simplified if the integral is zero.
- Lemma 9.3 (Jordan's). If m > 0 and P/Q is the quotient of two polynomials such that  $degQ \ge 1 + deg P$ , then

$$\lim_{\rho \to \infty} \int_{C_{\rho}^+} e^{imz} \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} \, \mathrm{d}z = 0.$$

• Lemma 9.4 (Hung Cheng's). Consider  $\int_{\Gamma_R} f(z)e^{iz}dz$  where  $\Gamma_R$  is the contour

$$(-R, 0) \to (R, 0) \to (R, 2R) \to (-R, 2R).$$

If f(z) is bounded on  $\Gamma_R$  with  $\max_{\Gamma_R} |f(z)| \to 0$  as  $R \to \infty$ . Then, the integral is 0.

• The following lemma is useful for evaluating indented contour:

**Lemma 9.5.** If f has a simple pole at z = c and  $T_r$  is the circular arc define by:

$$T_r = \{z : z = c + re^{i\theta}, \theta_1 \le \theta \le \theta_2\}.$$

Then,

$$\lim_{r \to 0^+} \int_T f(z) dz = i(\theta_2 - \theta_1) \operatorname{Res}(f; c)$$

• Given a closed curve  $\gamma$ , the winding number of  $\gamma$  is defined as

$$W(\gamma;0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{\mathrm{d}w}{w}.$$

It is equal to the number of times  $\gamma$  winds around 0 in the positive orientation.

• Now, if w = f(z), then

$$W(\gamma; 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{\mathrm{d}w}{w} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\beta} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \,\mathrm{d}z$$

where  $\beta$  is the closed curve such that  $f(\beta) = \gamma$ .

• Theorem 9.6 (Argument Principle). If f is analytic and non-zero at each point of a simple closed positively oriented contour C and is meromorphic inside C, then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \, dz = N_0(f) - N_p(f)$$

where  $N_0(f)$  and  $N_p(f)$  are, respectively, the number of zeros and poles of f inside C (multiplicity included).

• If f is analytic inside and on a simple closed positively oriented contour C and if f is non-zero on C, then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \, \mathrm{d}z = N_0(f).$$

- Theorem 9.7 (Rouche's). If f and h are each functions that are analytic inside and on a simple closed contour C and if the strict inequality |h(z)| < |f(z)| holds at each point on C, then f and f + h must have the same total number of zeros (counting multiplicities) inside C.
- If f is a non-constant and analytic in an open domain D, then its image f(D) is an open set.

### 10 Conformal Mapping

• If  $\phi(x,y)$  is harmonic, then it satisfies **Laplace's equation**:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

- We know that  $\phi$  is the real part of some analytic function.
- Suppose f sends z = x + yi to w = u + vi such that f is one-to-one. Suppose that the function  $\psi(w) = \psi(u, v)$  satisfies Laplace's equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial v^2} = 0.$$

Then, the function

$$\phi(z) = \psi(f(z))$$

satisfies Laplace's equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

- The inversion mapping w = 1/z maps lines and circles to lines and circles.
- Lines and circles passing through 0 will be mapped to lines.

- Lines and circles not passing through 0 will mapped to circles.
- It maps the line x = 1/2 to a circle centered at z = 1 with radius 1.
- A Mobius transformation is any function of the form

$$w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$$

with the restriction that  $ab \neq bc$ .

- ullet Theorem 10.1. If f is any Mobius transformation, then
  - f can be expressed as the compotion of a finite number of translations, magnificatios, rotations, and inversions.
  - f maps the extended complex plane one-to-one onto itself.
  - $-\ f$  maps the class of circles and lines to itself.
  - f is conformal at every point except its pole.