

THEOREM

Let γ be a regular closed curve and f be a meromorphic function on and inside γ . Suppose f has no poles nor zeros of f inside γ .

Set $n_z = \# \text{zeros inside } \gamma$, $n_p = \# \text{poles inside } \gamma$

Then, $\int_{\gamma} \frac{f'}{f} dz = (n_z - n_p) 2\pi i$ \star Rg fits winding number

Proof

① f has a zero of order k at w , around w , we have $f(z) = \frac{f^{(k)}(w)}{k!} (z-w)^k + \dots = (z-w)^k g(z)$ and $g(z) \neq 0$ ana around w

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f'}{f} = \frac{k(z-w)^{k-1} g(z) + (z-w)^k g'(z)}{(z-w)^k g(z)} = \frac{k}{z-w} + \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \text{ around } w$$

$\therefore \frac{f'}{f}$ has a simple pole at w with residue k

② f has a pole at w of order k around w .

$\therefore f = (z-w)^{-k} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i (z-w)^{ki} = (z-w)^{-k} g(z) \Rightarrow \frac{f'}{f} = -k \frac{1}{z-w} + \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)}$ around w , $\frac{f'}{f}$ has a simple pole with residue $-k$

③ w is not a pole nor a zero, then $\text{Res}(\frac{f'}{f}, w) = 0$ as $\frac{f'}{f}$ is ana at w

By Cauchy Residue Thm, $\int_{\gamma} \frac{f'}{f} dz = 2\pi i \sum_{i=1}^n n(\gamma, w_i) \text{Res}(\frac{f'}{f}, w_i)$

Now, we know:

$n(\gamma, w_i) = 1$ for w_i inside γ

$\text{Res}(\frac{f'}{f}, w_i) = \begin{cases} k, & w_i: \text{zero of order } k \\ -k, & w_i: \text{pole of order } k \end{cases}$

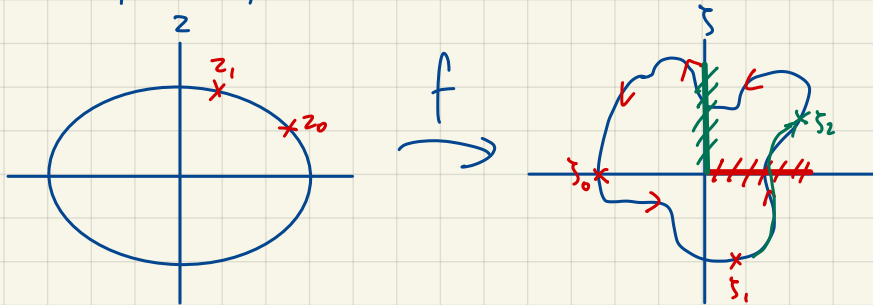
$\therefore \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'}{f} dz = (n_z - n_p) 2\pi i \quad \square$

COROLLARY (ARGUMENT PRINCIPLE) \star IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE INTUITION

If f is ana inside and on a closed curve γ and f has no zeros on γ , then $n_z = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'}{f} dz$

REMARK ON COROLLARY

For $\gamma: z(t)$, $\gamma' = f(z(t))$,



We can integrate over these curves:

$$\log(z) = \int_{z_0}^z \frac{dz}{z} + \log(z_0)$$

$$\log(z_1) = \int_{z_0}^{z_1} \frac{dz}{z} + \log(z_0) \leftarrow \arg \in (\pi, 2\pi]$$

$$\log(z_2) = \int_{z_1}^{z_2} \frac{dz}{z} + \log(z_1) \leftarrow \arg \in [\pi, 2\pi]$$

$$\leftarrow \arg \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2})$$

} Different analytic branches (need to choose one where the entire path is conti:)

(If we want to find a whole loop's worth of integration, we can do so by finding enough ana branches)

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z} = \log(z_n) - \log(z_0) \text{ where } z_n \text{ is the "overlapping" } z_0 \text{ point on a new ana branch}$$