



Lecture Notes on Complex Analysis

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1 Course Overview

1.1 Course Structure

- **Unit 1:**
Complex Analysis: Brief Revision of Complex Numbers and their Graphical Representation. Euler's formula, De Moivre's theorem, Roots of Complex Numbers. Functions of Complex Variables. Analyticity and Cauchy-Riemann Conditions. Examples of analytic functions.
- **Unit 2:**
Singular functions: poles and branch points, order of singularity, branch cuts. Integration of a function of a complex variable. Cauchy Inequality. Cauchy Integral formula. Simply and multiply connected region. Laurent and Taylor expansion.
- **Unit 3:**
Residues at simple pole, Residue at a pole of order greater than unity, Residue at infinity, Cauchy Residue Theorem, Application in solving Definite Integrals.

2 Complex Number & its properties

2.1 Some examples of different types of numbers

- Natural Number: $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
- Whole Number: $\mathbb{W} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, i.e., $\mathbb{W} = \{0, \mathbb{N}\}$
- Integers: $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots - 2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, i.e., $\mathbb{Z} = \{-\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{W}\}$
- Rational Number ($\mathbb{Q} = \frac{p}{q}$ with $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $q \neq 0$): $\mathbb{Q} = \{\frac{6}{7}, \frac{2}{3}, 2.25, \pi, \dots, \mathbb{Z}\}$
- Irrational Number ($\mathbb{Q}' \neq \frac{p}{q}$): $\mathbb{Q}' = \{\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{7}, 3\pi, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \dots\}$
- Pure Real Number ($\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q} \cup \mathbb{Q}'$): $\mathbb{R} = \{1, 2.5, 3/2, \sqrt{2}, 4.07, \pi, e, 7e, \dots\}$
- Complex Number: $\mathbb{C} = \{3 + 4i, -3 + 4i, -3 - 4i, 3 - 4i\}$

2.2 Complex Numbers and their Properties

The complex number (z) and its conjugate (\bar{z}) is defined as,

$$\begin{aligned} z &= a + ib \\ \bar{z} &= a - ib, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$i = \sqrt{-1} \tag{2.2}$$

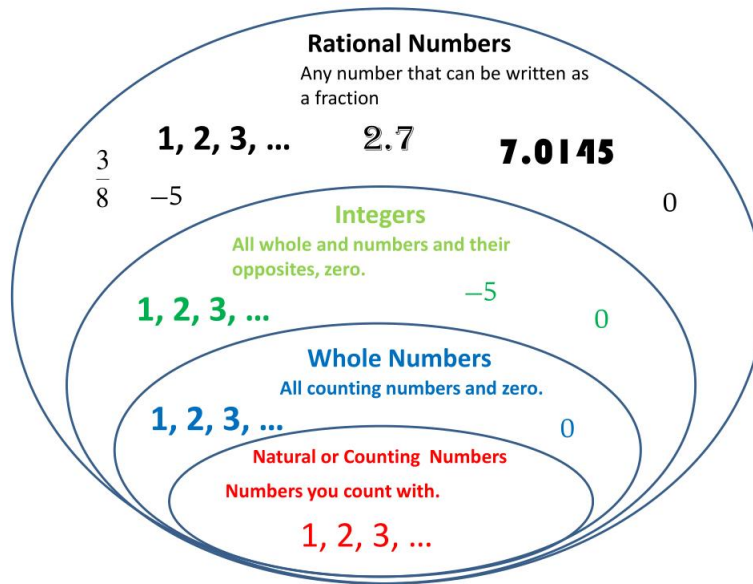


Figure 1: Set of different types of numbers: $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{W} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$ (with $\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q} \cup \mathbb{Q}'$, Not shown)

with and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, respectively. Then it follows that,

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \Re\{z\} = \frac{1}{2}(z + \bar{z}) \\ b &= \Im\{z\} = \frac{1}{2i}(z - \bar{z}) \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

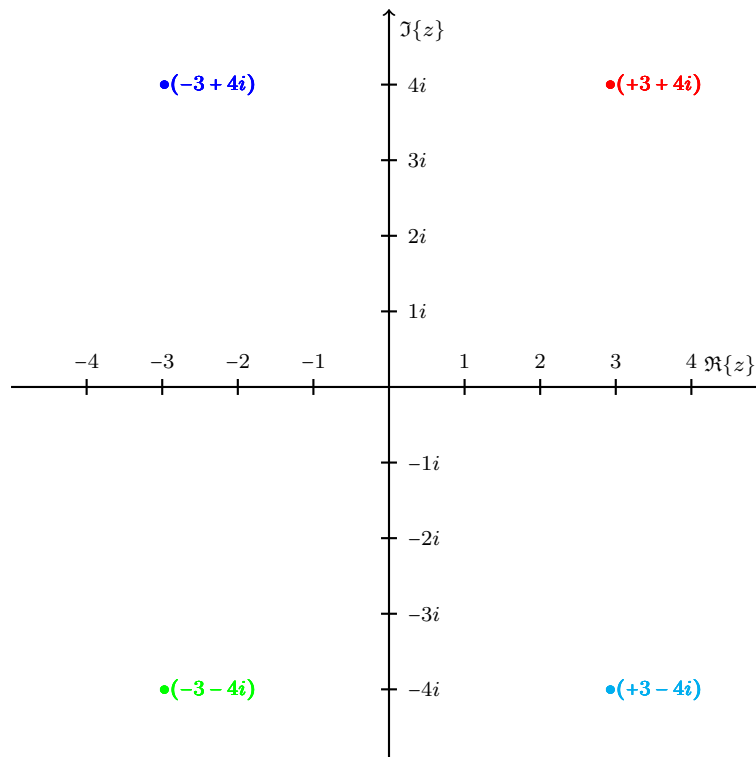


Figure 2: Location of a complex number in the rectangular (Cartesian) representation

- The algebraic operation of complex number gives a complex number. Let $z_1 = a_1 + ib_1, z_2 = a_2 + ib_2$ ($z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ with $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{R}$)

– i) Addition :

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 + z_2 &= (a_1 + ib_1) + (a_2 + ib_2) \\ &= (a_1 + a_2) + i(b_1 + b_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4a)$$

– ii) Substraction:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 - z_2 &= (a_1 + ib_1) - (a_2 + ib_2) \\ &= (a_1 - a_2) - i(b_2 - b_1) \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4b)$$

– iii) Multiplication:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 z_2 &= (a_1 + ib_1)(a_2 + ib_2) \\ &= (a_1 a_2 - b_1 b_2) + i(a_1 b_2 + b_1 a_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4c)$$

– iv) Division:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{a_1 + ib_1}{a_2 + ib_2} \\ &= \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2}{a_2^2 + b_2^2} - i \frac{a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2}{a_2^2 + b_2^2} \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4d)$$

- Property VII: Apart from above properties, it holds following properties:
 - i) Commutative law for addition (multiplication): $z_1 + z_2 = z_2 + z_1$ ($z_1 \cdot z_2 = z_2 \cdot z_1$)
 - ii) Associative law for addition (multiplication): $z_1 + (z_2 + z_3) = (z_1 + z_2) + z_3$ ($z_1 \cdot (z_2 \cdot z_3) = (z_1 \cdot z_2) \cdot z_3$)
 - iii) Distributive law for multiplication: $z_1 \cdot (z_2 + z_3) = (z_1 \cdot z_2 + z_1 \cdot z_3)$
 - iv) Existence of Additive Inverse (Multiplicative Inverse): $z + (-z) = 0$ ($z \cdot z^{-1} = 1$)
 - vi) Existence of Additive Identity (Multiplicative Identity): $z + 0 = z$ ($z \cdot 1 = z$)

2.3 Polar Representation of Complex Number

- Modulus and Argument: The rectangular or cartesian form of a complex number can be also expressed in the polar (trigonometric) form shown in Fig.4;

$$z = r e^{i\theta} \quad (2.5)$$

The *Modulus* and *Argument* of the complex number are given by

$$Mod(z) = |z| = r \quad (2.6a)$$

$$arg(z) = \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} \quad (2.6b)$$

It is important to note that by replacing $\theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi k$ ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$), Eq.((2.6b)) retains its value. This indicates that *a complex number is indeed a multi-valued function.*

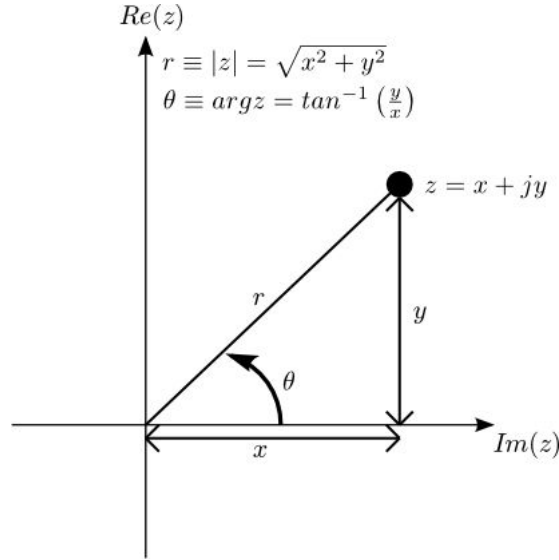


Figure 3: Polar representation of a complex number

- Property of Modulus (Triangular Inequality):

$$\begin{aligned}
 i) \quad & |z_1 \cdot z_2| = |z_1| \cdot |z_2| \\
 ii) \quad & \left| \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|} \\
 iii) \quad & |z_1 + z_2| \leq |z_1| + |z_2| \\
 iv) \quad & |z_1 + z_2|^2 \leq (|z_1| + |z_2|)^2 \\
 v) \quad & ||z_1| - |z_2|| \leq |z_1| + |z_2| \\
 vi) \quad & |z_1 - z_2| \geq ||z_1| - |z_2||
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

- Property of argument:

$$\begin{aligned}
 i) \quad & \arg(z_1 z_2) = \arg(z_1) + \arg(z_2) \\
 ii) \quad & \arg\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \arg(z_1) - \arg(z_2)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

2.4 n -th Root, n -th Power and logarithm of a complex number

The cartesian representation of a complex number can be also expressed in planer polar form,

$$z = r e^{i \frac{\theta}{n}} \tag{2.9}$$

Below we discuss i) n -th root, ii) Power and iii) logarithm of a complex number:

- n -th root of a complex number:

The n -th root of a complex number is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^{\frac{1}{n}} &= r^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{i\frac{\theta}{n}} \quad \forall n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \\
 &= r^{\frac{1}{n}} e^{\frac{\Theta + 2\pi k}{n}}, \quad \forall k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm n - 1 \\
 &= r^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\cos \frac{\Theta \pm 2\pi k}{n} + i \sin \frac{\Theta \pm 2\pi k}{n} \right) \\
 &= r^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\cos \frac{\text{Arg}(z) \pm 2\pi k}{n} + i \sin \frac{\text{Arg}(z) \pm 2\pi k}{n} \right) \\
 &= r^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\cos \frac{\text{arg}(z)}{n} + i \sin \frac{\text{arg}(z)}{n} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

Thus we note that the the complex number is a multi-valued function because of different values of $\{k, n\}$.

- **Relation between ‘Principal Argument’ and ‘argument’ of the complex number:**

From above we obtain the *argument* and its relation with Principal Argument defined by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta &= \Theta \pm 2\pi k \quad \text{i.e.,} \\
 \text{arg}(z) &= \text{Arg}(z) \pm 2\pi k
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Here, $\text{arg}(z)$ is measured from the positive direction of x -axis and therefore have the range: $0 \leq \text{arg}(z) \leq 2\pi$, while $\text{Arg}(z)$ is measured from the minimum distance from the positive direction of x -axis and hence the range: $-\pi \leq \text{Arg}(z) \leq \pi$. Figure illustrated below the key difference of *argument* and *Argument*.

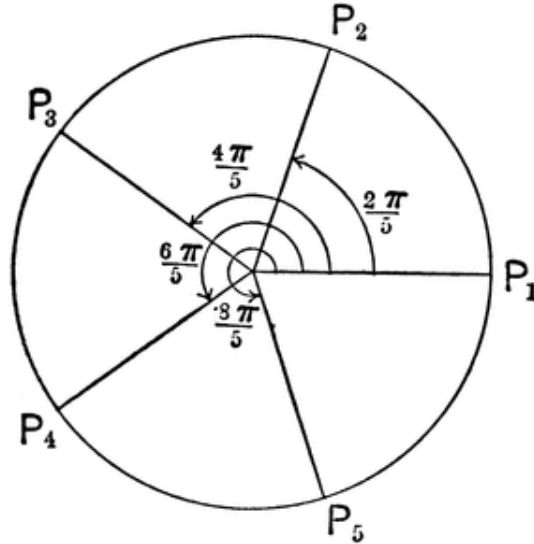


Figure 4: Representation of $\text{arg}(z)$ which lies between $0 \leq \text{arg}(z) \leq 2\pi$

- **Primitive of the complex number:**

The Primitive of a complex number is the n -th root defined on a unit circle i.e., $z^n = 1$ with $r = 1$

Quadrant	Sign of x & y	Arg(z)
I	x, y > 0	$\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$
II	x < 0, y > 0	$\pi - \tan^{-1} \left \frac{y}{x} \right $
III	x, y < 0	$-\pi + \tan^{-1} \left \frac{y}{x} \right $
IV	x > 0, y < 0	$-\tan^{-1} \left \frac{y}{x} \right $

Figure 5: Table of $Arg(z)$ which lies between $0 \leq Arg(z) \leq \pi$

and $\theta = 2\pi$. Thus we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^n &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow z &= e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}} \\
 \Rightarrow z &= \cos \frac{2\pi}{n} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{n},
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

Thus it follows that for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, we have $z^1 = 1$, $z^2 = -1$, $z^3 = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ etc. This establishes that a complex function is a multi-valued function.

- **n -th power of the complex number:**

From above, the n -th power of the complex number is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^n &= r^n e^{n\theta}, \\
 &= r^n (\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta) \quad 0 \neq \theta \neq 2\pi
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

where the De Moivre's theorem¹ is used. Thus in planer polar coordinate, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos \theta &= \Re\{z\} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{z}\right) \\
 \sin \theta &= \Im\{z\} = \frac{1}{2i} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

2.5 Logarithm of a Complex Number:

- **Principal Value of Logarithm:**

The *Principal Value of Logarithm* $\log(z)$ is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= re^{i\theta} \\
 \Rightarrow a + ib &= |z| e^{i\theta} \\
 \Rightarrow \log(a + ib) &= \log |z| + i\theta \\
 &= \log[\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}] + i \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a} \\
 &= \log[Mod(z)] + iarg(z) \\
 &= \log[Mod(z)] + iArg(z) + 2\pi ik \quad (0 \leq arg(z) \leq 2\pi)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

¹For example, De Moivre's theorem gives: i) $Arg(i) = \frac{\pi}{2}$, ii) $Arg(-i) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$, iii) $Arg(-1) = \pi$ etc.

- **Generalized Value of Logarithm**

The *Generalized Value of Logarithm* ($\text{Log}(z)$) is defined by $n = 0$ in Eq.(2.16),

$$\begin{aligned} a + ib &= re^{i\theta} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Log}(a + ib) &= \text{Log}[\text{Mod}(z)] + i\Theta \quad \text{where } k = 0 \\ &= \text{Log}[\text{Mod}(z)] + i\text{Arg}(z) \quad -\pi \leq \text{Arg}(z) \leq \pi \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

From (2.13) and (2.14) it follows that $\text{Log}|z| = \log|z|$, then the Principal and Generalized values of logarithm are related by,

$$\log(z) = \text{Log}(z) + i2\pi n \quad \forall \quad n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad (2.16)$$

- **Properties of logarithm of a complex number:**

$$i) \log(z_1 z_2) = \log z_1 + \log z_2 \quad (2.17a)$$

$$ii) \log\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \log z_1 - \log z_2 \quad (2.17b)$$

$$iii) \log z_1 \log z_2 \neq \text{Log} z_1 \text{Log} z_2 \quad (2.17c)$$

- Complex Number Primer: Some properties of complex numbers

3 Differential Calculus on a Complex Plane

3.1 Analytic Function - Cauchy-Riemann (CR) relation

Consider the following mapping from z -plane to w -plane, i.e., $w = f(z)$, A complex function defined on a

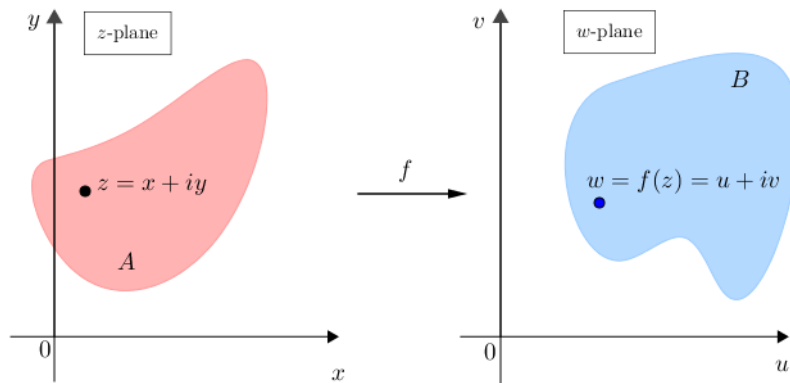


Figure 6: :
Mapping of a complex function

complex plane (w -plane) is said to be analytic if it is differentiable, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} w' &= \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z}, \\ &= \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z + \Delta z) - f(z)}{\Delta z}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Now recalling that,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \Delta u + i\Delta v, \\ \Delta f &= \Delta u + i\Delta v, \\ z &= x + iy, \\ \Delta z &= \Delta x + i\Delta y, \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Eq.(??) can be written as as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0, \Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta u(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) + i\Delta v(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - (\Delta u(x, y) + i\Delta v(x, y))}{\Delta x + i\Delta y} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0, \Delta y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta u(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - \Delta u(x, y) - i(\Delta v(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) - \Delta v(x, y))}{\Delta x + i\Delta y} \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Now the limiting value can be achieved in two possible routes: Firstly, if we approaching along real axis (X-axis), i.e.,

Route I: $\Delta x \rightarrow 0, \Delta y = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta u(x + \Delta x, y) - \Delta u(x, y) - i(\Delta v(x + \Delta x, y) - \Delta v(x, y))}{\Delta x} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\Delta u(x + \Delta x, y) - \Delta u(x, y))}{\Delta x} + i \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\Delta v(x + \Delta x, y) - \Delta v(x, y))}{\Delta x} \\ &= \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial x} \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Or otherwise, i.e., if we move along the imaginary axis (Y-axis):

Route II: For $\Delta x = 0, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$, proceeding in the similar manner we obtain,

$$\frac{\partial f(z)}{\partial z} = -i \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y} + i \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y} \tag{3.5}$$

Comparing the real and imaginary part of Eqs.(3.4) and (3.5), we obtain well known Cauchy-Riemann (CR) relation,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u(x, y)}{\partial y} &= -\frac{\partial v(x, y)}{\partial x}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

which gives sufficient condition of analyticity of a function $f(z) \in \mathbb{C}$.² The above two relation can be combined to write as,

$$\frac{\partial f(z, \bar{z})}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0 = \frac{\partial f(z, \bar{z})}{\partial z}. \tag{3.7}$$

²Using the fact that, $x = \frac{1}{2}(z + \bar{z})$ and $y = \frac{1}{2i}(z - i\bar{z})$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial \bar{z}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \bar{z}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

In the plane polar coordinate, by noting the fact that, $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$ and the chain rules, $\frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial r}$ and $\frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta}$, the C-R relation can be expressed as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial r} &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v(x,y)}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial v(x,y)}{\partial r} &= -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u(x,y)}{\partial \theta}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Furthermore, from Eq.(3.8) it follows that any complex function $\phi(x,y) (= u(x,y) + iv(x,y))$ which satisfies the second order Laplace equation, i.e.,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi(x,y)}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad (3.9)$$

which is called *Harmonic function*. In complex notation it can be equivalently written as

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(z, \bar{z})}{\partial z \partial \bar{z}} = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

Finally we mention that if a function $f(z)$ in a domain \mathfrak{D} is said to be a *holomorphic function* if it is analytic in that domain.

4 Series and sequence in a Complex Plane

4.1 Series and its convergence

A series is an infinite sum of complex number of definite order in a given domain \mathfrak{D} . For example,

$$\begin{aligned} S(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n + \dots \\ &= 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots + z^n \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

In more general footing, it can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} S(z) &= a_1(z) + a_2(z) + \dots a_n(z) + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n(z) \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

The *convergence* of a *monotonically decreasing series* requires $a_{n+1}(z) < a_n(z)$ for which,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n(z) = 0 \quad (4.3)$$

and there exists an upper bound M such that $|a_n(z)| < M$. The necessary and sufficient condition for convergence defined as

$$|a_m(z) - a_n(z)| < \epsilon \quad \text{for } m, n \in N. \quad (4.4)$$

There exists several tests for the convergence of a complex series:

Ratio Test:

The *Ratio Test* is a very popular test by which the convergence of a complex series can be tested very conclusively. To do that we define,

$$\left| \frac{z_m}{z_n} \right| = R, \quad (4.5)$$

- If $R > 1$, the series is said to be *Divergent*.
- If $R < 1$, the series is said to be *Convergent*.
- If $R = 1$, no consequence can be drawn.

This condition is often referred to as *Cauchy Convergence Condition*. Apart from that there exist other tests like, Root Test, Raabe Test, Weierstrass M -test etc.

4.2 Taylor and Maclaurin Series

If a function $f(z)$ is analytic on $|z - z_0| < R$, then the complex Taylor series is defined as,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (z - z_0)^n a_n \quad \left(\text{where } a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(z)}{n!} \right) \\ &= f(z_0) + (z - z_0)f'(z_0) + (z - z_0)^2 \frac{f''(z_0)}{2!} + \cdots + (z - z_0)^n \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

If the series is defined at $z = 0$, i.e., $f(z_0) = f(0)$ in every term, then it is called complex Maclaurin Series.

4.3 Laurent Series

If a function $w = f(z)$ is analytic for all $R_1 \leq |z - z_0| \leq R_2$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k (z - z_0)^k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{-k}}{(z - z_0)^k} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k (z - z_0)^k. \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

The singular part $\{a_{-k}\}$ of the series is called *Principal part*, while the remaining one is called *Analytic Part*. The coefficients of the series are given by

$$a_{-k} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_1} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{k+1}} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (4.8a)$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma_2} dz f(z) (z - z_0)^k \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (4.8b)$$

A *Meromorphic Function* is a function which is analytic everywhere in the complex plane except at a finite number of poles, while an *entire function* is analytic throughout the entire complex plane.

5 Integral Calculus on a Complex Plane

5.1 Jordan and Non-Jordan Curve

The *Contour Integration* of a complex function $w = f(z)$ is a one dimensional line integral carried out along a fixed path having definite orientation. Broadly speaking the curves can be classified into two categories:

- **Closed Contour:** A *Closed Contour* is a curve which is parameterized as $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $b \leq t \leq a$ and $t(a) = t(b)$. A closed curve is said to be a *Simple Contour* if it has different value inside and outside. Simple Closed Contour is also referred as *Jordan curve*.
- **Open Contour:** A *Open Contour* is a curve which is parameterized as $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $b \leq t \leq a$ and $t(a) \neq t(b)$.

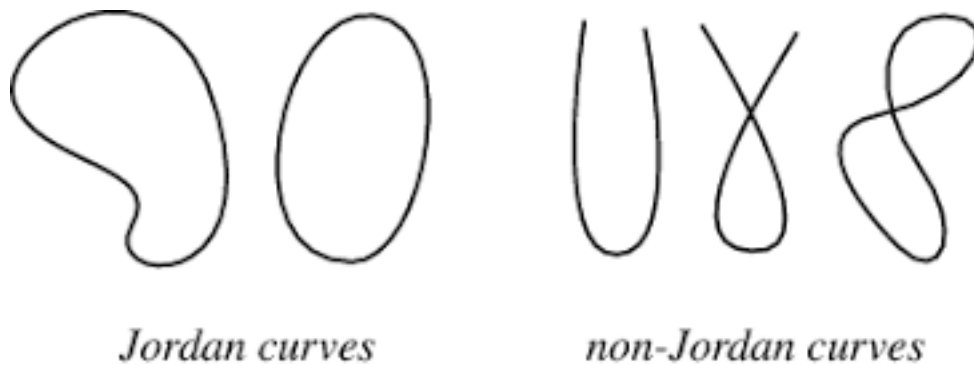


Figure 7: Jordan and Non-Jordan curves

The Jordan Curves may be either *Simply Connected Curve* or *Multiply Connected Curve* shown below:

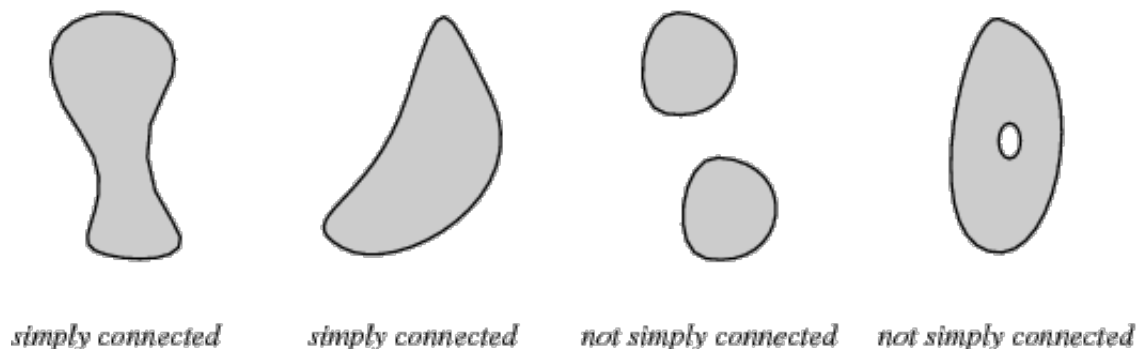


Figure 8: Simply Connected and Non-Simply (Multiply) Connected Curve

5.2 Various curves and their representations

Different types of Jordan (Simple) curves:

- a) Circle with centre at origin ($z = 0$): $z(t) := re^{it}$ with $[t \in [0, 2\pi]$.

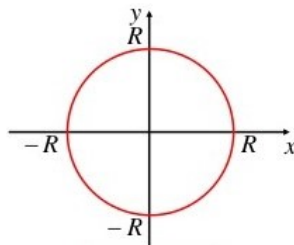


Figure 9: Circle with centre at $z = 0$ with radius R

- b) Circle with centre at shifted origin ($z = z_0$): $z(t) := z_0 re^{it}$ with $[t \in [0, 2\pi]$.

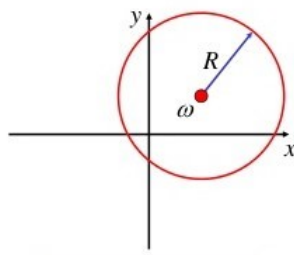


Figure 10: Circle with centre at $z = 0$ with radius R

- c) Semi-circle with centre at origin ($z = 0$): $\gamma(t) := re^{it}$ with $([t \in [0, \pi])$.

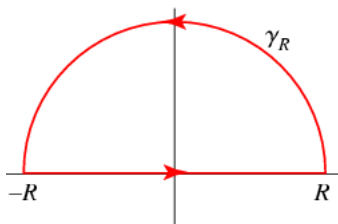


Figure 11: Half-circle with centre at $z = z_0$

- d) Circle with centre at origin ($z = 0$): $\gamma(t) := re^{it/2}$ with $([t \in [0, 2\pi])$ with branch cut $(0, \infty]$.

5.3 Zeros, Singularity, Branch Point and Branch Cut

A complex function $f(z)$ by construction is a multi-valued function. If such a function is *not analytic* (i.e., not differentiable) at any point (or multiple number of points), but blows to infinity, then the point is said to be the *Singular Point* and the function is called *Singular Function*.

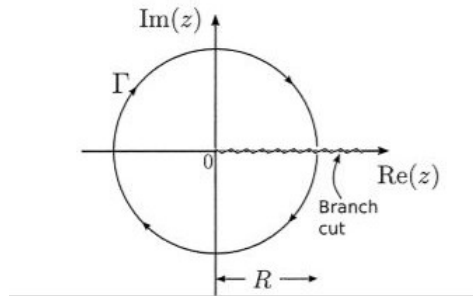


Figure 12: Circle with centre at $z = z_0$ with branch cut along positive x axis

- *Zero and Order of a Function:* A function $f(z)$ is said to have a *Zero* value if it vanishes at any point (or points). Furthermore, if the derivative of the function is not equal to zero at a given order (say, $f^{(n)} \neq 0$), it is called *order of zero* of that function. Example: The function $f(z) = \frac{z-2}{7} \sin \frac{1}{z-1}$ vanishes at $z = 2$ and $z = 1 + \frac{1}{n\pi}$ with $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$. So it has multiple number of zeros.
- *Regular Point:* A function $f(z)$ is said to have an *Regular Point* if the function is analytic at that point. Example: $f(z) = x^7$
- *Isolated Singularity:* A function $f(z)$ is said to have an *Isolated Singularity* (also called *Singular Point*), if there exists a point $z = z_0$ such that $z_0 - \epsilon \leq z \leq z_0 + \epsilon$ where ϵ be a small real number. Example: The function $f(z) = 1/(z - z_0)$ has a isolated singularity a $z = z_0$
- *Non-isolated Singularity:* A function $f(z)$ is said to have *Non-isolated Singularity* if any function nearby of it within range $|z - z_0| < \epsilon$ is also singular.
Example: $f(z) = L(z)$
- *Removable Singularity:* If the limit of a function exists at a point and the function has a finite value at that point, then the point is said to be *Removal Singularity*.
Example: $f(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z}$ has removal singularity at $z = z_0$.
- *Simple Pole:* The type of singularity is called *Simple Pole* which has order 0, if $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z)(z - z_0)^n$ has a non-zero and finite value.
Example: The function $f(z) = 1/(z - z_0)$ has simple pole (pole of order $n = 0$) at $z = z_0$.
- *Pole of order n:* The type of singularity at any point $z = z_0$ is a *pole* of order n , if $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z)(z - z_0)^n$ has a non-zero and finite value.
Example: The function $f(z) = 1/(z - z_0)^4$ has pole of order $n = 4$ at $z = z_0$.
- *Meromorphic Function:* A Meromorphic function is analytic everywhere in the complex plane except at a finite number of distinct poles.
Example: $f(z) = 1/(z - 1)(z + 2)$, which has a poles at $n = 1$ and $z = -2$.
- *Essential Singularity:* A singular point $z = z_0$ for which $f(z)(z - z_0)^n$ is not differentiable for any integer $n > 0$ is called Essential Singularity. Other than removable, pole and branch point is known as essential singularity.
- *Branch Point and Branch Cut:* A *Branch Point* is a point at $z = z_0$ about which the function $f(z)$ changes its value after each complete rotation (i.e., $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$). The set of branch points constitutes

a barrier (along which the analytic function is discontinuous) is called *Branch Cut*. The function on the *Branch Cut* is non-analytic which has to be avoided by drawing suitable contour avoiding this cut.

Example: $f(z) = \sqrt{z}$ has single Branch point about which the function changes its sign as, $f(z) = \{+1, -1\}$.

Example: $f(z) = \sqrt[3]{z}$ has single Branch point about which the function changes its sign, $f(z) = \{+1, e^{2\pi i/3}, e^{-2\pi i/3}\}$.

Example: $f(z) = \ln(z)$ has infinite number of branch points $z = 0$ and $z = \infty$ (i.e., range $(\infty, 1]$) forming a branch cut.

Example: $f(z) = \sqrt{z-1}\sqrt{z-1}$ has branch cuts between $z = -1$ and $z = +1$ (i.e., range $[-1, 1]$) forming a branch cut.

(Advanced Topic: Riemann Surface)

6 Contour Integration

6.1 Cauchy-Goursat Theorem

- The integration over a complex function $f(z)$ parameterized by $z(t)$ along the path γ within range $a \leq t \leq b$ is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz \\ &= \int_a^b f(z) dz \\ &= \int_a^b f(z) z'(t) dt \end{aligned} \tag{6.1}$$

In the limit $a \rightarrow b$, the path of integration is a closed path, i.e., $\gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$. Then it can be shown,

$$\oint_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 0 \tag{6.2}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
\oint_{\Gamma} f(z)dz &= \oint_{\Gamma} f(z(t))z'(t)dt \\
&= \oint_{\Gamma} [u(z(t)) + iv[z(t)]] [x'(t) + iy'[t]]dt \\
&= \oint_{\Gamma} [u(z(t))x'(t) - iv[z(t)]y'[t]]dt + i \oint_{\Gamma} [v(z(t))x'(t) + u[z(t)]y'[t]]dt \\
&= \oint_{\Gamma} [ux'(t) - vy'(t)]dt + i \int_a^b [vx' + uy']dt \\
&= \oint_{\Gamma} [udx(t) - vdy] + i \oint_{\Gamma} [vdx + udy] \\
&= \iint_{\partial S} dxdy \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right) + i \iint_{\partial S} dxdy \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \\
&= 0,
\end{aligned} \tag{6.3}$$

where in the last step Cauchy-Riemann condition is used. We are now in position to define *Cauchy-Goursat Theorem*:

Let $f(z)$ be a continuous, complex-valued function in the complex plane. Suppose that

$$\oint_{\Gamma} f(z)dz = 0, \tag{6.4}$$

for all closed Jordan curves Γ , then it follows that $f(z)$ is analytic and there is no isolated singularity (or simply connected region) within that domain. Equivalently, for a simply Connected curve $\oint_{\Gamma} f(z)dz = 0$, while for multiply connected region $\oint_{\Gamma} f(z)dz \neq 0$.

• Properties of Contour Integral:

If $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ are two complex functions are in the same domain D , then

- i) $\oint_{\Gamma} dz[f(z) + g(z)] = \oint_{\Gamma} dzf(z) + \oint_{\Gamma} dzg(z)$
- ii) If Γ_1 and Γ_2 are two closed curve joined end-to-end to create resulting curve Γ , then $\oint_{\Gamma} dzf(z) = \oint_{\Gamma_1} dzf(z) + \oint_{\Gamma_2} dzf(z)$
- iii) If a curve $-\Gamma$ is drawn by tracing out a curve C with a opposite orientation, then $\oint_{-\Gamma} dzf(z) = -\oint_{\Gamma} dzf(z)$.

6.2 Cauchy's Integral Formula

Let $f(z)$ be analytic on a simple closed contour Γ and suppose that $f(z)$ is also analytic everywhere on its interior. If the point z_0 is enclosed by the contour Γ , then

$$\oint_{\Gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} = 2\pi i f(z_0) \tag{6.5}$$

Proof:

To prove *Cauchy's Integral Formula* we shall redraw the path of integration in the following way, where we have split the contour γ into two parts, namely, γ_0 (moving anticlockwise) and γ_r (moving

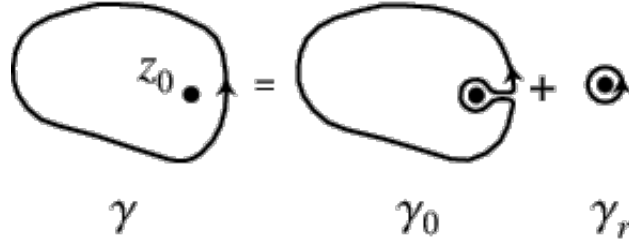


Figure 13: Integration along the path Γ is amounts to the sum of integration along γ_0 and γ_r clockwise) shown in Fig.15.

$$\oint_{\gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} = \oint_{\gamma_0} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} + \oint_{\gamma_r} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} \quad (6.6)$$

Since the first integration γ_0 of right hand side does not enclose any pole (i.e., analytic), therefore it vanishes and Eq.(7.2) becomes,

$$\oint_{\gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} = \oint_{\gamma_r} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} \quad (6.7)$$

The pole at $z = z_0$ appearing in the infinitesimally small circle γ_r can be removed by substituting $z = z_0 + re^{i\theta}$ (and $dz = ire^{i\theta} d\theta$) and this integral becomes,

$$\oint_{\gamma_r} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} = \oint_{\gamma_r} dz f(z_0 + re^{i\theta}) id\theta \quad (6.8)$$

In the limit $r \rightarrow 0$, i.e., when the circle γ_r becomes infinitesimally small, then

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\gamma_r} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} &= \oint_{\gamma_r} f(z_0) id\theta \\ &= if(z_0) \oint_{\gamma_r} d\theta \\ &= 2\pi if(z_0) \end{aligned} \quad (6.9)$$

Thus plucking back Eq.((6.9)) into Eq.((6.7)) we obtain,

$$\oint_{\gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} = 2\pi if(z_0) \quad (6.10)$$

which is the precise statement of *Cauchy's Integral Formula*. Often Cauchy's theorem is written as,

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} \quad (6.11)$$

NOTE: Cauchy's Integral Formula is used to evaluate the integrals for which the poles are inside the contour.

6.3 Inequalities Associated with Cauchy's Integral Theorem

(i) Cauchy Inequality:

Let M be a positive integer such that $|f(z)| \leq M$ inside the region $|z - a| \leq f(z)$, the

$$|f^{(n)}(a)| \leq \frac{Mn!}{r^n} \quad (6.12)$$

This relation is known as *Cauchy Inequality*.

Proof:

To prove this let us recall that *Cauchy's Integral Formula* can be written as,

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} \quad (6.13)$$

Taking derivative with respect to z_0 , we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z_0) &= \frac{d}{dz} \left[\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (6.14)$$

Iterating the differentiation again we find,

$$f''(z_0) = \frac{2}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^3} \quad (6.15)$$

Proceeding this way, finally taking the n -th derivative we obtain,

$$f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{(n+1)}} \quad \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (6.16)$$

Thus the function $f(z)$ is analytic indicating that it exists along with its derivative exists inside the contour Γ .³ Now if we take $|z - z_0| = r$ the right hand side of Eq.((6.16)) becomes,

$$\left| \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \frac{f_{\max}(z)}{r^{(n+1)}} \oint_{\Gamma} dz \right| = \frac{n!}{2\pi} \frac{M}{r^{(n+1)}} 2\pi r = \frac{Mn!}{r^n} \quad (6.17)$$

where, $f_{\max} = M$. Thus from Eqs.(6.16) and (6.17) we obtain,

$$|f^{(n)}(z)| \leq \frac{Mn!}{r^n} \quad (6.18)$$

³ Finally to prove the inequality we substitute $z - z_0 = re^{i\theta}$ in Eq.((6.16)),

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

(ii) **Theorem: ML Inequality:**

If $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is a continuous variable on a contour C , then

$$\left| \oint_C f(z) dz \right| \leq ML, \quad (6.19)$$

where L is the length of contour, M is the upper bound for the modulus of the function $|f(z)|$, i.e., $|f(z)| \leq M$ for all C . *Proof:*

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S. &= \left| \oint_C f(z) dz \right| \\ &= \left| \int_a^b f[z(t)] dz \right| \\ &= \left| \int_a^b f[z(t)] \frac{dz(t)}{dt} dt \right| \end{aligned} \quad (6.20)$$

Since $|\oint_C dz f(z)| \leq \oint_C dz |f(z)|$, therefore we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b f[z(t)] \frac{dz(t)}{dt} dt \right| &\leq \int_a^b \left| f[z(t)] \frac{dz(t)}{dt} \right| dt \\ &\equiv \int_a^b \left| f[z(t)] \right| \times \left| \frac{dz(t)}{dt} \right| dt \\ &\equiv \int_a^b M \times \left| \frac{dz(t)}{dt} \right| dt \quad \because |f[z(t)]| = |f_{max}[z]| = M \\ &\equiv M \times \oint_C |dz| \quad \because |z_{max}| = L \\ &\equiv ML \end{aligned} \quad (6.21)$$

Thus from Eqs.(6.21) and (6.22), we have

$$\left| \oint_C f[z] dz \right| \leq ML \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \quad (6.22)$$

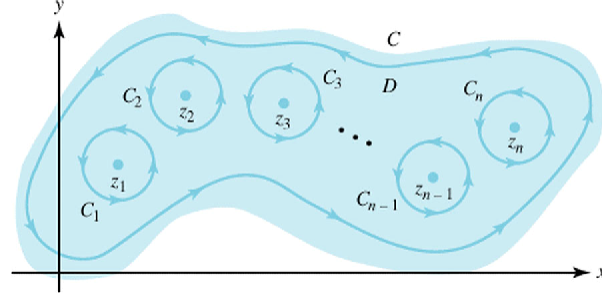
6.4 Cauchy's Residue Theorem

If $f(z)$ is a analytic function inside a simple closed curve C except the finite number of singular points z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n inside C , then

$$\oint_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_i R_i \quad (6.23)$$

where $\sum_i R$ be the summation of the residues of $f(z)$ at the poles z_i within C .

Proof:

Figure 14: Multiple poles $\{C_i\}$ inside a contour C

Let C_{-i} ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) be the set of circles around the poles at centres $z = z_i$ within the closed contour C as shown in Fig.10. The using the theorem ⁴

$$\oint_C f(z)dz = \oint_{C_1} f(z)dz + \oint_{C_2} f(z)dz + \oint_{C_3} f(z)dz + \dots \quad (6.24)$$

Then recalling that,

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{C_1} f(z)dz &= 2i\pi \text{Res}[f, z_1], \\ \oint_{C_1} f(z)dz &= 2i\pi \text{Res}[f, z_2], \\ \oint_{C_2} f(z)dz &= 2i\pi \text{Res}[f, z_3], \\ &\vdots \\ \oint_{C_2} f(z)dz &= 2i\pi \text{Res}[f, z_n], \end{aligned} \quad (6.25)$$

Plucking back Eq.((6.24)) into Eq.((6.25)) we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{\Gamma} f(z)dz &= 2\pi i (\text{Res}[f, z_1] + \text{Res}[f, z_2] + \dots + \text{Res}[f, z_n]) \\ &= 2i\pi \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Res}[f, z_i] \end{aligned} \quad (6.26)$$

NOTE: Cauchy's Residue Theorem is used to evaluate the integrals for which the poles are outside the contour.

⁴Let $f(z)$ be analytic in a region bounded by the non-overlapping simple closed curves $C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots, C_n$ inside the closed contour C as shown in Fig.10, then,

$$\oint_C f(z)dz = \oint_{C_1} f(z)dz + \oint_{C_2} f(z)dz + \oint_{C_3} f(z)dz + \dots + \oint_{C_n} f(z)dz$$

6.5 Evaluation of Residue

Let $f(z)$ is a holomorphic function in domain D with its Analytic (or Regular) and Principal (or Singular) parts with poles $z = z_0$ shown in figure. Then the Laurent series having pole at $z = z_0$ is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k (z - z_0)^k \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{-k}}{(z - z_0)^k} + \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} a_p (z - z_0)^p \\
 &= \dots + \frac{a_{-3}}{(z - z_0)^3} + \frac{a_{-2}}{(z - z_0)^2} + \frac{a_{-1}}{z - z_0} + a_0 + (z - z_0)^1 a_1 + (z - z_0)^2 a_2 + \dots \\
 &= \phi_P(z) + \frac{a_{-1}}{z - z_0} + \phi_A(z)
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.27}$$

where $\phi_P(z)$ and $\phi_A(z)$ be the *Principal part* and *Analytic Part*, respectively with residue a_{-1} which is to be evaluated for different order of n .

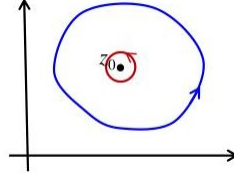


Figure 15: Simple Pole at $z = z_0$ inside the contour C

Case I: Evaluation of Simple Pole (Pole of order $n = 0$):

To find the residue in this case, we consider the series,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{a_{-1}}{z - z_0} + a_0 + (z - z_0)^1 a_1 + (z - z_0)^2 a_2 + \dots \\
 \Rightarrow (z - z_0)f(x) &= a_{-1} + (z - z_0)^1 a_0 + (z - z_0)^2 a_1 + (z - z_0)^3 a_2 + \dots \\
 \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0)f(x) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [a_{-1} + (z - z_0)a_0 + (z - z_0)^2 a_1 + (z - z_0)^3 a_2 + \dots] \\
 \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0)f(x) &= a_{-1} \\
 &\equiv \text{Res}[f; z_0],
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.28}$$

where we note that the second and successive terms vanish in the limit $z \rightarrow z_0$. Thus if $f(z)$ has a *Simple Pole* (Pole of order $n = 0$), then the residue is given by,

$$\text{Res}[f; z_0] = (z - z_0)f(z). \tag{6.29}$$

Case II: Evaluation of Pole of order $n = 1$:

Taking $k = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{a_{-2}}{(z-z_0)^2} + \frac{a_{-1}}{z-z_0} + a_0 + (z-z_0)^1 a_1 + (z-z_0)^2 a_2 \dots \\
 (z-z_0)^2 f(z) &= a_{-2} + (z-z_0)^1 a_{-1} + (z-z_0)^2 a_0 + (z-z_0)^3 a_1 + (z-z_0)^4 a_2 \dots \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} (z-z_0)^2 f(z) &= a_{-1} + 2(z-z_0) a_0 + 3(z-z_0)^2 a_2 \dots \\
 \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{d}{dz} (z-z_0)^2 f(z) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [a_{-1} + 2(z-z_0) a_0 + 3(z-z_0)^2 a_2 \dots] \\
 &= a_{-1} \\
 &= \text{Res}[f; z_0]
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.30}$$

Thus if $f(z)$ has a pole of order 2, then the residue is given by,

$$\text{Res}[f; z_0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{d}{dz} [(z-z_0)^2 f(z)] \tag{6.31}$$

Case III: Evaluation of Pole of order $n = 2$:

For $k = -3, -2, 0, 1, 2, \dots$, proceeding in similar way,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{a_{-3}}{(z-z_0)^3} + \frac{a_{-2}}{(z-z_0)^2} + \frac{a_{-1}}{z-z_0} + a_0 + (z-z_0)^1 a_1 + (z-z_0)^2 a_2 + \dots \\
 (z-z_0)^3 f(z) &= a_{-3} + (z-z_0) a_{-2} + (z-z_0)^2 a_{-1} + (z-z_0)^3 a_0 + (z-z_0)^4 a_1 + \dots \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} (z-z_0)^3 f(z) &= a_{-2} + 2(z-z_0) a_{-1} + 3(z-z_0)^2 a_0 + 4(z-z_0)^3 a_1 + \dots \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (z-z_0)^3 f(z) &= 2a_{-1} + 6(z-z_0) a_0 + 12(z-z_0)^2 a_1 + \dots \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (z-z_0)^3 f(z) &= 2a_{-1} \\
 &= \text{Res}[f; z_0]
 \end{aligned} \tag{6.32}$$

Thus, if $f(z)$ has a pole of order 3, then the residue is given by,

$$\text{Res}[f; z_0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} [(z-z_0)^3 f(z)] \tag{6.33}$$

Thus, by the method of iteration, the **residue of a pole of arbitrary n -th order** can be given by most general formula,

$$\text{Res}[f; z_0] = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^{k-1}}{dz^{k-1}} [(z-z_0)^k f(x)] \tag{6.34}$$

6.6 Jordan Lemma

This lemma can be used to calculate the improper complex integrals having poles in the upper half of the semi-circle. The *Jordan Lemma* for a complex valued function $f(z)$ states that,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} f(z) e^{mz} = 0 \tag{6.35}$$

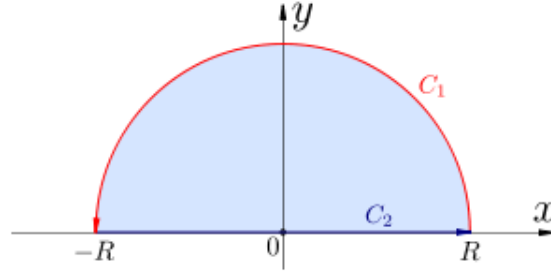


Figure 16: Poles in the upper-half of semicircle

with $m > 0$ and $|f(z)| \rightarrow 0$ and $R \rightarrow \infty$. This theorem can also be applied as,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_1} f(z) = 0 \quad (6.36)$$

provided that $|f(z)| \rightarrow \infty$ faster than $1/z$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: (To be added)

7 Evaluation of Contour Integrals

There exists different types of integrals with complex integrand ⁵ and below we have given some exercise to understand these complex integrals based on the theorems, inequality, lemma etc discussed in the previous section:

⁵ a) Improper Integral of First kind:

An integral is said to be improper integral over the range $[0, \infty)$,

$$\int_0^\infty dz f(z) = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^R dz f(z)$$

provided the limit exists. Similarly we can write

$$\int_{-\infty}^\infty f(z) = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R dz f(z)$$

b) Cauchy's Principal Value:

If $f(x)$ is a real and continuous function for all x , then **Cauchy's Principal Value** of integral $\int_{-\infty}^\infty dx f(x)$ is defined as

$$P.V. \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx f(x) = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R dx f(x).$$

provided the limit exists.

c) Improper integral with trigonometric function:

Let $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ be two polynomial of degree m and n , respectively where $n \geq m + 1$. Show that if $Q(x) \neq 0$ for all real x . If $\alpha > 0$ and $f(z) = \frac{e^{i\alpha z} P(z)}{Q(z)} \cos z$, then,

$$P.V. \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \cos x = -2\pi \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Im}(\text{Res}[f, z_i])$$

$$P.V. \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \sin x = 2\pi \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Re}(\text{Res}[f, z_i])$$

provided the limit exists with $\{z_k\}$ be the set of poles in the upper half of the plane $\text{Im}[\text{Res}[f(z), z_k]]$ and $\text{Re}[\text{Res}[f(z), z_k]]$ be the imaginary and real part of residues $\text{Res}[f(z), z_k]$, respectively.

7.1 Some Examples

i) Show that for a unit circle ($C : z(t) = e^{it}$),

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dz}{z} = 2\pi i \quad (7.1)$$

Proof:

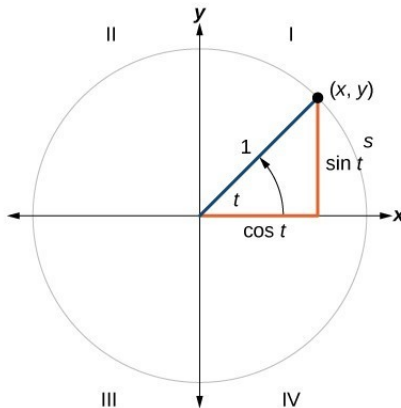


Figure 17: Circular contour of unit radius ($r = |z| = 1$) with centre at origin $z = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \frac{dz}{z} &= \int_0^{2\pi} dt i e^{it} e^{-it} \quad \because z = e^{it}, dz = i dt \\ &= i \int_0^{2\pi} dt \\ &= 2\pi i \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned} \quad (7.2)$$

ii) Show that:

$$\int_{-i}^i \frac{dz}{z} = 2\pi i \quad (7.3)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-i}^i \frac{dz}{z} &= \log(z) \Big|_{-i}^i \\ &= \log|z| + i \arg(z) \Big|_{-i}^i \\ &= (\log|i| + i \arg(i)) - (\log|-i| + i \arg(-i)) \\ &= (\log 1 + i \frac{\pi}{2}) - (\log 1 + i \frac{-3\pi}{2}) \\ &= 2\pi i \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned} \quad (7.4)$$

(Note: The problem can be done with parametrization $z(t) = re^{i\theta}$ with $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$.)

iii) Show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} dz (z-a)^m = \begin{cases} 2\pi i & \text{for } m = -1 \\ 0 & \text{for } m \neq -1, \text{ integer} \end{cases} \quad (7.5a)$$

$$(7.5b)$$

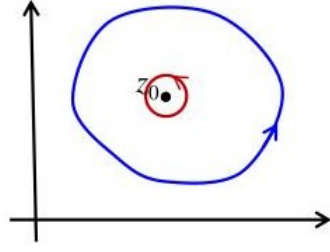


Figure 18: Circular contour of unit radius ($r = |z| = 1$) with shifted origin at $z = z_0$.

Proof:

By noting the fact that $z(t) = z_0 + re^{it}$, we have,

$$(z(t) - z_0)^m = r^m e^{imt}, \quad \text{with} \quad dz = iz dt.$$

Thus we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} (z - a)^m &= ir^{m+1} \int_0^{2\pi} dt e^{i(m+1)t} \\ &= ir^{m+1} \left[\int_0^{2\pi} dt \cos(m+1)t + i \int_0^{2\pi} dt \sin(m+1)t \right] \\ &= 2i\pi \quad \text{for } m = -1 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } m \neq -1 \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned} \tag{7.6}$$

iv) Show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dz}{(z - a)^n} = \begin{cases} 2\pi i & \text{for } n = -1 \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq -1, \text{ integer} \end{cases} \tag{7.7a}$$

$$\tag{7.7b}$$

Proof:

Once again by noting the fact that $z(t) = z_0 + re^{it}$, we have,

$$\frac{1}{(z(t) - z_0)^n} = r^{-n} e^{-int}, \quad \text{with} \quad dz = iz dt.$$

We therefore obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dz}{(z - a)^n} &= ir^{1-n} \int_0^{2\pi} dt e^{i(1-n)t} \\ &= ir^{1-n} \left[\int_0^{2\pi} dt \cos(1-n)t + i \int_0^{2\pi} dt \sin(1-n)t \right] \\ &= 2i\pi \quad \text{for } n = 1 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for } n \neq 1 \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned} \tag{7.8}$$

v) Show that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4 + 1} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \tag{7.9}$$

Proof: By Cauchy theorem, this integral is the sum of the residue of the upper part of half-plane, i.e.,

$$\oint_0^\pi \frac{dz}{z^4 + 1} = 2\pi \sum_i \text{Res}_i[f(z), z_i] \quad (7.10)$$

and we have following set of four poles, namely,

$$\begin{aligned} \{z_i\} &= (-i)^4 \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{4}(i\pi + 2\pi k)} \\ &= \{e^{i\pi/4}, e^{3\pi i/4}, e^{5\pi i/4}, e^{7\pi i/4}\} \end{aligned} \quad (7.11)$$

The residue corresponding to $z_0 = e^{\pi/4}$ is,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f(z), e^{i\pi/4}] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\pi/4}} (z - e^{i\pi/4}) \frac{1}{(z - e^{i\pi/4})(z - e^{3i\pi/4})(z - e^{5i\pi/4})(z - e^{7i\pi/4})} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}(-1)^{i/4} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}e^{\pi/4} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}(\cos \pi/4 + i \sin \pi/4) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(1 + i) \end{aligned} \quad (7.12)$$

Similarly,

$$\text{Res}[f(z), e^{3i\pi/4}] = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(1 - i) \quad (7.13a)$$

$$\text{Res}[f(z), e^{5i\pi/4}] = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(1 + i) \quad (7.13b)$$

$$\text{Res}[f(z), e^{7i\pi/4}] = -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(1 - i) \quad (7.13c)$$

Out of 4 poles, third and fourth poles are outside of the upper-half of the domain D (i.e., $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$) and therefore are outside the contour. Thus the required integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^4 + 1} \\ &= \int_0^\pi \frac{dz}{z^4 + 1} \\ &= 2\pi i \left(-\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(1 - i) + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}(1 - i) \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned} \quad (7.14)$$

vi) Show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dz}{(z - i)} = 2\pi i. \quad (7.15)$$

Proof:

Here the function $f(z)$ has a *Simple Pole* (i.e., Pole of order zero) at $z = i$ and the corresponding residue is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f, i] &= 2\pi i(z - i) \cdot \frac{1}{z - i} \\ &= 2\pi i \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dz}{(z - i)} = 2\pi i \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \quad (7.16)$$

vii) Find the residues from the following complex integral

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{z^3}{(z - 1)^4(z - 2)(z - 3)} \quad (7.17)$$

Answer:

The above function has one pole of order $n = 4$ at $z = -1$ and two simple poles at $z_0 = 2, 3$, respectively. The residue corresponding to pole of 4-th order is calculated using formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f, 4] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{(4 - 1)!} \frac{d^{4-1}}{dz^{4-1}} \left[(z - 1)^4 \frac{1}{(z - 1)^4(z - 2)(z - 3)} \right] \\ &= \frac{101}{16}, \end{aligned} \quad (7.18)$$

where L'Hospital's Rule is used. On the other hand, the two simple poles are given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f, 2] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \left[(z - 2) \frac{1}{(z - 1)^4(z - 2)(z - 3)} \right], \\ &= -8, \end{aligned} \quad (7.19a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f, 3] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 3} \left[(z - 3) \frac{1}{(z - 1)^4(z - 1)(z - 3)} \right] \\ &= \frac{27}{8}, \end{aligned} \quad (7.19b)$$

respectively.

viii) Evaluate the following integral with pole of order $n = 4$

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{dz}{(z - i)^4}. \quad (7.20)$$

Answer: The integral has four poles, namely,

$$\begin{aligned} \{z_i\} &= (i)^4 \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{4}(i\pi + 2\pi k)} \\ &= \{e^{i\pi/4}, e^{3\pi i/4}, e^{5\pi i/4}, e^{7\pi i/4}\} \quad \therefore \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3 \end{aligned} \quad (7.21)$$

Out of them two poles $z_1 = e^{i\pi/4}$ and $z_2 = e^{i3\pi/4}$ within range $[0, \pi]$ (i.e., upper half of quadrants), therefore corresponding residues are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f, e^{i\pi/4}] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i\pi/4}} \frac{1}{(4-1)!} \frac{d^{4-1}}{dz^{4-1}} \left[(e^{i\pi/4} - i)^4 \frac{1}{(z-i)^4} \right] \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}(-1)^{1/4} \\ &= -\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}(1+i) \end{aligned} \quad (7.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f, e^{i3\pi/4}] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow e^{i3\pi/4}} \frac{1}{(4-1)!} \frac{d^4}{dz^4} \left[(z - e^{i3\pi/4})^4 \frac{1}{(z - e^{i3\pi/4})^4} \right] \\ &= -\frac{3}{2}(-1)^{3/4} \\ &= \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}(1-i) \end{aligned} \quad (7.23)$$

Plucking back Eqs.(7.22) and (7.23) we find,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \frac{dz}{(z-i)^4} &= 2\pi i \left(-\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}(1+i) + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}(1-i) \right) \\ &= 3\sqrt{2}\pi \end{aligned} \quad (7.24)$$

ix) Show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{z}{(z-1)(z+1)^2} = \pi i \quad (7.25)$$

Proof: For simple pole at $n = 1$,

$$\text{Res}[f, z_0 = 1] = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1) \left[\frac{z}{(z-1)(z+1)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \quad (7.26)$$

and for pole at $n = -1$ of order $k = 2$,

$$\text{Res}[f, z_0 = -1] = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} \frac{1}{(2-1)!} \frac{d}{dz} \left[\frac{z}{(z-1)(z+1)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \quad (7.27)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{z}{(z-1)(z+1)^2} &= 2\pi i (1/4 + 1/4) \\ &= \pi i \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned} \quad (7.28)$$

Consider the evaluation of a general form of the integral involving trigonometric functions:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} F(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

x) Show that:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 + 8 \cos^2 \theta} = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad (7.29)$$

Proof:

To obtain this integral we first consider the following complex integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta} &= \oint_C \frac{1}{1 + 2(2 + z + z^{-2})^2} \frac{dz}{iz} \\ &= \oint_C dz \frac{z}{(2z^4 + 5z^2 + 2)} \\ &= \oint_C dz \frac{z}{(2z^2 + 1)(z^2 + 2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \oint_C dz \frac{z}{(z + i/\sqrt{2})(z - i/\sqrt{2})(z + \sqrt{2}i)(z - \sqrt{2}i)} \end{aligned} \quad (7.30)$$

Out of four poles, only two simple poles at $z_1 = i/\sqrt{2}$ and $z_2 = -i/\sqrt{2}$ are inside the unit radius and therefore the integral by CRT is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} dz \frac{z}{(2z^4 + 5z^2 + 2)} &= 2\pi i \left(\frac{z}{2z^4 + 5z^2 + 2}; \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{z}{(2z^4 + 5z^2 + 2)}; -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &= 2\pi i \left(\frac{1}{8z^2 + 10} \Big|_{z=i/\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{8z^2 + 10} \Big|_{z=-i/\sqrt{2}} \right) \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3} \end{aligned} \quad (7.31)$$

where in the last step the L' Hospital's Rule is used. Q.E.D

xi) Show that (*Integral with Branch Cut*)

$$\int_0^\infty dx \frac{\log x}{x^2 + 1} = 0 \quad (7.32)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \frac{\log z dz}{z^2 + 1} &= \int_r^R dz \frac{\log z}{z^2 + 1} + \int_{C_R} dz f(z) + \int_{-R}^{-r} dz \frac{(\log z + i\pi)}{z^2 + 1} + \int_{C_r} dz f(z) \\ &= 2\pi i \sum_i \text{Res}[f, z_i] \end{aligned} \quad (7.33)$$

Taking a unit circle $z = e^{i\theta}$ and $d\theta = \frac{dz}{iz}$, it can be written as

$$\int_0^{2\pi} F(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) = \oint_C dz f(z) \quad \because \quad \cos z = \frac{1}{2}(z + z^{-1}), \sin z = \frac{1}{2i}(z - z^{-1})$$

where $f(z) = \frac{1}{2i} F\left(\frac{1}{2}(z + \bar{z}), \frac{1}{2i}(z - \bar{z})\right)$, respectively. Now if the function is analytic except at $z = z_k$ within the contour C , then using residue theorem we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} F(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) &= 2\pi i \sum_{k=0}^n \text{Res}[f, z_k] \\ \text{Res}[f, z_0, a_{-1}^{(k)}] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{k!}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^k}{dz^k} [(z - z_0)^k f(x)] \end{aligned}$$

Now for $z^2 + 1 = 0$ we have two poles at $z = \pm i$. Out of them only $z = i$ is inside the contour and therefore we calculate that residue only,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Res}[f, z_0 = i] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} (z - i)f(z) \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} (z - i) \frac{\log z}{(z - i)(z + i)} \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow i} \frac{\log z}{(z + i)} \\
 &= \frac{\log i}{2i} \\
 &= \frac{\log|i| + i \arg(i)}{2i} \\
 &= \frac{i}{2i} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{4}
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.34}$$

Thus we have

$$\oint_C \frac{\log z dz}{z^2 + 1} = 2\pi i \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{i\pi^2}{2} \tag{7.35}$$

Now using the inequality (ML Identity) it is easy to see,⁷

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_{C_R} f(z) \rightarrow 0 \tag{7.36a}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \oint_{C_r} f(z) \rightarrow 0 \tag{7.36b}$$

Plucking back Eq.((7.36)) into Eq.((7.33)), we obtain,

⁷ We note that $|\int_C f(z) dz| \leq \int_C |f(z)| |dz|$

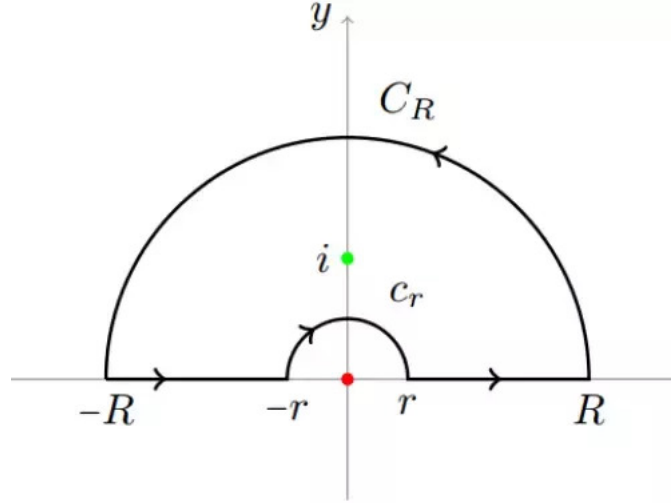
$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \int_{C_R} f(z) dz \right| &= \left| \int_{C_R} \frac{\log z}{z^2 + 1} dz \right| \\
 &\leq \left| \int_{C_R} \frac{\log z}{z^2 + 1} |dz| \right| \\
 &\leq \int_{C_R} \frac{|\log z|}{|z^2 + 1|} |dz| \\
 &\leq \int_{C_R} \frac{|\log r + i\theta|}{|r^2 e^{2i\theta} - 1|} |ire^{i\theta} d\theta| \\
 &\leq \frac{(\log R + \pi)}{R^2 - 1} \pi R \\
 &\leq \left(\frac{\pi R \log R}{R^2 - 1} + \frac{\pi}{R^2 - 1} \pi R \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left| \int_{C_R} f(z) dz \right| \equiv \left(\frac{\pi R \log R}{R^2 - 1} + \frac{\pi}{R^2 - 1} \pi R \right) \rightarrow \infty.$$

Proceeding similar way, for the little circle γ_r of radius $r < 1$ we can show

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left| \int_{C_r} f(z) dz \right| \equiv \left(\frac{\pi r \log r}{1 - r^2} + \frac{\pi}{1 - r^2} \pi r \right) \rightarrow 0$$

Figure 19: Circular contour bypassing the origin at $z_0 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{i\pi^2}{2} &= \int_r^R dz \frac{\log z}{z^2 + 1} + 0 + \int_{-R}^{-r} dz \frac{(\log z + i\pi)}{z^2 + 1} + 0 \\
 &= \int_0^\infty dx \frac{\log x}{x^2 + 1} + \int_{-\infty}^0 dx \frac{\log|x|}{x^2 + 1} + i\pi \int_{-\infty}^0 dx \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \\
 &= 2 \int_0^\infty dx \frac{\log x}{x^2 + 1} + i\pi \arctan x \Big|_0^\infty \\
 &= 2 \int_0^\infty dx \frac{\log x}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{i\pi^2}{2},
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.37}$$

Which readily gives,

$$\int_0^\infty dx \frac{\log x}{x^2 + 1} = 0 \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \tag{7.38}$$

xii) Show that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dx \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} e^{-iky} = \frac{e^{|k|y}}{2\pi} \tag{7.39}$$

Proof: To start with let us first evaluate the following integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty dz \frac{y}{z^2 + y^2} e^{-iky} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{y}{(z + iy)(z - iy)} e^{-iky} \\
 &= 2\pi i \sum_i \text{Res}[f, z_i]
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.40}$$

Out two poles at $z = -iy$ and $z = iy$, the first one is lying in the upper half of the semicircle, thus the

residue reads,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f, i] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow iy} (z - iy) \frac{ye^{ikz}}{2\pi^2(z + iy)(z - iy)} \\ &= \frac{e^{ky}}{4\pi^2 i} \end{aligned} \quad (7.41a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}[f, i] &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -iy} (z + iy) \frac{ye^{ikz}}{2\pi^2(z + iy)(z - iy)} \\ &= -\frac{e^{-ky}}{4\pi^2 i} \end{aligned} \quad (7.41b)$$

Plucking back Eq.((7.41a)) into Eq.((7.40)) we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} e^{-iky} \\ &= 2\pi i \left(\frac{e^{ky}}{4\pi^2 i} + \frac{e^{-ky}}{4\pi^2 i} \right) \\ &= \frac{e^{ky}}{2\pi} + \frac{e^{-ky}}{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{e^{-|k|y}}{2\pi} \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned} \quad (7.42)$$

xiii) Prove the following integral ($a > 0$)

$$\int_0^{\infty} dx \frac{\cos ax}{x^2} = -\pi a \quad (7.43)$$

Proof:

We start by evaluating the contour integral shown in Fig.(20) bypassing the origin at $z_0 = 0$,

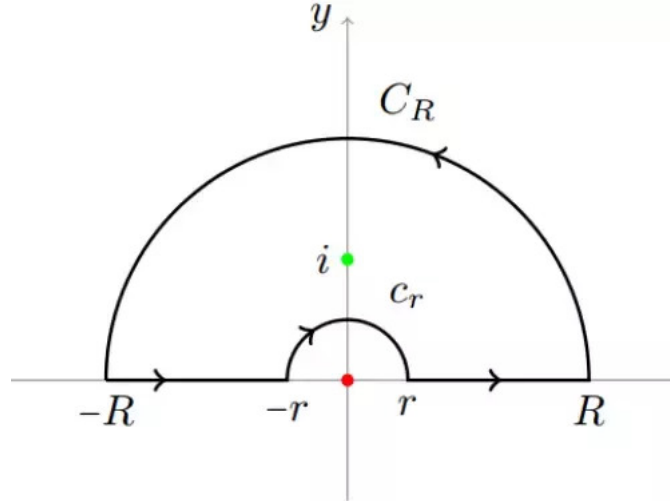


Figure 20: Circular contour bypassing the origin at $z_0 = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\oint dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} &= \int_{-R}^{-r} dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} + \int_{-r}^r dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} + \int_r^R dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} + \int_R^{-R} dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} \\
&= \int_{-R}^{-r} dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} + \int_{C_r} dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} + \int_r^R dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} + \int_{C_R} dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{7.44}$$

In the above integral, from first and third terms give,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_r^R dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} + \int_{-R}^{-r} dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} \\
&= \int_r^R dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} + \int_r^R dz \frac{e^{-iaz}}{z^2} \\
&= 2 \int_r^R \frac{dz}{z^2} \left(\frac{e^{iaz} + e^{-iaz}}{2} \right) \\
&= 2 \int_r^R dz \frac{\cos az}{z^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{7.45}$$

⁸ and

$$\oint dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} = 0 \quad (\text{By Cauchy Residue Theorem}) \tag{7.46a}$$

$$\int_{C_R} dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} = 0 \quad (\text{By Jordan's lemma}) \tag{7.46b}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{C_r} dz \frac{e^{iaz}}{z^2} &= -2i\pi \text{Res}[f; z_0 = 0] \quad (\text{By Cauchy's Residue Theorem moving counter clockwise path } C_r) \\
&= -2i\pi(ia) \\
&= 2\pi a
\end{aligned} \tag{7.46c}$$

Finally plucking back Eq.(7.45) and Eq.(7.46a) into Eq.(7.44), we obtain

$$0 = 2 \int_r^R dz \frac{\cos az}{z^2} + 2\pi a + 0 \tag{7.47}$$

and then taking the limit $R \rightarrow \infty$ and $r \rightarrow 0$ we obtain,

$$\int_0^\infty dx \frac{\cos ax}{x^2} = -\pi a \quad \text{Q.E.D.} \tag{7.48}$$

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⁸ Here we have used $\text{Res}[f; z_0 = 0] = \frac{1}{(2-1)!} \frac{d}{dz} \left[z^2 \frac{e^{ikz}}{z^2} \right] \Big|_{z_0=0} = ia$